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The interpretation of engineering standards appears to be an ever increasing issue within the S&T industry. The amount of hours spent by infrastructure controllers and contractors in order to interpret and agree packages of work and to resolve individual and sometimes additional requirements appears to be getting worse. So what is the problem and what is the solution? Why are engineers not agreeing how to undertake items of work first time? Is it lack of experience of actually undertaking the particular work activity, lack of communication and understanding between the infrastructure controller and the contractor or just simply not enough time with the particular engineers and managers spent together as a team? Whatever the case, as an industry we need to solve and improve the situation, as it is costing every company involved time and money. Money that we could all well afford not to waste! Your thoughts and comments are invited in order to find the ideal solution.

Since you last heard from us here at the NEWS in July, we are pleased to report that we have been overwhelmed with support regarding pictures of the Madrid Convention from all around the world. We received so many pictures, that we decided to move the Convention report to our October issue, in order to have sufficient time to review all the pictures and items we have received. If you do have any pictures that you wish to have included, you still have time to send them in to us. But please be quick!

As we shall be achieving the 150th issue of the NEWS very shortly, we thought it was time to repeat our usual request for articles, pictures and features to include in this forthcoming special edition of the magazine, particularly items relevant to this milestone.

You are once more reminded that the Minor Railways Section will be holding their first technical meeting and visit to Devon in the UK on the 26/27 September 2009. Your support and attendance would be appreciated and all the relevant contact details and information are contained within for your review.

*The IRSE NEWS Team*

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