



WG 5 – HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS

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- WG5 met once during WTC 2016
- Dr Donald Lamont, Animateur chaired the meeting. Ruth Haug attended as ITA Tutor.
- Martin Vogel vice animateur was unable to attend for family reasons.
- 7 others attended from Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, USA.
- Finland participated by Skype call.

Report 14 – Refuge chambers

- WG5 has received a request for clarification of the guideline in respect of the occurrence of flammable gas in the tunnel.
- WG5 discussed the matter and agreed that the guideline should be amended.
- **In the event of a tunnel evacuation due to the occurrence of flammable gas the refuge chamber should not be used.**
- A number of technical requirements to cover explosion protection of the chamber electrical system were identified.
- The recommendations on training need to include flammable gas occurrences.

Report 10 – High Pressure Compressed Air

- This has been a year in which this guideline has been subject to considerable scrutiny due to its adoption by Hong Kong Labour Dept. for enforcement purposes.
- A number of omissions and potential modifications have been identified



Report 10 – High Pressure Compressed Air

- BTS CAWG has already begun addressing these.
- ITA WG5 hope to draft a revised text for discussion in Bergen
- Winner of the NCE 2015 “Safety Initiative of the Year”



WG5 – other matters

- WG5 discussed the current situation with machinery safety standards and was please to note the increased participation by ITA.
- WG5 believes that both its reports 14 an 10 should be translated into other languages such as Spanish and Chinese
- WG5 recommends that ExCo identify important papers presented during the WTC and publishes them on the ITA website.