



IATM newsletter

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Dear IATM Member

I hope you are prepared to celebrate the forthcoming Holidays knowing that this year has lived up to your expectations and hopes. I must say I can, not least because of many great things which have happened within IATM.

In June this year we had a wonderful conference in Utrecht where we learned from colleagues and were inspired by the creative team from the Dutch Railway Museum. At the General Assembly we decided on annual conferences again and I got your confidence to continue for two more years as your President together with a prepared and very competent Board.

After some very enjoyable discussions and work during the autumn, five Swedish museum could present a program for the 2014 conference in Stockholm and Gävle, which recently was announced by our development officer, Carolin Ranke, aka office@iatm.museum. At last we could also present the first report from our fellowship program, Skillbridge, from Sue Warren, Canada Science & Technology Museum, who picked up expertise from National Railway Museum in York during a week in October. Why not be the next member to make use of Skillbridge?

The conference next year will hopefully be a good opportunity to learn and interact with colleagues on different subjects. Five host museum will share their best skills together with other IATM members or expertise dealing with similar issues. We intend to use the web, foremost our Facebook page, to interact and make updates for the different sessions during the spring. If you think you can contribute to any of the topics please contact Carolin at office@iatm.museum and she will forward your questions or offers to the right person. All to make the conference as efficient and worthwhile as possible.

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As I have said before, information on the IATM web does not have to be absolutely connected to the IATM work. I ask you to use it for information and advertisement. Imagine how useful it would be if you knew what was going on at your colleague museums all over the world. You can keep up with dates, find inspiration and ideas and not least find partners for future projects.

Contact either mikael.dunker@trafikverket.se or use the IATM Facebook www.facebook.com/IATM.museum for your contributions to increase your and our knowledge on what is happening out there!

I must also mention to you that I had the pleasure to meet with former Board Members and retired IATM friends in Germany by the beginning of December. All absolutely private, but it shows how important IATM has been for international networking and how fun and appreciated it has been at the same time. Let us keep that spirit!

I hope to meet many of you in Stockholm next June but until then I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Robert Sjöö
Your President