

DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We cordially welcome you to the

## 23<sup>rd</sup> OBERBREMSRÄTEKONFERENZ AND 21<sup>st</sup> INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM

22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Parkhotel Schönbrunn, Wien

Hietzinger Hauptstraße 10-14  
1130 Vienna

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**Dipl.-Ing. Frank MINDE**, Chief Expert Braking, DB Systemtechnik GmbH

**Dipl.-Ing. Manfred REISNER**, Managing Director, Knorr-Bremse GmbH

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<b>1996</b> Gumpoldskirchen	<b>2005</b> Opatija	<b>2017</b> Kitzbühel
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### WARM-UP, WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2026

- from 15:00** **ARRIVAL OF GUESTS AT PARKHOTEL SCHÖNBRUNN, VIENNA**  
Registration upon hotel check-in
- 18:00** **MEET IN THE LOBBY** of Parkhotel Schönbrunn, Vienna
- 18:15** **BUS TRANSFER TO HEURIGER WILTSCHKO**, Wittgensteinstraße 143, 1230 Vienna
- 19:00** **WELCOME BY MAG. MICHAEL LUCZENSKY**, Head of Directorate Railways, Federal Ministry for Innovation, Mobility and Infrastructure
- 19:30** **WELCOME DINNER AT HEURIGER WILTSCHKO**
- 22:30** **RETURN TO THE HOTEL BY BUS**

### INTERNATIONAL CENTRAL EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM THURSDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026

- 9:00** **WELCOMING THE GUESTS AND OPENING OF THE SYMPOSIUM**  
MMag. Bernhard Gritzner, Managing Director, ÖBB-Technische Services GmbH  
Dipl.-Ing. Manfred REISNER, Managing Director, Knorr-Bremse GmbH Österreich
- 9:20** **CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECH RAILWAYS' ROLLING STOCK**  
Dipl.-Ing. Jan Plomer, Chief Engineer, ČD
- 9:40** **BATTERY TRAINS**  
Dipl.-Ing stroj. Mario Simic, BSc, Project Manager for New Rolling Stock Procurement, HŽPP
- 10:00** **(AXLE) BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER**  
Dipl.-Ing. (ME) Krešimir Šalamon, Head of Department Railway Dynamics & Bogie Design, KONČAR – Electric Vehicles Inc.
- 10:20** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00** **NEWS OF BRAKE STANDARDISATION**  
Dipl.-Ing. Frank Minde, Chief Expert Braking, DB Systemtechnik GmbH
- 11:20** **USING INFRASTRUCTURE DATA FOR EARLY DETECTION OF DEFECTIVE BRAKES ON FREIGHT CAR**  
Ing. Philipp Herincs, BSc, Head of Freight Cars & Special Vehicles, and  
Ing. Patrik Deda, Engineering Freight Cars, ÖBB-Technische Services-GmbH

**11:40** **„THE EVOLUTION OF TRACK BRAKE DEVELOPMENT**  
Dipl.-Ing. Volker Jörgl, Director Track Brakes and Dr. Daniel Tippelt,  
Development Schienenbremsen, Knorr-Bremse GmbH, Österreich

**12:00** **LUNCH**

**13:30** **INTELLIGENT RAIL HEAD CONDITIONING (I-SKK),  
BERNMOBIL PROJECT**  
Dr.-Ing. Felix Saur, Senior Consultant, PROSE AG

**13:50** **BRAKE TESTING – FROM THE STANDARD TO THE TEST REPORT**  
Dipl.-Ing. Bohumil Drapal, Technical Expert & Test Manager, VÚŽ Prague

**14:10** **COFFEE BREAK**

**14:40** **CURRENT TENDER FOR NEW RAIL VEHICLES**  
Dipl.-Ing. Dimitri Simon, MBA, Rail Vehicle Project Manager, Forchbahn AG

**15:00** **DIGITAL AUTOMATIC COUPLING – CURRENT STATUS AND  
OUTLOOK FROM ÖBB & KNORR-BREMSE**  
Anna Kurzecka, Innovation Management, Rail Cargo Group and  
István Babos, Head of Couplers, Knorr-Bremse Sfs GmbH

**15:20** **END OF SYMPOSIUM**

## **DINNER IN THE PARKHOTEL SCHÖNBRUNN WIEN** **THURSDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026**

**18:45** **MEETING POINT IN THE LOBBY**

**19:00** **WELCOME DRINK**

**19:30** **DINNER IN THE BALLROOM OF THE PARKHOTEL SCHÖNBRUNN**

**21:30** **APPOINTMENT OF OBERBREMSRÄTE NO. 61, 62, 63**

**23:00** **SHARED TOAST TO THE NEWLY AWARDED OBERBREMSRÄTE**

**23:30** **GET-TOGETHER IN THE HOTELBAR “BIJOUX”  
END OF EVENT**

## **FRIDAY, 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

**from** **CHECK OUT OF THE HOTEL (UNTIL 12:00)**  
**8:00** then individual journey home

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# PROGRAM

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