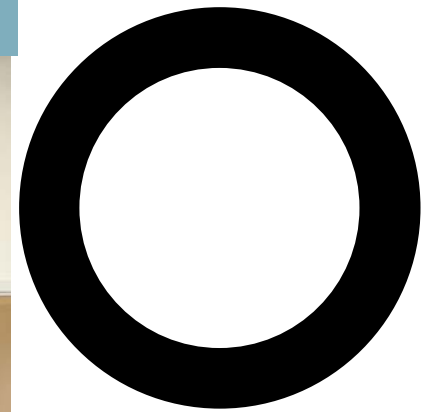


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TO ITA MEMBER NATIONS, ITA WORKING GROUP AND COMMITTEES, PRIME SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS.

Dear Friend

Our last ExCo meeting took place a few days ago in Lisbon. We were there on the kind invitation of CPT (Comissão Portuguesa de Túneis) to participate in their 10th anniversary celebration. A very interesting seminar has been organized on February 4th and 5th, with the participation of several ExCo members (Tarcisio Celestino, Ruth G. Haug, Alexandre Gomes, Nikolaos Kazilis, Olivier Vion and myself) as lecturers. More than 100 people participated in the conference and associated exhibition.

As usual many topics have been on our agenda for our ExCo meeting. This meeting was the last full ExCo meeting before the WTC 2016 and General Assembly in San Francisco during which a new President, new Vice Presidents and new ExCo members will be elected. You will receive by February 23rd the official invitation to the GA as well as all the related documents.

During the General Assembly, I will have the pleasure to present the activity report of the Executive Council, summarizing the activities and progress that have been achieved. The ExCo is working on a new format of presentation of the reports of the Member Nations during the GA, using the power-point presentation template that has been sent to you. I encourage the Member Nations to send back to the secretariat their Activity Report by the end of the month.

During the WTC a special attention will be given to the WGs as the open session has been devoted to aspects of tunnelling dealt with by the Working Groups in addition to the usual presentation of the WGs publications issued since last WTC. The program of this session is being finalised and we will inform you shortly on the details.

During the ExCo meeting we had the pleasure to welcome Matthias Neuenschwander who is chairing the

joint task force ITA WG3 / FIDIC with main goal to write guidelines for particular conditions for Underground Works which will be presented in the form of a FIDIC Yellow book. The task force has worked hard and a first draft will be submitted to FIDIC and ITA WG3 by the WTC 2016.

Among the topics handled regularly, the ExCo continued to study how to increase the participation of the Member Nations at WTC and other ITA activities, to see how ITA could better contribute to the organisation of the WTC and associated activities for the benefit of the host Member Nation and of the participants and how we can improve the communication. During this ExCo meeting we also checked for compliance the candidatures for ExCo as well as for hosting the WTC 2019 and 45th ITA General Assembly. You will receive all the details with the invitation to the General Assembly.

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After the success of the first ITA Tunnelling and Underground Space awards, the task force is already working actively on preparing the second edition. As already written in the previous Internal News, the 2016 awards conference and diner will take place in Singapore on November the 11th while on the 10th TUCSS (Singapore Member Nation) will organize an international conference on a technical theme. The official launch of this second edition will start within the next 2 weeks with the launch of the Awards web page for new entries.

Late November, several ExCo members participated in the 3rd Arabian Tunnelling Conference in Dubai, which also proposed a Young member forum with the participation of the ITA Young Member Group Chair, Jurij Karlovsek.

I had also the pleasure at the beginning of December to participate in the STUVA conference in Dortmund with more than 1800 conference participants and 165 companies from the tunnel industry exhibiting over 6,000 m² of display area.

The organisation of the WTC 2016 in San Francisco is in full swing. Authors of accepted papers will be advised in the coming days and will know if they will have an oral presentation or a poster. At the same time the organizers are finalizing the program of the technical sessions including Chairs and Vice-Chairs, who will be contacted individually in due time.

For the pre-conference training sessions, organized with the ITACET Foundation, two topics have been chosen: “Monitoring” and “Underground Space Use”; program of each session is available on the WTC 2016 website. In parallel, social events, such as ITA cocktail reception on Saturday, Welcome reception on Sunday, ITAtech and Prime Sponsors diner on Monday and WTC 2019 candidates’ party on Tuesday as well as the Young Members event on Monday are being prepared. You will receive the various invitations in due time.

As usual many meetings are already planned during the WTC, beginning with an ExCO meeting on Saturday morning and the meeting between WGs Animateurs, Committees’ Chairs and ExCo members on Saturday afternoon, WGs meetings on Sunday and Monday afternoon, Committees Steering board, meeting with Prime Sponsors, special sessions organized by ITACUS and ITAtech. In addition, Nordic as well as Latin American ITA Member Nations will meet to exchange their latest news and work on their cooperation. All these meetings will make the WTC and ITA General Assembly a very active week to the benefit of the tunnelling industry worldwide.

I wish you all the best for the coming months and looking forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

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