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Call for Papers - INNOVARail 2027

INNOVARail is a new multi-disciplinary railroad research, technology, and development conference. Following a successful first conference that was held this past year at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and brought together academics, technical experts, innovators, and rail practitioners from across the field. INNOVARail 2027 will be held in Pueblo, Colorado, in conjunction with MxV Rail's 32nd Annual AAR Research Review May 17-20, 2027.

Papers on a broad range of railroad freight, passenger, and rail transit topics are welcome and encouraged in the following areas:

1. **Railroad Track and Infrastructure**
2. **Rolling Stock**
3. **Motive Power, Energy, and Propulsion Systems**
4. **Communication and Train Control**
5. **Operations, System and Network Capacity**
6. **Human Factors**
7. **Safety and Security**
8. **Economics, Finance, and Policy**

Papers should be no longer than six (6) pages and must conform to the guidelines posted at: https://www.ieee.org/conferences/publishing/templates. **Papers will be peer-reviewed and if accepted published by the IEEE in their conference proceedings series.**

Full length paper submission: Monday, November 30, 2026 (extended deadline)
Paper acceptance notification: Monday, January 11, 2027
Submission of final paper: Monday, February 1, 2027

Submit your papers to: INNOVARail 2027 on TrackChair

In addition to full papers, there will be an option to submit an abstract to be considered for presentation only at INNOVARail 2027. These will not be published in the IEEE conference proceedings.

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Questions regarding paper submissions, presentation opportunities, or participation in INNOVARail 2027 may be directed to the Conference Chair, Yousef Kimiagar, and Conference Technical Chair, Constantine Tarawneh, through the TrackChair conference portal.

We look forward to welcoming researchers, practitioners, and innovators from across the rail industry to Pueblo, Colorado, in May 2027.