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I am writing this article fresh from returning from this year's convention in France. It is always good to see old friends at this yearly event, however, this year, it was also reassuring to see younger and new members attending from around the world.

We have therefore decided to invite those younger members, many of whom received bursaries to assist them in covering the cost of attending, to provide the articles covering the event, for publication in the next few Issues of the NEWS. Hopefully this will provide a modern viewpoint of this important event rather than a perhaps more traditional view from the older members! IRSE NEWS is keen to promote and ensure that younger members are themselves encouraged to apply to attend at conventions in the future.

The editorial team are taking a break now until the September issue of IRSE NEWS. We are always interested and keen to hear and learn from the world-wide membership about developments in the signalling and telecommunications industry. This being the case, please send your comments and thoughts to irseneeds@irse.org.

Please remember that language is no barrier to our team. We can usually translate most languages. There is just one thing though. When you send an article for potential publication, please DO NOT embed your pictures within it. Please send all your pictures as individual JPEG files separate to your article, which should be in a Word file.

The editorial team look forward to receiving your feedback, pictures and comments regarding the Lyon Convention. Thanks for your continued support.

The Editor

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