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Improving Rail Grinding Specifications and QA/QC Procedures for Transit
Mark Reimer, Advanced Rail Management Corp.

SPECIAL FOCUS — Addressing Wheel/Rail-Generated Noise and Vibration in Rail Transit
Rail Damper Trials – Noise Reduction Outcomes from Ottawa and Vancouver
Briony Croft, SLR Consulting (Canada)

Characterizing the Effect of Rail Hardness on Corrugation Formation, Grinding Cycles, and Noise
Peeter Vesik, British Columbia Rapid Transit

Vibro-Acoustic Inspection of Vienna’s Tram Network
Karoline Alten, Transportation Infrastructure Technologies at AIT Austrian Institute of Technology

Effects of a Conformal Frog Retrofit on Wayside Noise and Vibration on the Ottawa Trillium Line
Rashid Dorj, City of Ottawa
Harry Skoblenick, Bombardier Transportation

Controlling Grinding-Induced Corrugation to Maintain Lower Wayside Train Noise Levels
Shankar Rajaram, Sound Transit

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Investigation into a Broken Wheel Derailment
Rob Johnston, Transportation Safety Board of Canada

Using Modern Railroad Data Analytics to Minimize Mixed Manifest Train Incident Risk
Kyle Mulligan, CP Rail

Wheel Truing Technology Development and Innovation
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Brandon Teal, Simmons Machine Tool Corporation

Rail Milling in Heavy Haul Environments
Richard Stock, LINSINGER

Research into the Causes of Visually “Undetectable” Broken Spikes
Marcus Dersch, University of Illinois
Brad Kerchof, (Retired) Norfolk Southern

Monitoring and Managing W/R Interface Forces in Revenue Operation of QNS&L
Yan Liu, National Research Council of Canada
Dominique Silos, Rio Tinto, QNS&L Railway

Investigation by Vale S.A. into Truck Hunting and the Associated Damages to Truck Components and Heavy Haul Rolling Stock
Paul Bladon, Wayside Inspection Devices Inc.

The Role of Elasticity in Ballasted Tracks
Rudolf Schilder, Advanced Rail Track Solutions

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Real Results: Reduction of Train Accidents Based on the use of Friction Management
Leonardo Soares, Rumo Logistica S.A.

Adverse High Rail Profiles
Brad Kerchof, (Retired) Norfolk Southern

Dynamic Simulation of Locomotive Derailments on Crossover Track
Daoxing Chen, Transportation Safety Board of Canada

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Wheel-Rail Contact Mechanics
Kevin Oldknow, Simon Fraser University,
Organizing Chair — Principles Course

Track Structures, Components and Geometry
Gary Wolf, Wolf Railway Consulting, LLC

Vehicle Types, Suspensions & Components
Elton Toma, NRC, Canada

Vehicle-Track Interaction & Dynamics
Rob Caldwell, NRC, Canada

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Richard Stock, LINSINGER

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