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Railway metropolis Konolfingen - The SGEG accompanying programme on SA 9 March 2024

Dear members of our society

Metropolis? Well, perhaps a bit of an exaggeration. But the town at the entrance to the Emmental can certainly be called a railway junction. 125 years ago, the new line of Switzerland's first electric mainline railway, the Burgdorf-Thun Railway (BTB), crossed at Konolfingen with the Bern-Lucerne line of the Compagnie des Chemins de fer Jura-Simplon (JS). In addition to the railway station, the BTB also built a depot workshop to maintain the rolling stock and three-phase traction units.

An exhibition in the village museum, curated by our founding member Werner Weber, and the BTB depot, which is still in use today by the Bern - Konolfingen Dampfbahn Bern (VDBB), make a trip to Konolfingen a worthwhile destination for railway enthusiasts. A fitting location for our 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Programme

10:00 h Meeting point at Konolfingen station after arrival of RE7 4365 from Bern

10:15 h Guided tour of the Konolfingen depot with Urs Gerber, technical manager of the Dampfbahn Bern

11:56 h Transfer by bus 160 to the Alter Bären village museum (don't forget your ticket!)

12:00 h Lunch at the village museum

14:15 h Ordinary General Meeting as per separate invitation

15:15 h Guided tour of the special exhibition Railways of the Emmental with exhibition organiser Werner Weber

16:45 h Closing of the event

Cost

CHF 65.00 includes both guided tours, admission to the museum and a delicious Emmental lunch. Transfers and drinks are at the expense of the participants. Please note: There are no alternative catering options on site.

Registration

By transferring the total amount to the account CH35 0070 0114 8083 3256 4 in the name of our company. The registration deadline is 29 February 2024. Registration is mandatory for participation in the supporting programme, but no registration is required to attend the Annual General Meeting alone. No confirmations will be sent out.

I am looking forward to an interesting day and lively discussions with my colleagues on the Board of Directors

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