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## Eisenbahn Modellbau Tage 95

by Peter Marriot

SBB Re 460.017 in 'New' Märklin livery seen here at Aigle, was in attendance at the show

The event took place once more at the Verkehrshaus, Luzern, between 8 and 15 October. Regretably photography of the visiting prototype locomotives was not too easy because some were parked beneath trees! Nevertheless the visitors were;

SBB 460.017 in the latest Märklin livery

BLS 465.007

SBB Bem 550 2 car EMU

DB VT610 tilt DMU

OBB 1014 Bo Bo

OBB 1822 Bo Bo

FS E402 Bo Bo

FS E444 Bo Bo

Two of the locomotives which were scheduled to appear were not present at the commencement of the show; DB Europrinter and SNCF Sybic.

There were a good range of manufacturers stands and the popular themes noted were; digital control, encouraging children to take up railway modelling and the popularity of "O" gauge especially with specialist manufacturers. Various trade layouts, dioramas, and several club layouts necessitated a lot of walking around

the scattered halls and tents used for the displays.

The SBB/BLS 460/465 locomotives continue to be well liked by manufacturers. On the Roco stand in addition to the familiar models there were SBB 460 HO models in Eisenbahn Amateur and LOK 2000 liveries. A total of 8 different colour schemes/numbering were displayed.

Märklin and Roco in particular were offering "hands on" opportunities to children to experiment with track, locos, rolling stock and building kits. The sight of all those £120+ locomotives being "played with" was amazing! On the Roco stand the "toys" (which we value as specialists models!) seemed to be all over the place.

The entrance ticket cost Sfr.15, which is not cheap by UK standards, but it did include a complimentary copy of Eisenbahn Amateur which included the show guide. If you get the chance to go next year go (your children would love it!) - but allow yourself plenty of time. There's plenty of models and prototype equipment to see.