

The Brunel Awards 1996

The Brunel Awards International Railway Design Competition was held in September 1996 in Copenhagen, hosted by the Danish State Railways (DSB). The aim of the award is to promote the aesthetic quality of architecture, rolling stock, graphic arts, corporate identity and uniforms, as well as good design in all railway activities. There were 225 entries from 21 railways around the world. The competition was established in 1985 in the UK by the Watford Conference of European Railway Architects and Designers to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Great Western Railway (GWR).

It was named after the world-famous Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806–1859) who built the GWR from London to Bristol.

Other previous competitions have been held in Austria, the Netherlands, Spain and the USA.

Category	Winners
Trainstops	Deutsche Bahn AG, Platform roof
Small stations (new)	Norwegian State Railways, Sandvika Station
Large stations (new)	European Passenger Services, Waterloo International Terminal
Renovated small stations	Danish State Railways, Klampenborg Station, Canopy Hall
Other support buildings	Swiss Federal Railways, Rolling stock depot, Basle
Employee uniforms	Via Rail Canada, 'Dress for success'
Art at railway sites	Swiss Federal Railways, Artwork by Mario Merz at Zurich
Engineering structures	Mexican National Railways, Viaduct tunnel 'Pencil'
Long-distance trains	JR Kyushu, Sonic Nichirin Express (see JRTR 8)
Short-distance trains	Danish State Railways, New S-train
Freight stock	Austrian Federal Railways, Container loading equipment

Six works by Japanese railway companies were commended: Iwaki-Hanawa Station and Series E217 EMU (JR East), Nijo-Hanazono Viaduct (JR West), car colour scheme (JR Central), Corporate pamphlet, and mobile art sculpture (JR Kyushu).



DSB New S-train designed by Carl Bro Industri og Marine, interior arrangements by Pelikan Design (Danish State Railways)



Eurostar's Waterloo International Terminal (Eurostar (UK) Ltd.) (The original photo has been replaced due to copyright.)



JR Kyushu Sonic Nichirin Express designed by Mr Eiji Mitooka, Don Design Associates (see JRTR 8) (JR Kyushu Agency)



JR East Iwaki-Hanawa Station designed by Prof. Kuniaki Itoh, Tohoku Univ. (see JRTR 6) (M. Mashima Photo Office)