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Biography:

Simon Fletcher has been a railway professional since 1977 and has a vast array of strategic experience in operational, safety and standardisation topics in regional, national and international positions. He has been with the UIC since 2003 and was responsible for establishing the UIC's safety dossier and supporting unit at the time when the European Safety Directive was emerging. He was in charge of the level crossing topic and was instrumental in getting ELCAD and then ILCAD started.

He has been a member of the UIC Board of Directors since 2009 coordinating the European portfolio and most recently has taken on responsibility for leading the UIC's active global engagement in railway standardisation.

He was with Eurostar for all of the 1990s, putting together the safety and standards framework that allowed Europe's first truly interoperable high-speed service to develop and operate safely. This and his other UK roles including Operations Director, Head of Safety and Standards and as Coordinator of the UK's operating rules and regulations, have prepared him well for providing a major contribution to the development of the interoperability, safety management and standardisation structures of the railway system.

With his European hat on, he works closely with the some 65% of the UIC's stakeholder companies who are European-based. Part of the role is to be the UIC's "man in Brussels" where he is able to interface with the other rail associations in supporting the railway sector to develop the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the railway system.

In the standardisation role, he, with the standardisation team, is responsible not only for the coordination of the significant catalogue of IRSs that the UIC produces and maintains but also for the formal interface between the UIC and the national, regional and international standardisation bodies.

Today the focus is on the vision and strategy for the future railway system. Developing innovation and standardisation programmes to support the vision to become reality, the leadership role performed by the UIC is central to ensuring that tomorrow's railway is one that plays a clear and key part in developing the global economy and in placing rail as the attractive land transport mode of choice for the transport of people and freight.