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COUCHER TO SPEAK AT MEMBERS' ANNUAL LUNCH



Speaker Iain Coucher on the upgraded West Coast Main Line.

The IRO's seventh Members' Lunch will take place on Friday 24 April 2009, at the Grange City Hotel in central London. Iain Coucher, chief executive of Network Rail, will be this year's after-dinner speaker.

Members of all grades may attend this ticket-only event, and are welcome to bring guests, including partners/spouses, colleagues and clients. Applications for tickets will be dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

A cash bar will commence at midday, with lunch served at 13:00. House wine should be ordered before lunch at the cash bar.

The price per head is £42 for individual members and each of their guests.

The dress code is business wear. The Grange City Hotel is located at 8-10 Coopers Row, London EC3N 2BQ, which is very close to Tower Hill tube station.

The room will be laid out in tables of 10 and the application

form allows for members to request with whom they would like to sit, if they have a preference.

Corporate members may block-book all 10 places on a table for £420.00, or book part of a table *pro rata* (sharing the table with other members to make up a total of 10). If you are interested in booking a whole table, please contact the IRO separately.

To download a booking form for individuals please visit the IRO website at: www.railwayoperators.org/index.html

The deadline for applying for tickets is Friday 27 February 2009.

Cheques should be made payable to The Institution of Railway Operators and dated no later than 27 February 2009. Applications will be acknowledged and tickets sent out nearer the time.

If you are interested in booking a corporate table of 10 for £420, please contact Claire Wickes at: admin@railwayoperators.org or call 01444 248931.

CONDITIONS OF BOOKING:

Cancellations received on or after Monday 6 April will not be eligible for refund. Payments for cancellations received prior to Monday 6 April 2009 will be refunded if the ticket can be re-sold.

Vegetarian and other special meals can be ordered in advance – please explain your needs on the booking form.

If you have any questions about the lunch which are not answered here, please contact Claire Wickes on the number or email address above. For more details of the hotel, see: www.grangehotels.com



CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

A number of industry employers have corporate subscriptions to the institution that cover their employees' subscriptions. These are graded as associate or affiliate. The current corporate member companies are:

Network Rail ● Eurostar UK ● First ScotRail ● First Great Western ● National Express East Anglia ● Railnews ● Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail) ● DB Schenker ● Northern Ireland Railways ● First TransPennine Express ● RWA Rail ● First Capital Connect ● Atoc ● Southern ● London Underground ● Docklands Light Railway ● Mott MacDonald ● Transport for London ● South West Trains ● Stagecoach Supertram ● Arriva Trains Wales ● Centro ● Parsons Brinckerhoff ● Southeastern ● Virgin Trains ● Chiltern Railways ● C2C ● East Midlands Trains ● Stagecoach Metrolink ● CrossCountry Trains ● London Midland ● National Express East Coast ● Heathrow Express ● Grand Central ● Heritage Railway Association

Those with full membership will continue to pay their subscription personally, irrespective of whether they can subsequently claim it back. Please note that, as the IRO's subscriptions are tax-deductible, a receipt will be issued for all payments – whether by cheque, standing order or internet payment.

If your company would like to explore the benefits of corporate membership of the institution, please contact us. We welcome applications from all industry companies, suppliers and associations – please contact Chris Daughton on: 01444 248931 or: admin@railwayoperators.org

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR OCTOBER COURSES

The institution's next degree, diploma and certificate courses will commence in October 2009, in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU).

Applications should be submitted by 31 July 2009

The courses provide in-depth knowledge on a variety of subjects that are key to being a successful railway operations manager, and are all distance learning, which means participants do not need to negotiate day release for college.

Every course is divided into a number of modules, each of which has been written and developed by managers in that particular field.

Tutors designated to mark and provide feedback on each module are highly experienced and have been accredited by GCU. All students and tutors are supported by GCU throughout the programme. Candidates will be required to undertake study of web-based or other supplied materials, additional recommended

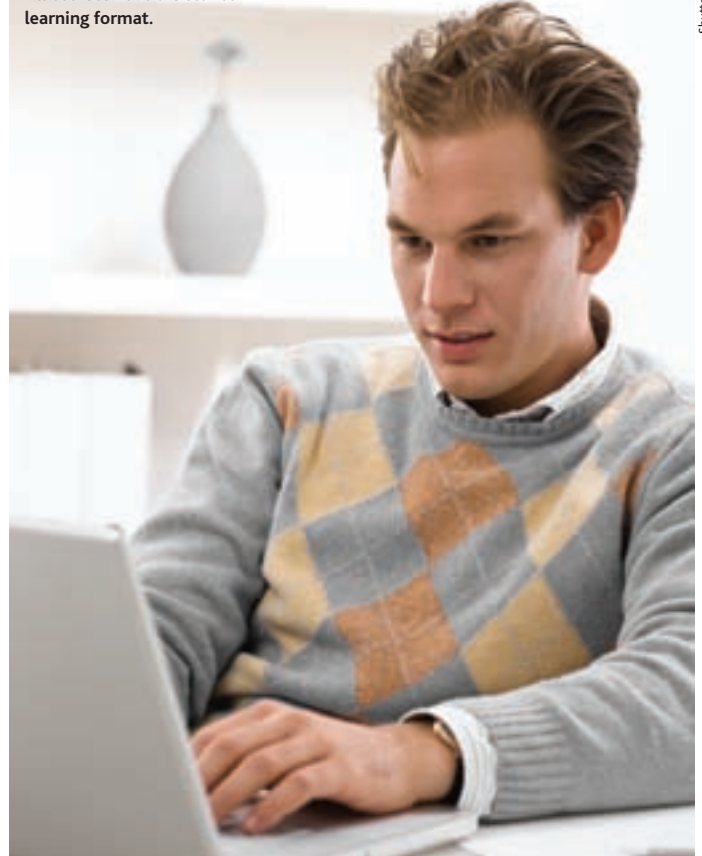
reading and research, analysis of case studies and project work. It is estimated that at least seven hours study per week will be required each year.

Students will take up to 24 months to complete the programme. Internet access and email is essential for acceptance on all these courses – and full details are available on the education programme pages on the IRO website.

Assessment will be based on course and project work and by interview at an end-of-course assessment panel. Applications will be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis, though it is vital that potential applicants carefully consider their ability to undertake such a course, alongside work and personal commitments, and gain their employer's support.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on these courses please contact Mike Hill at: education@railwayoperators.org

All courses have a distance learning format.



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DIARY OF EVENTS

SCOTTISH AREA

17 March: A visit to the First ScotRail train driving simulator and Network Rail's signalling simulator in Glasgow, 17:00 for 17:30.

All meetings start at 17:30, with tea, coffee and biscuits available from 17:15.

For further information on the IRO Scottish Area please contact Ross Campbell on 0141 242 8620 or email: scottish@railwayoperators.org

NORTH EAST AREA

For information on all North East Area events please contact David Monk-Steel by email at: northeast@railwayoperators.org or by telephone on 01751 473799 during office hours. North East Area meetings normally take place at 17:30 for 18:00, at York.

NORTH WEST AREA

4 March: Tim Shovellor will give a talk on his career and running EMT (IROYP sponsored event), 17:00 start at the Network Rail Offices SQ1 Manchester.

24 March: Speaker Richard Donaldson on Network Rail Topical Planning Issues, 18:30 start, Network Rail Offices, SQ1 Manchester.

20 May: Visit to Trafford Park Freightliner Terminal

July: Family day TBA in early 2009.

To contact the North West area on membership matters or general information, email Clive Evans at: northwest@railwayoperators.org

To contact the North West for all events information, email Carl Phillips at ironw.booking@railwayoperators.org

MIDLANDS AREA

9 March: Visit to East Midlands Control Centre

20 April: Visit to Oxley depot

18 May: Presentation on RAIB at the East Midland Trains Rail Academy, Derby

Summer trip: TBA

For information on all Midlands Area events please contact Julia Stanyard on 0121 345 3833 or email: midlands@railwayoperators.org

SOUTH WEST AREA

For information on all South West Area events, please contact Nick Edwards on 07801 905409 or email: nicolas.edwards@ews-railway.co.uk

SOUTH EAST AREA

23 March: Speaker – Christian Wolmar TBC

All talks are at the Union Jack

Club, Sandell Street, Near Waterloo Station at 17:30 for 18:00, unless otherwise indicated.

For further information on the IRO South East Area please contact Rupert Brennan Brown at: southeast@railwayoperators.org

IRO YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SOUTH EAST

2-5 April: Three day trip to Paris.

Tour of St Pancras station at 14:00 on 2 April, travel by Eurostar to Paris at 17:00. Technical Visit on Friday, followed by sightseeing tour on Saturday. Returning to London at 15:00 on Sunday 5 April. If interested, please email chris.loder@nationalexpress.com

For details of our events and to book your place on one of our trips please visit www.iroyoungprofessionals.org.uk