CONFERENCE PROGRAM

2nd Annual Rail Transportation Conference

Tuesday, 13.10.2026 · Churchill Auditorium, Technion — Haifa

MORNING SESSION

8:45–9:15 **Gathering**

9:15–9:30 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**
Introduction to the conference's objectives and a brief overview of the day's events
Gil Shavit, CEO AEAI

9:15–9:30 **Presentation of IART**
Establishment of the Israeli Rail Transport Association
Dr. Denis Yurlov, Chair IART

1st Session Chair — Ronen Sabag, Tevel Metro

9:30–10:00 **Ministry of Transport Regulation**
Railway Regulation: From Concept to Operation
Kamal Kaiss, MoT

10:00–10:30 **When the Light at the End of the Tunnel Recedes**
Challenges in Extremely-Long Railway Tunnel System
Tzahi Gura, NATI

10:30–11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00–11:30 **Israel Railways Case Study**
Engineering to Organizational Challenges – Moving toward Electrical Maintenance on Israel Railways
Kobi Magen, Israel Railways

11:30–12:00 **LRT Operational Speed VS Safety**
The challenge of balancing commercial LRT Speed and Safety Considerations
Udi Kaplanski, NTA

AFTERNOON SESSION

2nd Session Chair — Rina Ben Moshe, Purple MAI

12:00–12:30 **LRT Operation & Maintenance Case Study**
Lesson Learned: New and Old Railway Infrastructure O&M Challenge — Jerusalem LRT
Roman Haimov, LAVI

12:30–13:00 **Lunch Break**

13:00–13:30 **Jerusalem Metro Case Studies**
Jerusalem Metro – Shaping the City's Future: Vision, Planning and Key Challenges
Yair Erez, Metro JT

13:30–14:00 **PTO Case Study**
Safety Case for PTO – Nuisance, Annoying Obligation or Useful Tool?
Dr. Juergen Kappus

14:00–14:30 **Nofit Intercity LRT Case Study**
Intercity LRT Haifa–Nazareth Project Challenges
Itzik Oron, TISR

14:30–15:00 **Concluding Remarks**
Concluding conference's objectives and future events
Dr. Denis Yurlov, IART

15:00–15:30 **Final Break & Networking**

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