

LIST OF IRSE CONVENTIONS AND TECHNICAL VISITS

Date	President	Annual Convention	Remarks	Technical Visits
1913	AT Blackall			
1914	J Sayers			
1915/20	A Hurst		IRSE activities curtailed during WW1	
1921	CH Ellison	London	7-9 June. First Summer meeting. 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 sight seeing 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 Thorrowgood	Wembley Empire Exhibition Southampton area & Southampton Docks SR	27-28 June. 72 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. First overseas visit. 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.	
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 Carslake	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.	First technical visit. 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 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.
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. 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 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. 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. 5 May visit to Edison Swan Electric Co works at Ponders End.

1940/43	J Boot		IRSE activities curtailed during WW2 However Summer evening informal dinners were held on 1 August 1941 at Watford. 100 attended 19 June 1942 at Holborn. 50 attended No events in 1943 or 1944 but on	Visits suspended
1944/45	Major F Morkill		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. 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	First visit overseas since 1937. 2-4 June. Inspection of signalling equipment at Kingsbridge. Visit included inspection of the Dublin premises of Messrs Guinness!	Resumption of the technical visit programme after WW2. 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.
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	The first time the event is referred to as the Convention 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 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 &	7-15 May. 180 attended this IRSE	28/29 Sept. IRSE Golden

		Sundsvall	Golden Jubilee event visiting installations in Stockholm and Sundsvall.	Jubilee 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 Hilversum 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 th and 100 attended inspections of Lots Road Generating Station, and signalling at Earls Court, Acton and Turnham Green LT on 8 th .
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 members of Council inspected signalling at Guildford SR on 29 th . 106 inspected signalling at Basingstoke and Eastleigh provided for Bournemouth Elec'n SR. 23 Feb 68. 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. 21/22 Feb 69. 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. 20/21 Feb 70. 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. 19/20 Feb 71. 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 installations at Bristol Temple Meads, Plymouth, Severn Tunnel and Gloucester.	1/2 Oct. 81 inspected installations at Cardiff WR. 18/19 Feb 72. 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 Diamond Jubilee 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. 16/17 Feb 73. 125 attended the overseas technical meeting in Rotterdam with inspection of the new signal box at Utrecht and the Delta project.
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. 22/23 Feb 74. 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. 21/22 Feb 75. 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. 20 Feb 76. 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. 5 Feb 77. 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. 17/18 Feb 78. 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. 23/24 Feb 79. 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-les-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. 20 Feb 81. 200 attended a technical meeting at Chalon-sur-Saone and visit to the new Paris-Lyon TGV line.
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	6/7 Nov. 71 attended a technical meeting and visit to the new metro system in Lille. 13 Feb 82. 102 attended a technical visit to inspect new

			responsible for Subway, Trams and Bus services in Toronto.	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. 4 Feb 84. 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. 9 March 85. 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, Connelly control centre Dublin and in Galway.	21 Sept. 166 attended a technical visit to inspect the resignalling and new control centre at Crewe LMR. 21/22 Feb 86. 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. 21 Feb 87. 138 attended a technical visit to inspect RETB installations in Suffolk ER.
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 and Glasgow underground system. 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. In March 88 (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. 18 Feb 89. 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 th 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. 17 Feb 90. 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. 16 Feb 91. 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.	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. 15 Feb 92. 120 attended a technical visit to inspect the trial ATP installations from ACEC and GASL/SEL on the Chiltern lines BR.
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. 19/20 Feb 93. 82 attended a technical meeting and inspection of new signalling and telecommunications equipment in the Antwerp area. 3 April 93. 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. 8/9 April 94. 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. 3/4 March 95. 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.	21 Oct. 80 attended a technical visit to installations on the Jubilee line extension project LUL. 8/9 March 96. 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, representing 80 organisations and 24 countries, attended and inspected installations in the Saltzberg, Innsbruck and Brenner areas.	30 Nov. 50 attended a technical visit to Upminster signalling control centre on the LTS line Railtrack. 21/22 Feb 97. 100 attended a

				technical meeting in Paris and visit to inspect the proposed automatic operation of the Meteor line RATP.
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 98. 60 attended a technical visit to the Belgian high-speed line in Brussels.
1998	CA Porter	South Africa/Johannesburg&Durban	13-18 April. 270, representing 19 countries, attended and inspected technical installations in the Pretoria area and at Sentraraand 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 99. 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 transshipment yards and gauge changing facilities at Zahony on the Hungary/Ukraine border.	4/5 Nov. 70 attended a technical meeting in Paris and inspected GSM-R and RER line E installations. 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. 6/7 April 01. 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). 23/24 Nov. 65 members attended a technical meeting in Paris and inspected the French ERTMS test track near Gare du Nord. 15/16 March 02. 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. 28/29 March 03. Members (number not recorded) attended a technical visit and inspection of facilities at AEA Technology Derby.
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	28/29 Nov. 36 attended a technical visit and inspection of equipment on the Czech State Railway in Prague. 27/29 Feb 04. 80 (approx) attended a technical visit to the Dorset Coast resignalling

			the Severn Valley railway.	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 05. 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 06. 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 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 07. 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 November. 41 members and guests attended a technical visit to Antwerp to visit the Belgian section of their high speed line to Holland. 29 Feb/1 Mar 2008 62 members and guests attended a technical visit to the West Midlands Signalling Centre at Saltley, Birmingham New St and Leamington Spa.
2008	AJ Fisher	Thailand/ Bangkok	26 – 30 May. 224 members and guests representing 18 countries attended and inspected State Railway of Thailand installations at Chiang Rak and Hua Mak, the BTS Skytrain depot and control centre at Mo Chit in Bangkok, and the MRTA/BMCL underground metro depot and control centre at Huai Khwang in Bangkok. The group also visited the Bridge over the River Kwai.	28/29 November. 36 members and guests attended a technical visit to Poznan, Poland to visit the new signalling installation at Poznan. A visit, by steam hauledservice train, was made to Wolsztyn to view the old signalling. 27/28 February 2009. Due to death of Alan Fisher, F Heijnen, Vice-President, led a visit of 41 members and guests to Vienna, for a visit to the Arsenal Test Facility, 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 attended. Visits were made to installations at Chamartin station, Madrid, Segovia, Zaragoza and Metro de Madrid. The group also visited Toledo.	20/21 November 2009. About 50 members and guests attended a technical visit to Glasgow and Larbert, visiting the Thales offices at Govan, the new west of Scotland signalling

