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1. Introduction

Interest amongst the delegates at the 1999 International Rail Safety Conference in Banff, Canada regarding the availability of previous conference papers, resulted in the delegates to the 1999 Conference, approving the concept of establishing a CD Project. Initial tasks facing the group were to obtain copies of all the various papers presented at conferences since the 1990 inaugural conference and to assess means to progress the project.

The CD Project Group's subsequent report to delegates at the 2000 London Conference advised that whilst all previous published conference papers had been located, unfortunately a minority of papers, that were based on verbal or video/slide presentations, were no longer available. Furthermore, a number of management issues were also raised requiring the approval of the delegates of the 2000 Conference for the project to proceed. The 2000 IRSC delegates dealt with these issues and formal approval was subsequently given on 10 November 2000, for the project to proceed.

For those items, which at the time of manufacture of the CD were unavailable, suitable comments identifying that the respective item was not available have been included in the relevant section of the CD.

2. Purpose of Paper

Amongst the requirements of the delegates to the 2000 International Rail Safety Conference, in granting their approval for the project to proceed, was that the CD Project was to be a non-profit project and surplus monies resulting after the costs of production and distribution of the CDs have been met, were to be donated to the charity:

*The Railway Children at Breeden House,
Edleston Road, Crewe, CW2 7EA,
United Kingdom.*

This report has been prepared to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

3. CD Project Group

The 2000 International Rail Safety Conference endorsed the following members as the CD Project Group,

Co-ordinators, Messrs Bill Casley, (Bill Casley Consultants Pty Ltd) and John Hall, (Executive Director, NSW Transport Safety Bureau),

with an ability to co-opt other members of the conference onto the Project Group to assist as required. Subsequently the following members of the conference were co-opted onto the CD Project Group:

Australia	Mr David Edwards
Canada	Mrs Faye Ackermans
Finland	Ms Kirsi Pajunen
France	Mr Gerald Churchill
Hong Kong	Dr Jacob Kam
Ireland	Mr John Welsby
Japan	Mr Koichi Kawano
	Mr Takeshi Inoue
	Mr Masakazu Takahashi
Netherlands	Mr Dick Pas
New Zealand	Mr Ray Howe
Singapore	Mr Lui Weng Chee
South Africa	Mr Johan de Villiers
	Mr Mathebula Mabila
Sweden	Mr Hans Ring
	Ms Katarina Danielsson
United Kingdom	Mr Victor Coleman

It goes without saying that without the valuable assistance of these people the project would not have succeeded.

If any person has been inadvertently overlooked, sincere apologies are extended.

4. Agreement to include papers in the CD

It is pleasing to report that thanks to the efforts of those co-opted to assist the CD Project Group; there was only one instance where agreement was withheld for a paper to be included in the CD. Accordingly the wishes of that organisation were respected and the paper was not published in the CD.

5. The CD



The CD makes reference to the 356 individual papers presented over the eleven-year period of 1990 to 2000.

34 of these papers relate to administrative matter associated with the various conferences as well as individual year indexes. These documents should prove helpful data for future convenors of the conference.

321 papers are specific papers on a variety of rail safety subjects.

Whilst the balance of 10 papers, represents a minority of papers that have not been included either because they were verbal or video/slide presentations with no known written paper available of the outcome of the presentation (nine papers) or agreement to allow publication was withheld (one paper only). Each of these ten papers has been suitably identified on its respective title page for the paper.

In all the CD contains some 4856 pages of information.

The CD is self-contained and is supported by Acrobat Reader 4.0. Upon placing the CD in the CD ROM drive the CD becomes self starting, opening at the foreword to the CD. Access to the CD is only possible if the CD viewer acknowledges that the material contained in the CD subject to copyright.

The CD is searchable, which means that the viewer can readily search for specific items of interest.

6. CD Indexes

Each paper contained in the CD has a unique four-digit identification number linked to the eleven individual year indexes as follows:

Year	Conference	Index
1990	Tokyo, Japan	90XX
1991	London, United Kingdom	91XX
1992	Wellington, New Zealand	92XX
1993	Angers, France	93XX
1994	Hong Kong,	94XX
1995	Mainz, Germany	95XX
1996	Cape Town, South Africa	96XX
1997	Lucerne, Switzerland	97XX
1998	Sydney, Australia	98XX
1999	Banff, Canada	99XX
2000	London, United Kingdom	00XX

The digits marked XX representing the individual paper's unique identification number.

Examples:

- Paper 9300 is the index for all papers presented at the 1993 conference in Angers, France.
- Whilst paper number 9643 is the 43rd paper presented at the 1996 conference in Cape Town, South Africa, and
- Paper number 0007 is the 7th paper presented at the 2000 conference in London.

7. CD Project Group's responsibilities

The CD Group has, with all due care and attention, exercised its responsibilities to the best of their abilities. In exercising their responsibilities no member of the CD Group has accepted or implied any responsibility in relation to any matter arising from any actions, claims, costs, expenses and damages (including legal costs) associated with the CD Project and the production/distribution of CDs.

8. Non-profit Project

In keeping with the directive of the 2000 London conference, surplus money of the project has been forwarded to the Railway Children's Charity.

Thanks to the kind co-operation of Interfleet Technology Limited's, London Director, Dr Peter Howarth, a suitable function was arranged in London for the presentation of the CD Project Group's cheque for the sum of GBP 3,600.00 (Aud\$9,443.86) to the Chairman of the Railway Children's Charity, Mr David Maidment on Thursday 23 September 2004.

9. CD Project Financial Status

Throughout its activities the CD Project Group has diligently managed its affairs. At the outset, special banking arrangements were made for a specific Bank Account to be opened in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the name of the "International Rail Safety Conference - CD Project".

As all the production and distribution of the CDs was carried out in Australia it has been convenient for the CD Project Group to manage the financial affairs of the project in Australian Dollars (Aud\$).

Regular audits have found that its financial management has been conducted with propriety and that the CD Project Group's income and expenditure sheets have been in accordance with the CD Project Group's order sales files, receipts, accounts and documentation.

As the 15th October 2004 (Australian Dollars)

Project Income	\$20,915.53
Expenditure	\$11,023.79
Surplus Income over Expenditure	\$9,891.74
Less GBP3,600 Donation to Railway Children Charity	\$9,443.86
Money at Bank	\$447.88

10. Conclusion

At its inception the CD Project was designed to facilitate the archiving of conference papers from former conferences. In this regard the objective of the project was to locate all the previous papers for the period 1990 to 2000, collate them into a suitable electronic format (CD), produce and supply copies of the CD for the exclusive benefit of delegates of past and future conferences and forward surplus monies after meeting all expenses to an approved charity (Railway Children). The CD Group believes to the best of its ability it has discharged its responsibilities as set out in the mandate established by the 2000 IRSC with all due care and attention and that the final product represents a faithful and practical response to the requirements of the Publisher (2000 IRSC).

It is worth considering that a purchaser of a CD is acquiring eleven years of conference papers for less than half the cost of registering for the 2002 Tokyo IRS Conference. Consequently, some may consider the CD Group in setting the original price of the CD erred on the side of conservatism. The subsequent level of sales appears to have vindicated the CD Group's action in this regard.

In submitting this report the CD Project Group seeks the endorsement of the delegates to the 2004 Perth Conference that the activities of the CD Project Group have met the 2000 IRSC obligation and that the CD Project Group has brought this project to an acceptable conclusion.