

This list provides brief details of the Annual International Technical Conventions and the Technical Visits organised and led by the President during the presidential year of office. It was originally compiled by Ken Burrage in March 2015 from records contained within the Institution's annual reports, annual proceedings and IRSE News, with additional information provided by IRSE members John Batts, Ray Weedon and Colin Porter. It is subsequent subject to update by the Chief Executive.

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| 1913    | AT Blackall   |   | Formation of the Institution  |   |
| 1914    | J Sayers      |   |   |   |
| 1915/20 | A Hurst       |   | IRSE activities curtailed during WW1  |   |
| 1921    | CH Ellison    | London  | 7-9 June. <b>First Summer meeting.</b><br>Also included the first annual dinner for members and their guests. 83 members and 21 ladies attended with visits to LT District line, Victoria SE&CR, Wimbledon LS&WR.   |   |
| 1922    | WC Acfield    | London  | 13-15 June. 67 members visited Victoria LB&SCR, Waterloo & Feltham LS&SWR, Baker St & Wembley Park Met, Quainton Rd GCR, Camden L&NWR. A special train with tea car was provided by the GCR from Marylebone Station to Quainton Rd and back 84 members including 19 ladies attended the associated annual dinner  |   |
| 1923    | RJS Insell    | Reading GWR   | 15-16 June. 112 attended and inspected the GWR Signal Workshops and Drawing Office at Reading. The visit included the first sightseeing trips. A motor launch trip on the Thames, and visits to Sutton's Seed trial grounds and to Reading museum. Members also inspected Marylebone/Neasden L&NER and Wembley Park Met. The annual dinner was postponed to the Autumn.   |   |
| 1924    | WJ Thorowgood | Wembley Empire Exhibition<br>Southampton area &<br>Southampton Docks SR | 27-28 June. 72 members attended the Empire exhibition and inspected exhibits of "signalling and similar appliances" Then by train from London to So'ton where, having been joined by other members at Eastleigh, 85 inspected the electrically operated level crossing gates at Mount Pleasant, a new 4 aspect colour signal, and the new automatic telephone exchange for the Southampton Docks area. The party then travelled from So'ton to Portsmouth Harbour by steam launch where "the choppy sea added to the interest", thence return to London in reserved carriages |   |
| 1925    | AF Bound      | Belgium/Brussels  | 19-23 June. <b>First overseas visit.</b> 71 attended and inspected the operation of the Weissenbruch three-position manual signalling system, the main signal cabin at Brussels Nord station and a new all electric installation by ACEC controlling a hump yard at Schaerbeek.   |   |

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| 1926 | F Downes     | London and Cambridge              | 7-9 Oct. Held in the Autumn because the arrangements for a Summer meeting to be held in France in June had to be postponed due to the General Strike. 114 "members and lady friends" attended and inspected automatic telegraphy equipment at Kings Cross, the signalling at Cambridge LNER and the new power signalling at Cannon Street, Blackfriars and Charing Cross SR. The ladies in attendance were provided with guided tours in Cambridge and London and so the principle of providing a separate guest programme of general interest whilst the members undertook technical visits had been firmly established. |   |
| 1927 | EF Fleet     | France/Northern Railway           | 17-21 June. 70 attended and inspected signalling installations on the Northern Railway of France at Lens, Longueau, Creil and St. Denis. A special train with restaurant car was provided to convey the party from Dunkirk to Paris and return.   |   |
| 1928 | WS Every     | London                            | 22-23 June. After the two successful overseas visits, out of deference to the wishes of members who could not attend such meetings, Council arranged visits to the Post Office tube railway, the signalling school at South Kensington and Bow Road and Barking LMS installations in London. Ladies were not included this year.  |   |
| 1929 | RG Berry     | Netherlands/Amsterdam & Rotterdam | 21-25 June. A record number 119 including 38 ladies attended and inspected signalling installations at Amsterdam and Rotterdam.   |   |
| 1930 | W Wood       |                                   | Plans for a Summer meeting to Scotland were abandoned due to the expense and time involved being too great. A backup plan for an Autumn meeting in Cardiff was also abandoned.  |   |
| 1931 | JW Punter    | France/Paris                      | 12-16 June. 110 attended and inspected installations at St Lazare, Invalides and Reuil. The trip included a visit to the Palace of Versailles.  |   |
| 1932 | C Carlake    | England/Ely LNER                  | 24-25 June. 160 attended and inspected the hump yard at Whitemoor and installations at Ely North Junction and Chesterton Junction.  |   |
| 1933 | W Challis    | England/Brighton SR               | 23-24 June. 130 attended and inspected the Brighton line 3-aspect automatic signalling including a visit to the electric traction control room and signalling at Three Bridges.   | <b>The first technical visit.</b><br>27 May. 120 attended and inspected the power signalling at London Bridge SR  |
| 1934 | RS Griffiths | Wales/Cardiff GWR                 | 15-16 June. 110 attended and inspected the new power signalling installation and the GWR docks at Cardiff   | 11 May. 110 attended and inspected the Centralised Traffic Control installation at Stanmore and Wembley Park LPTB<br>27 Oct. 60 attended and inspected the signalling at Cockfosters LPTB |
| 1935 | H Morgan     | Belgium/Ostend                    | 21-25 June. 105 attended and inspected the signalling installation at Brussels Nord and also visited the Brussels Exhibition.   | It was found not possible to arrange suitable dates during 1935.  |

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| 1936    | W Roberts       | England/Liverpool LMS    | 18-20 June. 91 attended including 29 ladies and inspected the Mersey Railway, the Liverpool Overhead Railway and signalling at Manchester Central CLC.  | 8 April. Inspection of the power signalling at Manchester Central CLC.<br>22 May. Inspection of the power signalling at Fenchurch Street LNER |
| 1937    | H Proud         | Germany                  | 4-12 Sept. 134 attended. This took the form of a Cruise on MV Derbyshire from Tilbury to Hamburg and Antwerp, then return to Liverpool. A special train took members from Hamburg to Berlin to inspect signalling installations in Berlin.                    | 14 April. Inspection of the York signal shops LNER<br>29 May. Inspection of the power signalling Waterloo-Clapham Jct SR                      |
| 1938    | G Cook          | England/Bristol          | 16-18 June. 100 attended. Inspection of WB&SCo premises at Chippenham and power signalling at Bristol Temple Meads.   | 27 April visit to GEC works at Witton Birmingham.<br>6 May visit to STC works at New Southgate.   |
| 1939    | J Boot          | England/Nottingham       | 18-20 August. 45 attended. Inspection of Toton Marshalling Yard LMSR  | 19 April visit to Callenders Cable Works at Leigh Lancs.<br>5 May visit to Edison Swan Electric Co works at Ponders End.                      |
| 1940/43 | J Boot          |                          | IRSE activities curtailed during WW2<br>However Summer evening informal dinners were held on<br>1 August 1941 at Watford. 100 attended<br>19 June 1942 at Holborn. 50 attended  | Visits suspended because of the war.  |
| 1944/45 | Major F Morkill |                          | No events in 1943 or 1944 but on 20 July 1945. 108 attended a luncheon at Derry and Toms in Kensington.   |   |
| 1946    | H Dyer          | England/London           | Resumption of the summer meeting after WW2.<br>27-28 Sept. Visits were made to LT installations including the signal school at Earls Court.   |   |
| 1947    | F Castle        | England/Wembley          | 20 June. 140 attended a visit to the SGE works at Wembley.  |   |
| 1948    | A Moss          | England/Dagenham         | 29 June. 120 attended a visit to the Ford Motor Co at Dagenham. Travel to and from Dagenham was made by motor launches on the Thames from Westminster Pier.   |   |
| 1949    | R Dell          | England/Cambridge/London | 24-25 June. Visits to Pye Radio at Cambridge and LT installations at Harrow and Ruislip.  |   |
| 1950    | F Horler        | Eire/Dublin              | <b>First visit overseas since 1937.</b><br>2-4 June. Inspection of signalling equipment at Kingsbridge. Visit included inspection of the Dublin premises of Messrs Guinness!  | <b>Resumption of the technical visit programme after WW2.</b><br>30 June. Liverpool St to Shenfield ER inspection of auto signalling          |
| 1951    | S Williams      | England/Derby            | 1-3 June. Visits to the Research Laboratory and School of Transport in Derby.   | 1 Sept. 100 attended a visit to the route relay interlocking installation at York NER.  |
| 1952    | TS Lascelles    | France/Paris             | 22-26 May. 100 attended with visits to signalling installations in Paris and environs.  | 13 Sept. 140 attended a visit to the WB&SCo premises at Chippenham  |
| 1953    | T Austin        | England/Leamington       | 29-31 May. 70 attended with inspection of the GEC works at Birmingham. The visit included attendance at a performance of 'Antony and Cleopatra' at the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford. Michael Redgrave and Peggy Ashcroft played the leading roles. | 5 Sept. 70 attended visits to signalling installations at White City, North Ealing and Ealing Broadway LT.                                    |
| 1954    | J Fraser        | Netherlands/Utrecht      | 27-31 May. 150 attended with visits to signalling installations in Utrecht and environs.  | 11 Sept. 80 attended a visit to Norwood and Gloucester Road Junctions SR.   |

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| 1955 | G Brentnall   | Belgium/Brussels                     | 19-23 May. 150 attended. Inspections of installations at Ghent and ACEC at Charleroi. Included a tour of the Ardennes.  | 10 Sept. 80 attended a visit to the Telephone Exchange and Control Office at Euston LMR   |
| 1956 | JC Kubale     | Germany/Cologne & Heidelberg         | <b>The first time the event is referred to as the Convention</b> rather than the Summer Meeting. 9-14 May. 175 attended. Inspection of Cologne, Gremberg Marshalling Yard and Heidelberg signal boxes | 1 Sept. 100 attended a visit to Potters Bar ER. Included a demonstration of BR AWS.   |
| 1957 | AW Woodbridge | Switzerland/Berne                    | 22-27 May. 180 attended. Inspections at Berne, the Integra works at Zurich and the Gotthard tunnel. Included a visit to the Jungfrauoch   | 14 Sept. Visit to inspect West Ealing WR resignalling   |
| 1958 | JFH Tyler     | Denmark/Copenhagen                   | 15-20 May. 150 attended. Inspection of CTC installations between Odense and Nyborg  | 29 Nov. Inspection of programme machine installations on Northern Line LT.  |
| 1959 | DG Shipp      | Italy/Milan                          | 14-18 May. 185 attended. Included visits to Bologna, Venice and the Fiat factory at Turin.  | 19 Sept. 120 inspected Temple Mills yard ER and London to Clacton electrification.  |
| 1960 | W Owen        | Scotland/Glasgow                     | 25-30 May. 152 attended. Inspection of ScR installations at Glasgow and Edinburgh.  | 15 Oct. 108 inspected Earls Court/Gloucester Rd/Upminster LT  |
| 1961 | FG Hathaway   | France/Paris                         | 24-25 May. 168 attended. Inspection of installations at Dijon and Paris.  | 30 Sept. 108 inspected installations on Crewe/L'pool resignalling LMR   |
| 1962 | RA Green      | Sweden/Stockholm & Sundsvall         | 7-15 May. 180 attended this IRSE <b>Golden Jubilee</b> event visiting installations in Stockholm and Sundsvall.   | 28/29 Sept. IRSE <b>Golden Jubilee</b> technical visit. 126 inspected signalling installations on LTS ER  |
| 1963 | JSS Davis     | Netherlands/The Hague (Scheveningen) | 6-11 May. 162 attended with visits to the Shell refinery at Pernis, the Philips works at Hilvershum and Alkmaar and signalling installations at Amersfoort, Blauwkapel and Bilthoven.                 | 4/5 Oct. SR Kent Coast electrification works. Inspection of signalling installations at Tonbridge, Ashford and Folkestone   |
| 1964 | EA Rogers     | Austria/Innsbruck & Vienna           | 4-10 May. 116 attended with visits to signalling installations at Innsbruck and Vienna.   | 3 Oct. 160 attended. Inspection of signalling at Watford and Tring in connection with Euston-Crewe LMR electrification.   |
| 1965 | JP Coley      | Italy/Florence                       | 4-10 May. 160 attended with inspections of Milan Underground, Livorno and the Appenine tunnel. Visits to Siena and Pisa.  | 2 Oct. 119 attended and inspected LT automatic train operations on the Hainault loop and programme machines at Hammersmith.   |
| 1966 | R Dell        | Germany/Munich & Wiesbaden           | 5-11 May. 162 attended with inspections at Munich, Maisach, Muhlacker, Frankfurt and the marshalling yard at Duisberg. Visits included a steamer trip on the Rhine from Wiesbaden to Assmannshausen.  | 7/8 Oct. Technical visit specially extended so as to be able to include overseas members and 14 attended. 30 members attended inspections of Hainault/Woodford ATO and Euston/Watford LMR on 7 <sup>th</sup> and 100 attended inspections of Lots Road Generating Station, and signalling at Earls Court, Acton and Turnham Green LT on 8 <sup>th</sup> . |

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| 1967 | HW Hadaway | Switzerland/Montreux & Zermatt | 19-24 May. 164 attended with inspections of installations at Lausanne, Aigle, Zermatt and Speiz and the Integra premises at Vevey.  | 29/30 Sept. 16 overseas members and the members of Council inspected signalling at Guildford SR on 29 <sup>th</sup> . 106 inspected signalling at Basingstoke and Eastleigh provided for Bournemouth Elec'n SR on 30 <sup>th</sup> .<br>23 Feb 1968. Utrecht. 100 members (50 from UK) attended the first overseas provincial technical meeting of the Institution in Utrecht, which included an inspection of Rotterdam Metro. |
| 1968 | B Reynolds | France/Nice                    | 13-20 May. 132 attended with inspections of installations at Les Arcs, Antheor, Marseilles and Nice. On the final day a general strike in France caused cancellation of all train services. The Convention organiser then made emergency arrangements to charter an aircraft to fly members back to the UK. | 5 Oct. 187 inspected installations on the recently opened Victoria line LT.<br>21/22 Feb 1969. Paris. 90 attended the second overseas provincial meeting at the UIC offices in Paris with inspection of St Lazare signal box.   |
| 1969 | OS Nock    | Belgium/Brussels               | 6-12 May. 127 attended with inspections of installations in the Brussels Midi area, Denderleeuw, Oostcamp, Ronet yard, Ath level crossings, and Mouscron.   | 3/4 Oct. 162 inspected installations at Bletchley, Crewe and Derby LMR.<br>20/21 Feb 1970. Over 100 attended the third overseas provincial technical meeting held in Cologne.   |
| 1970 | AA Cardani | Spain/Madrid                   | 5-12 May. First Convention to Spain. 98 attended with inspections of RENFE installations and Madrid Metro.  | 2/3 Oct. 149 inspected signal boxes at Coventry, Birmingham New Street and Saltley and the Lawley Street Freightliner terminal LMR.<br>19/20 Feb 1971. 85 attended the fourth overseas provincial technical meeting held in Brussels  |
| 1971 | M E Leach  | England/Bristol                | 18-23 May. 137 attended with inspections of WR installations at Bristol Temple Meads, Plymouth, Severn Tunnel and Gloucester.   | 1/2 Oct. 81 inspected installations at Cardiff WR.<br>18/19 Feb 1972. 80 attended the now traditional overseas provincial technical meeting at the UIC offices in Paris with inspection of the RER Metro.   |
| 1972 | L Tuff     | Germany/Saarbrücken & Hanover  | 6-14 May. 107 attended with visits to installations at Saarbrücken, Homburg, Seelze, Celle, Brunswick and Hanover.  | 6/7 Oct. 200 attended the Institution's <b>Diamond Jubilee</b> symposium held at the IEE Savoy Place followed by dinner at the Waldorf on 6 Oct and on 7 Oct 124 inspected the signalling installations at Dartford SR.<br>16/17 Feb 1973. 125 attended the overseas technical meeting in Rotterdam with inspection of the new signal box at Utrecht and the Delta project.   |

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| 1973 | D Webb        | Italy/Milan                     | 14-19 May. 116 attended with inspections of installations at Genoa and Milan.   | 6 Oct. 58 attended a visit to Acton works LT.<br>22/23 Feb 1974. 110 attended and visited installations in Duisburg and the Ruhr area.  |
| 1974 | V Smith       | Netherlands/Zandvoort           | 9-14 May. 153 attended with visits to the steel works at Hoogovens, ATC equipment on the line Utrecht to Lutterade and signalling installations in Amsterdam.                           | 5 Oct. 60 attended inspections of Lots Road & Greenwich power stations LT.<br>21/22 Feb 1975. 130 attended and visited the ACEC premises at Charleroi and signalling installations in the Brussels area.    |
| 1975 | D Jewell      | Scotland/Edinburgh              | 1-5 May. 177 attended with inspections of Motherwell ScR and Glasgow underground.   | 4 Oct. 80 attended a visit to Feltham signalling centre SR.<br>20 Feb 1976. 95 attended a technical meeting in Rouen and a visit to Sotteville automated marshalling yard.                                  |
| 1976 | H Duckett     | France/Bordeaux                 | 22-27 Sept. 175 attended with inspections of the prototype high speed gas turbine train and proposed signalling system for the Paris-Lyon high speed line.                              | 24 Sept. A technical meeting was held in the SNCF offices at Toulouse as part of the Convention arrangements.<br>5 Feb 1977. 168 attended a visit to the new London Bridge signalling centre SR.            |
| 1977 | WH Whitehouse | Switzerland/Zurich & Pontresina | 13-19 Sept. 220 attended with inspection of equipment and installations in the Zurich, Basle and Pontresina areas.  | 14 Sept. A technical meeting was held in Zurich as part of the Convention arrangements.<br>17/18 Feb 1978. 100 attended a technical meeting in Paris and a visit to signalling installations at Versailles. |
| 1978 | J Waller      | Sweden/Gothenburg               | 26-29 Sept. 175 attended with inspections of the computer controlled interlocking and vdu panel at Gothenburg signal box, and installations at Stockholm.                               | 6 Jan 79. 103 attended a technical visit to the Northern & Victoria lines LT in the Euston area.<br>23/24 Feb 1979. 150 attended a technical meeting and visit held in Amsterdam.                           |
| 1979 | KE Hodgson    | England/Harrogate               | 22-25 May. 146 attended with inspections of signalling installations at Doncaster ER, the North Yorkshire Moors railway, Edinburgh Waverley ScR and the BICC cable factory at Prescott. | 15/16 Feb 80. 110 attended a technical meeting at the UIC HQ in Paris and a visit to the RER lines at Chatelet-Halles and the Metro remote control centre at Bastille.                                      |
| 1980 | RA Brown      | Germany/Stuttgart               | 19-22 May. 230 attended and inspected the new signal box and the telecommunications centre in Stuttgart, and signalling installations in the Munchen area.                              | 6 Dec. 135 attended a technical visit to the Victoria area resignalling scheme SR.<br>20 Feb 1981. 200 attended a technical meeting at Chalon-sur-Saone and visit to the new Paris-Lyon TGV line.           |

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| 1981 | L Lawrence  | Canada/Toronto    | 18-22 May. 213 attended the first Convention to be held outside Europe. Inspections included visits to CP and CN installations in the Toronto area and to the Toronto Transit Commission responsible for Subway, Trams and Bus services in Toronto. | 6/7 Nov. 71 attended a technical meeting and visit to the new metro system in Lille.<br>13 Feb 1982. 102 attended a technical visit to inspect new signalling and control arrangements at Earls Court and Arnos Grove on the Piccadilly line LT.   |
| 1982 | P Wiltshire | Italy/Rome        | 17-20 May. 205 attended and inspected main line signalling installations in Milan, Modena and Rome, Rome Metro and light rail in Naples   | 12/13 Feb 83. 110 attended a technical meeting and visit to the Tyne and Wear metro system in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.   |
| 1983 | Y Paris     | France/Paris      | 24-27 May. 275 attended and inspected the Paris –Lyon TGV, Lyon Metro and RATP-SNCF interchange arrangements in Paris.  | 12 Nov. 130 attended a technical visit to signalling and telecommunications installations in the Cambridge area.<br>4 Feb 1984. An overseas technical meeting (number attending not recorded) was held in Zurich followed by inspection of signalling installations in the Zurich-Oerlikon area. |
| 1984 | D Norton    | Spain/Madrid      | 7-10 May. 230 attended and inspected installations in Barcelona, Madrid, Miranda and Madrid metro.  | 16/17 Nov. 60 attended a technical visit to inspect the SNCF/RATP interchanges on the RER system and the control room for RER line A at Bastille in Paris.<br>9 March 1985. 200 attended a technical visit to the BR SSI pilot scheme to be commissioned on 8 Sept 1985 at Leamington Spa LMR.   |
| 1985 | N Hurford   | Eire/Dublin       | 28-31 May. 175 attended and visited technical installations on DART, Connolly control centre Dublin and in Galway.  | 21 Sept. 166 attended a technical visit to inspect the resignalling and new control centre at Crewe LMR.<br>21/22 Feb 1986. 115 attended an overseas technical meeting in Utrecht and technical visits to installations in Hilversum, Amsterdam and Utrecht areas.                               |
| 1986 | J Oehler    | Austria/Vienna    | 20-23 May. 217 attended and visited U-Bahn and S-Bahn installations in Vienna, together with inspection of a marshalling yard and the research laboratories.  | 21/22 Nov. 74 attended a technical meeting in Paris followed by a visit to inspect the new electronic interlocking at Tours.<br>21 Feb 1987. 138 attended a technical visit to inspect RETB installations in Suffolk ER.   |

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| 1987 | C Hale    | Scotland/Glasgow      | 26-29 May. 275 attended and visited Paisley signalling centre, Shields electric traction depot, RETB and SSI installations at Inverness ScR and Glasgow underground system.<br>During a trip on the West Highland line Mrs Hale named BR loco 37411 "The Institution of Railway Signal Engineers". | 10 Oct. 120 attended a technical visit to inspect the new Docklands Light Railway.<br>In March 1988 (actual day not recorded), 60 attended a technical meeting and visit to Bremerhaven DB.   |
| 1988 | T Howard  | Hong Kong             | 2-5 May. A record number 332 attended and visited installations on KCRC, MTRC, the Tuen Mun light railway and at Guangzhou in China.   | 18/19 Nov. 90 attended a technical meeting in Paris followed by inspection of installations on the TGV Atlantique line.<br>18 Feb 1989. 108 attended a technical visit to signalling installations at Baker Street LUL and afterwards a lunch at Lord's cricket ground  |
| 1989 | F Rayers  | Netherlands/The Hague | 21-24 June. 300 members and guests representing 17 countries attended the 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dutch railways. Visits were made to signalling installations in Rotterdam, Eindhoven and Venlo and the NS 150 exhibition in Utrecht.  | 17/18 Nov. 70 attended a technical meeting and visit to Brussels Midi.<br>17 Feb 1990. 85 attended a technical visit to the Waterloo Area Resignalling Scheme and inspected the new signalling centre at Wimbledon BR.  |
| 1990 | J Catrain | France/Tours          | 29 May-1 June. 307 members and guests representing 18 countries attended and visited installations in the Tours area including a trip on the TGV Atlantique from Le Mans to Paris.   | 16/17 Nov. 80 attended a technical meeting in Lugano and a visit to the new electronic interlocking system installed at Chiasso.<br>16 Feb 1991. 120 attended a technical visit to LUL and inspected installations at Charing Cross, Bond Street, Kings Cross and Piccadilly Circus.  |
| 1991 | J Waller  | Switzerland/Lucerne   | 27-30 May. 317 Members and guests representing 17 countries attended and visited installations in Lucerne, Zurich and the Datwyler factory at Altdorf.   | 7-9 Oct. First ever ASPECT Conference held, in London.<br>22/23 Nov. An overseas technical meeting was held in Paris (numbers attending not recorded) followed by a visit to inspect the SACEM ATP system on RER Line A.<br>15 Feb 1992. 120 attended a technical visit to inspect the trial ATP installations from ACEC and GASL/SEL on the Chiltern lines BR. |



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| 1992 | B Heard    | Germany/Kassel    | 25-30 May. 300 attended and visited installations on the DB high-speed line in the Kassel area and the train supervision centre at Frankfurt. Travel from Kassel to and from Frankfurt was by the new ICE train.   | 13/14 Nov. 120 attended a technical meeting in Manchester and visit to the Metrolink light rail tram system.<br>19/20 Feb 1993. 82 attended a technical meeting and inspection of new signalling and telecommunications equipment in the Antwerp area.<br>3 April 1993. 50 attended a joint IRSE/IEEE technical visit to inspect the recently commissioned IECC at Ashford BR. |
| 1993 | R Nelson   | Italy/Florence    | 24-28 May. 320, representing 22 countries, attended and inspected installations in Florence and the Genova metro system. Members and guests travelled between Florence and Genoa by ETR 450 train.   | 9 Feb 94. 40 attended a technical visit to Mount Pleasant sorting office and the PO automatic railway system.<br>8/9 April 1994. 70 attended a technical meeting in Copenhagen and visit to the DSB control centre and inspection of the Great Belt Tunnel project works.  |
| 1994 | AC Howker  | USA/Washington    | 30 May-4 June. 300, representing 20 countries, attended and inspected Washington metro, Amtrak installations at Philadelphia station including the control centre for the New York-Washington corridor and CSX trackside installations near Washington.          | 5 Nov. 70 attended a technical visit to the Central Line LUL and inspected the Wood Lane control centre.<br>3/4 March 1995. 134 attended a technical meeting at the Eurotunnel Exhibition Centre at Coquelles and afterwards inspected the Eurotunnel facilities at Calais and at Folkestone, the journey between the two being made by a special shuttle train..              |
| 1995 | EO Goddard | Spain/Madrid      | 15-19 May. 300, representing 17 countries, attended and inspected installations at Madrid Metro, and RENFE installations at Atocha station, Madrid and Santa Justa station Seville. The journey between Madrid and Seville was made by the AVE high-speed train. | 25-27 Sept. ASPECT Conference held in London.<br>21 Oct. 80 attended a technical visit to installations on the Jubilee line extension project LUL.<br>8/9 March 1996. 70 attended a technical visit to inspect installations at Connolly station and in the Dublin area IE.  |
| 1996 | W Boddy    | Austria/Saltzburg | 9-13 Sept. A record number 350 members and guests, representing 80 organisations and 24 countries, attended and inspected installations in the Saltzburg, Innsbruck and Brenner areas.   | 30 Nov. 50 attended a technical visit to Upminster signalling control centre on the LTS line Railtrack.<br>21/22 Feb 1997. 100 attended a technical meeting in Paris and visit to inspect the proposed automatic operation of the Meteor line RATP.  |

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| 1997 | A Wilson    | Finland/Helsinki            | 26-30 May. 280, representing 21 countries, attended and visited VR and Metro CTC installations in Helsinki, installations at Tampere and the Nokia factory at Telekara.  | 20/21 March 1998. 60 attended a technical visit to the Belgian high-speed line in Brussels.   |
| 1998 | CA Porter   | South Africa/Jo'burg&Durban | 13-18 April. 270, representing 19 countries, attended and inspected technical installations in the Pretoria area and at Sentrtrand marshalling yard before travelling overnight to Durban in two sleeping car trains where installations at Richard's Bay Coal Terminal and Durban CTC were inspected. | 26/27 Feb 1999. 136 attended a technical meeting in Utrecht and inspected installations at Amersfoort.  |
| 1999 | C Kessell   | Hungary/Budapest            | 31 May-4 June. 310, representing 22 countries, attended and inspected technical installations in Budapest, Tata, Almasfuzito and the transhipment yards and gauge changing facilities at Zahony on the Hungary/Ukraine border.   | 30 Sept/1 Oct. ASPECT Conference held in London<br>4/5 Nov. 70 attended a technical meeting in Paris and inspected GSM-R and RER line E installations.<br>31 March/1 April 2000. 100 attended a technical visit to the Ffestiniog railway.  |
| 2000 | H Uebel     | Hong Kong                   | 25-29 Sept. 271, representing 18 countries, attended and inspected installations on MTRC and KCR including the new West Rail Project. A visit to China was made to inspect installations of the Guangzhou Railway Corporation and Guangzhou Metro.   | 18 Nov. 70 attended a technical visit to London Docklands Light Railway and the Jubilee Line Extension project LUL.<br>6/7 April 2001. 60 attended a technical visit and inspected installations in Frankfurt.  |
| 2001 | REB Barnard | Portugal/Lisbon             | 29 May-2 June. 338, representing 18 countries, attended and inspected the CTC centre at Campolide, installations at Oriente station and Setubal, the Lisbon Metro and the proposed Light Rail project and the tramway museum in Porto.   | 7 July. 150 members and guests with their children attended a visit to the 7-inch gauge Great Cockcrow Railway near Staines. Members inspected the signalling, signal boxes and other technical equipment in the morning and the afternoon was spent riding the picturesque railway or acting as signalmen or drivers (under supervision).<br>23/24 Nov. 65 members attended a technical meeting in Paris and inspected the French ERTMS test track near Gare du Nord.<br>15/16 March 2002. 80 members attended technical presentations on ERTMS and inspected equipment at the UK test track at Asfordby, Old Dalby. |
| 2002 | PW Stanley  | Australia/Sydney            | 29 April-3 May. 350, representing 18 countries, attended and inspected equipment in the Sydney area, the shipyard at Carrington, rail workshops at Cardiff and the facilities and arrangements being made for the Sydney Olympics.   | 22/23 Nov. 72 attended a technical meeting in Olten, Switzerland and inspected the ETCS level 2 system to be implemented between Olten and Berne.<br>28/29 March 2003. Members (number not recorded) attended a technical visit and inspection of facilities at AEA Technology Derby.   |

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| 2003 | CH Porter   | England/Birmingham     | 26-30 May. 233, from 16 countries, attended and inspected installations at the Channel Tunnel rail Link, Ashford IECC, the West Coast Route Modernisation project, Crewe training school, York service centre and visited the York National Railway Museum and the Severn Valley railway. | 22-25 Sept. ASPECT Conference held in London. 28/29 Nov. 36 attended a technical visit and inspection of equipment on the Czech State Railway in Prague. 27/29 Feb 2004. 80 (approx) attended a technical visit to the Dorset Coast resignalling project and inspected installations at the Siemens offices at Poole and at Bournemouth. The visit included a dinner taken on the Wessex Belle dining train of the Swanage Railway.            |
| 2004 | JD Corrie   | Eire/Dublin            | 31 May-4 June. 246, from 14 countries, attended and inspected installations at Arklow, Wicklow, Connelly, Heuston and Maynooth IE, Belfast NIR and the new light rail system for Dublin.  | 26/27 Nov. 50 attended a technical visit to inspect installations provided for the Oresund road/rail link between Denmark and Sweden. 4/5 March 2005. Members (number not recorded) attended a technical visit to inspect the facilities being provided for the Manchester South resignalling project.   |
| 2005 | J Poré      | France/Strasbourg      | 26-30 Sept. 262, from 15 countries, attended and inspected the Strasbourg new control centre for TGV Est, Strasbourg tram system, Munster, Bischheim TGV depot and the Railway Museum at Mulhouse   | 3/4 June. 100 attended a technical conference and visit to inspect the Porto light rail Metro system. 24/25 Feb 2006. 100 attended a technical conference and visit to RATP Paris.   |
| 2006 | JD Francis  | Switzerland/Interlaken | 4-7 Sept. 300, representing 19 countries, attended and inspected the ETCS level 2 system being provided on the Mattstetten-Rothrist line by SBB, equipment at Giswil,, and facilities at the new Lotschberg base tunnel.  | 16-17 March. ASPECT Conference held in London. 16/17 June. Members (numbers not recorded) attended a technical visit and inspected the control centre for JBV in Oslo and installations on Oslo Metro. 24 Nov. 40 attended a visit to the Network Rail operations training centre at Watford. 23 Feb 2007. 90 attended a technical visit to inspect the facilities being provided for the new Channel Tunnel Rail Link terminal at St Pancras. |
| 2007 | WJ Coenraad | Netherlands/Rotterdam  | 28 May-1 June. About 250 members attended and inspected installations on the Amsterdam-Utrecht quadrupling, HSL-Zuid and the Betuweroute projects, and the Randstad-Rail light rail project.  | 23/24 Nov. About 60 members and guests attended a technical visit based in Antwerp to inspect the new Antwerp/Amsterdam high-speed line in Belgium. 29 Feb-1 Mar 2008. 62 members attended a technical visit to the West Midlands Signalling Centre inspecting installations at Leamington Spa, Coventry, and Saltley.   |

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| 2008 | AJ Fisher | Thailand/Bangkok  | 26-30 May. 224 members and guests representing 18 countries attended and inspected the State Railways of Thailand at Chiangrak and Hua Mak, the Bangkok Skytrain and the Bangkok Metro. The group also visited the bridge over the River Kwai on the Burma railway.   | 24-26 Sept. ASPECT Conference held in London.<br>28/29 Nov. 36 members and guests attended a technical visit to Poznan, Poland to visit the new signalling installation at Poznan. A visit, by steam hauled service train, was made to Wolsztyn to view the old signalling.<br>27/28 Feb 2009. 41 members and guests attended a technical visit based on Vienna that included a visit to the testing facility at Vienna Arsenal, the Bombardier tram factory and the offices of Frequentis, who manufacture safety related communications systems. |
| 2009 | F Heijnen | Spain/Madrid      | 25-29 May. 230 members and guests inspected RENFE signalling installations at Chamartin, Segovia, the AVE high speed line from Atocha to Zaragoza and the Madrid Metro. Members and guests also visited Toledo.   | 20/21 Nov. About 50 members attended a technical visit based on Glasgow, Scotland and inspected signalling installations at the new West of Scotland Signalling Centre at Cowlairs, Glasgow underground and also visited the Network Rail training facility at Larbert.<br>26/27 Feb 2010. 28 members and guests attended a technical visit based on the Aachen area of Germany and visited the Siemens test track at Wildenrath, signalling installations at Aachen station and the nearby Garzweiler open cast mine.                             |
| 2010 | P Jenkins | India/Delhi       | 25-29 Oct. 170 members and guests attended and visited a conference and exhibition of S&T systems at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi and visits, covering both the main-line operations of Indian Railways and Delhi Metro, were made to signalling and telecommunications facilities in New Delhi and Agra. Whilst in Agra, the group also visited the majestic Taj Mahal. | 25/26 Feb 2011. About 30 members and guests attended a technical visit to Cork, Ireland visiting Mallow station for presentations and inspecting the S&T and driver simulator installations there. Cork signal cabin and local equipment and systems were also inspected.<br>31March-1 April 2011. About 35 members visited Machynlleth and inspected Network Rail's Cambrian ERTMS pilot project and S&T installations on the Welsh Highland Railway.   |

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| 2011 | Mrs CL Porter | Singapore & Malaysia | 10-14 Oct. 220 members and guests attended the Institution's first two country Convention and inspected S&T installations and rolling stock depots on the Singapore metro before moving en-masse by train to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with visits to KTMB installations and the KL monorail project.   | 23/24 June. 33 members and guests attended a visit to the GE factory in Florence and the RFI high speed line control centre in Bologna.<br>23/24 Feb 2012. 44 members and guests attended a technical visit to inspect the new signalling system installed by Thales on the LUL Jubilee line in London. Visits were made to Stratford Market depot, Neasden Control centre and Neasden depot.   |
| 2012 | F How         | England/London       | 10-15 Sept. 202 members and guests from around the world attended a combined ASPECT Conference and Convention based on London as part of the <b>Institution's Centenary year</b> celebrations. Visits included the London Transport museum at Covent Garden in London, the Network Rail Thames Valley signalling centre and the Great Western Society museum at Didcot, technical presentations and site visits to RATP and SNCF in Paris and inspection of the newly modernised and re-signalled Victoria line on London Underground. A Centenary Gala Ball and dinner was held at the Savoy Hotel London on the evening of the 15 Sept bringing to a conclusion a memorable and interesting week of technical and social events. | 10/11 Sept. ASPECT Conference held in London immediately prior to Convention.<br>17 May. 48 members and guests attended a visit to Heathrow Airport for a seminar on the subject of 'Technology Convergence between Road and Rail Traffic Management Systems' combined with a technical visit to the BAA 'Ultra' personal rapid transit system at Heathrow.<br>14-16 March 2013. 68 members and guests visited the Gotthard Laboratory in Zurich for presentations on systems for the Gotthard base tunnel and inspected the Rhaetian Railway control centre, signalling and main workshops at Landquart. |
| 2013 | D Weedon      | Sweden/Malmö         | 16-20 Sept. 189 members and guests attended a Convention based in Malmö and visited technical installations in both Sweden and Denmark. Visits were made to the traffic control centre in Malmö with technical presentations on the City Tunnel project. The Railway Training School at Ängelholm was also inspected and a visit made to the Hallandsås Tunnel exhibition. In Denmark visits were made to the premises of Rambøll Engineering at Ørestad for presentations on signalling and other projects and inspection of the Copenhagen suburban network control centre and the Metro system.   | 17/18 May. 21 members and guests attended a visit to the Tyne and Wear Metro system and the VMS factory where both road and railway signals were being manufactured.<br>7 March 2014. 53 members and guests attended a technical visit to Delft in the Netherlands where they visited the Spoorzone Delft project which comprises the integral redevelopment of an area of about 40 hectares located between the inner city and residential neighbourhoods.   |

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| 2014 | C Sevestre     | France/Lyon                         | 2-6 June. 205 members and guests attended and visited railway installations in Lyon including the Regional Control Centre, the Metro line D maintenance depot at Le Poillet or the Lyon tramway maintenance depot and control centre at St Priest, there was also a technical visit to the TGV Technicentre in Lyon. A visit was made to the Beaujolais wine growing area and a dinner was held for members and guests on board a river cruiser on the Rhône and Saône rivers. | 14/15 Nov. 62 members attended a visit to the London Thameslink programme with a series of technical presentations and inspection of the systems integration laboratory in London and a site visit to the new Regional Operating Centre and the existing and more traditional Signalling Centre at Three Bridges. The visit also included a reception in The Shard adjacent to London Bridge Station.<br>20 Feb 2015. 15 members and guests attended a visit to ATM, Milan Metro, Italy with a series of presentations followed by a tour of the control centres for the Metro and for the bus, trolleybus, and tram networks, followed by a site visit to Sesto to see the unique arrangement of platform edge doors, the interlocking, and the rolling stock depot, where four different types of train are serviced for one line. |
| 2015 | Andrew Simmons | Brisbane and Rockhampton, Australia | The Convention took place 31 May – 5 June, the first part in Brisbane and then travelling north by train to Rockhampton for the second part.   | 15-17 Sept. ASPECT Conference held in London. A visit to Braunschweig, Germany took place on 6/7 Nov to learn about the EULYNX project. The Malaysian and Indonesian Sections both held Seminars in their respective countries during the year,  |
| 2016 | Charles Page   | Beijing                             | The Convention took place from 10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October, centred on Beijing. The inaugural opening of the IRSE China Section took place before the start of the technical papers session on 11 <sup>th</sup> October.   | The ITC held a Seminar in Tokyo on 7/8 April. A technical visit to the UK's ERTMS testing facility (ENIF) at Hitchin took place on 8 <sup>th</sup> April. A Systems Engineering Seminar was held on 14 April at the University of Birmingham (UK). A joint seminar with the IMechE was held in London in April 2016 on the subject of ATO. The first CBTC Seminar was held in Toronto on 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec,  |
| 2017 | Peter Symons   | Dallas                              | The Convention took place from 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> September, based at Grapevine (near Dallas/Fort Worth, USA). Following the papers session on 26 <sup>th</sup> there were technical visits to BNSF, GE, Trinity Railway Express and A Train.   | 28/29 Nov - ASPECT 2017 was held in Singapore, with an introductory day for younger members on 27 <sup>th</sup> and technical visits on 28 <sup>th</sup> . The second CBTC Seminar was held in Toronto on 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov.  |

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| 2018 | Markus Montigel | Lugano and Pontresina, Switzerland | The Convention took place from 28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June, with a theme of “Safety in Long Railway Tunnels.” The first part of the Convention took place in Lugano, with presentations and visits to the Ceneri Base and Albula tunnels (both under construction). | A seminar on Requirements Management was held in Birmingham, UK, on 19 Apr. A joint seminar with the IMechE was held in London on 26 <sup>th</sup> June on the subject of Traffic Management Systems. A joint seminar with the IEEE was held in London on 5 <sup>th</sup> July on the subject of Ethics in Engineering. |