



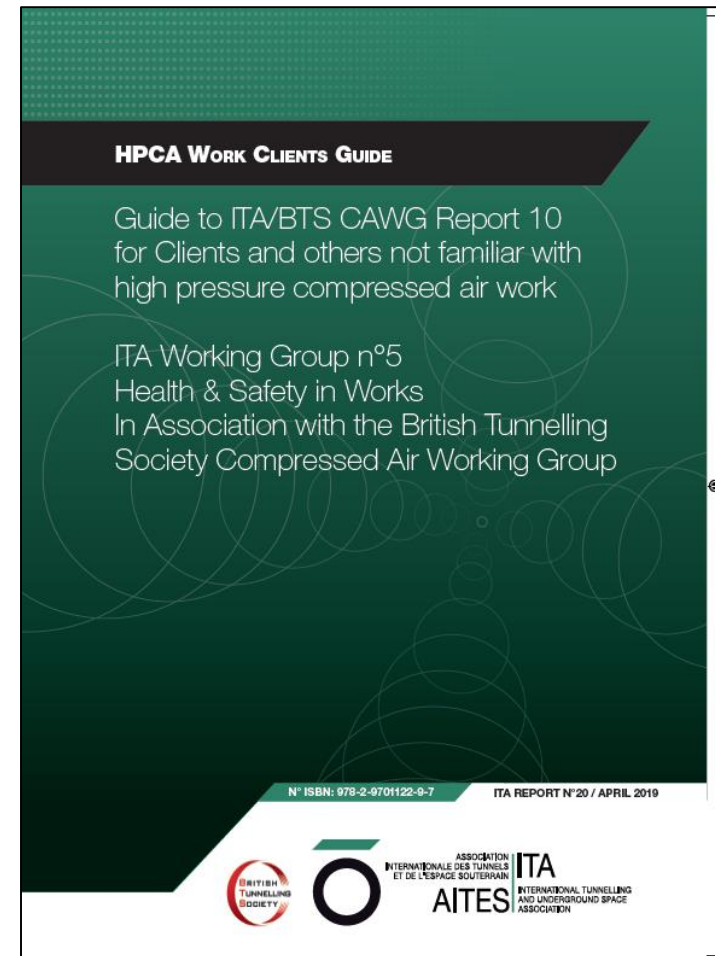
ITA WG5

Report to General Assembly

Presented by: Dr Donald Lamont
Animateur

- WG5 met twice in a tent during WTC 2019 with the meeting on Sunday being particularly cold and noisy.
- The Animateur was Dr Donald Lamont (UK), the vice-Animateur was Werner Burger (Germany).
- The Tutor was Ruth Haug (Norway).
- 8 members from Austria, Australia, France, India, Italy, Japan, New Zealand and Norway attended.

- WG5 was very pleased to note the launch at the Open Session of its latest report – “Guide to ITA/BTS CAWG Report 10 for Clients and others not familiar with high pressure compressed air work”.
- The report was completed within one year of commencement.



- WG5 had useful presentations on
 - progress with the revision of CEN standards
 - diesel particulate monitoring
 - H&S challenges in long deep tunnels
 - A new Austrian Guideline and Regulation (RVS) 09.01.51 on "Health and Safety on underground construction sites".
- WG5 noted with surprise and regret it had not been included in the list of WGs to participate in the ITA task group on "Accidents" announced at the GA on Sunday.

- WG5 identified dust as probably the most significant occupational health issue in tunnelling today.
 - WG5 noted that respirable crystalline silica is now classified in Europe as a carcinogen.
- WG5 discussed drafting a guideline on control of exposure to dust but national regulations vary so considerably that consensus over good practice could be difficult.
- WG5 wishes to draw the attention of other WGs to the occupational health risks from dust exposure particularly in sprayed concrete work and will be pleased to collaborate.

- WG5 considered its future work programme
- WG5 decided to commence a guide for tunnel clients and designers on the essential planning for health and safety required in the stages from project inception through to procurement.
- WG5 has contacted WG23 with an offer to collaborate on the topic of health and safety in shafts.
- WG5 wishes to collaborate with other working groups to raise the profile of health and safety in all ITA publications and thanks WG14 for the chance to present to it on HPCA.



Thank you for your attention