

# Press Release

## International Early Main Line Railways Conference

Caernarfon, North Wales

19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2014

Building on the success of the International Early Railways Conference series, the organising committee have arranged to accommodate the interests of historians pursuing the origin and development of mainline railways between 1830 and c1870. This reflects the all-important years when railways first developed routes and networks and became major contributors to economic growth around the world. This was made possible by rapid advancements in civil and mechanical engineering techniques.

This first conference has attracted papers from authors studying subjects in several parts of the world, in addition to the United Kingdom. These are related to economic, political, social and cultural progress in several countries, and business and financial incentive and practice. They also cover developments in surveying, structural, architectural and building practices, as well as mechanical and electrical progress.

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