



Asociación Ibérica de Historia Ferroviaria
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VIII Congreso de Historia Ferroviaria
Lisboa, 28 al 30 de 2020
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Iberian Association of Railway History (ASIHf) will organize the VIII Railway History Conference between the 28th and the 30th of October 2020 in Lisbon. The event will be held at ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (CIES-IUL) with the support of the Universidade de Évora (CIDEHUS), the Universidade NOVA de Lisboa (CIUHCT), and the [Scientific Committee](#) that coordinates the proceedings and guarantees its academic quality. In this event we aim to receive and divulge the most recent works about history and heritage of railways in different political, geographical, and chronological contexts.

Since the nineteenth century that railways play a decisive role in the processes of economic development, building of nations, and technological progress. It is thus unsurprising that throughout the decades railways have been the main object of study of historians from different backgrounds, from enthusiasts, economic historians, political historians, historians of labour, historians of culture, to historians of technology. Recently, the field witnessed new and exciting developments, with numerous works that link railway history with other conventional topics such as diplomacy, imperialism, colonialism, globalization, transfer of technology, demography, historical geography, heritage, cultural representations, etc. in sundry geographical contexts and different timeframes.

In this sense, the organization of the Railway History Conference invites the presentation of proposals that, departing from this critical mass, further analyse or provide new approaches to railway history, using new or more conventional methodologies and research topics, bearing in mind the following [general topics](#):

- Session I: New perspectives on Portuguese railways
- Session II. Borders and railways
- Session III. The travels of directors and experts: a form of knowledge transfer
- Session IV: Land freight transportation: complementarity and competition between railways and roads (nineteenth/twenty-first centuries)
- Session V: Railways and cities. The impact of railway infrastructures in the urban development of the cities of the Iberian peninsula
- Session VI. Young historians and new perspectives on the history of Ibero-American railways
- Session VII. General

We also would like to invite young scholars to present their works in a specific session for researchers younger than 35 years of old that do not hold a PhD degree or who have completed their PhD in the last five years.

In order to be accepted by the Scientific Committee, the proposals should have an historical perspective; they also should possess academic levels of quality demanded by an event of this nature; and they should be sent before the deadlines indicated below.

Proposals, no longer than 200 words, must be sent to the organization's mail address (8congresoHF@asihf.org) before **October 31, 2019**. The Scientific Committee will announce no later than **December 31, 2019** the acceptance of the proposals. Afterwards the selected authors should send the complete papers (up to 12,000 words) until **June 30, 2020**.



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The registration fee is **75€**. Unemployed researchers and associates of the ASIFH are exempt of the registration fee.