

**The University of Pardubice
Jan Perner Transport Faculty**

České dráhy

Královéhradecký kraj

Q-rail

cordially invite you to the international conference

The role of the railway undertaking within the PSO

To take place in **Broumov, Czech Republic**, on **18. - 19. October 2018**.

The conference will be organized under the auspice of:

Ing. Michal Štěpán, *Member of Board for Passenger Transport, České Dráhy, a.s.*

Doc. Ing. Libor Švadlenka, Ph.D., *Dean of Jan Perner Transport Faculty, Uni. of Pardubice*

Mgr. Martin Červíček, *1st Deputy of President of the Region, Královéhradecký kraj*

Presentations will be held by:

Representative of Ministry of Transport, CZ

Representative of Královéhradecký kraj, CZ

Representative of VOR, AT

Representative of SCHIG, AT

Representative of Region of France, FR

Representative of Ústecký kraj, CZ

Representative of DLB, DE

Representative of Siemens, CZ

Representative of Arriva, CZ

Representative of ČD, CZ

Conference main partner:

ČD Informační systémy,

Conference partners:

Oltis Group, Siemens, BORCAD

Ladies and gentlemen,

Let me inform you about our planned annual event, organised by České dráhy, University of Pardubice, Královéhradecký kraj and Q-rail under the partnership of companies ČD Informační systémy, Oltis Group, Siemens and Borcad. Our annual conference takes place in Broumov, in forgotten picturesque Stěňava valley in north-eastern part of The Králové Hradec Region in the Czech Republic. The conference venue takes places in the premises of Broumov Monastery.

The role of the railway undertaking has significantly developed since last 20 years. Once being unitary body ensuring the operation of whole railway system (passengers, freight, infrastructure) within one big unit, it has changed to independent entity and significantly different environment within public transport as such. It ensures the operations of the passenger trains on the infrastructure, which is not its property anymore and which is even shared with other similar subjects. The development or status of such infrastructure could not even reflects its current or future needs. Its passenger business faces the competition of other railway undertakings. There is no general certainty of getting the business desired and the authorities are more or less selfconfident and aware of their position within the public transport system. What more, issue mentioned aboved could be approached differently among the railway undertakings – one could consider it as an challenge while another one as a threat.

How is this shift of roles within PSO between the authority and the railway undertaking considered? What kind of autonomy and independence is expected and desired by railway undertaking? What kind of such autonomy and independence is the authority ready to provide? Does the current changing environmnet within PSO have or could have any impact on the innovations and quality and future perspectives of the whole system? How does it consider railway undertaking, authority or railway industry? Is there any difference in system approach of infrastructure manager towards railway undertakings within PSO in comparison to railway undertakings within open acces or freight, which are in their business objectives rather independent to any authority? Such and similar issues and questions and best practises from abroad shall be presented, discussed and highlighted during the presentations and panel discussion.

Every presentation will be followed by a discussion about the particular topic to share various perspectives and share experiences both from the Czech Republic and abroad. As a new element, panel discussion will be added to conference programme, allowing the participants more discussion opportunities to the topics.

Looking forward to meet you in Broumov!!!

PROGRAMME

18th October 2018, Thursday, Dřevník Hall, Broumov Monastery

- 9.00 – Registration
- 9.45 – Opening, Morning session, Discussion
- 13.30 – Lunch break
- 14.30 – Afternoon session, Discussion
- 19.00 – Reception

Languages: Czech (Slovak), English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

19th October 2018 Friday, Accompanying programme

Using the opportunity of being in this interesting region, we are going to offer you something from its local famous highlights. Further information will be provided during september.

Registration:

- **Registration fee: 1500,- CZK**, (Students 500,- CZK)
- Registration: till 11th October 2018
- Registration fee payment: till 18th October 2018
- Onsite registration possible at the conference venue

Application is to be sent to: hrabacek@gr.cd.cz. For registration please provide following data:

- Name, Surname, Company, Company ID,
- Number of participants

Conference venue:

Educational and cultural centre Broumov Monastery
Kláštevní 1, 55001, Broumov

Accommodation:

Accommodation is also available in the premises of monastery. Further accommodation possibilities you can find in another hotels in Broumov and surroundings.

In case you would like to enjoy the former monkish cells, please contact Mr. Aleš Freiwald:

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Further accommodation options in Broumov and surroundings:

- www.hotelveba.cz
- <http://hotel-praha.cz/>