Curriculum Vitae

[CHERON, Christophe]

CURRENT POSITION

Name of company Job position

SNCF European Research Programmes Deputy Director

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

In 1990, Christophe Chéron joined SNCF in the SNCF rolling stock domain managing various jobs (maintenance depots and workshops, design of a training module dedicated to the operations safety for maintenance managers).

1995 – SNCF rolling stock engineering department – Technical expert for draw and buffing gears/automatic couplers, international activities for ERRI, UIC, CENELEC.

2000 – Technical secretary for the UIC sub-commission 08 Wagons, management of the technical rules for the European freight wagons.

2003 – SNCF Research and Technology Department – Advisor of Philippe Renard, chairman of the UIC Technical and Research Commission. Support to UIC technical projects, managing reinforced links with CEN and CENELEC.

2007 – SNCF Research and Innovation Department – Partnerships for research management. He was especially involved in DEUFRAKO, the French-German railway research cooperation, ERRAC activities. He was leader of the UIC Research Coordination Group, member of the French Research National Agency Transport programme steering committee, making SNCF partner of more than 25 FP7 projects.

2012 - French Transport Ministry (on secondment) for the PREDIT secretariat (French research and innovation programme for surface transport). He participated to the granting process for the transport part of the Programme Investment for the Future (PIA). He was involved in many research programs or projects both at the national (IRT Railenium) and European level (Shift2Rail, DEUFRAKO, Eranet Transport 3, Eranet Electromobility+).

2016 – SNCF Innovation and Research – Coordination of the SNCF investment in Shift2Rail and support to research partnerships. Involved in ERRAC, he led the definition of ERRAC Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (2020). He was a key stakeholder for the definition of the Europe's Rail JU Multi Annual Work Programme.

SNCF representative in the Europe's Rail Governing Board.

2019 – Expert for EC/DG Move - Update of the STRIA roadmap for Transport Infrastructure (railway part).

EDUCATION AND TRAININGS:

Graduate engineer from UTC (Université de Technologie de Compiègne) – 1989
Specialisation in mechanical engineering/control and industrial quality

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