

The STA has taken on 4 company and 1 individual members in 2011-2012 and at the same time 2 members have stopped their activity within the STA.

The STA has today 48 company members, 2 individual members and 4 honorary members.

The top of all the Slovak Tunneling Association activities in 2012 was the General Assembly of the STA which took place in the Slovak Technical University – Faculty of Civil Engineering, Bratislava.

In spite of the fact that in 2012 the situation in building industry was very complicated and difficult, especially in underground construction, the STA was permanently working and the activity of the committee was not left behind the previous years.

The General Assembly in 2011 together with the seminar took place in November 24 where the Chairman Ing. Róbert Turanský introduced the plan of activities for the year 2012 which has been completely fulfilled.

It is necessary to mention important activities taken place at the end of 2011. We again highlight the work carried by Ing. Chomová A Ing. Frankovský who have completed new technological rules for road tunnels.

On 27 September, 2011 the seminar with international participation took place where new technical rules for fire safety and ventilation of road tunnels were presented.

It was organised by the Slovak Tunneling Association and supported by NDS and Ministry of Interior as well as the Presidium of Fire and Rescue department.

On 24 November, 2011 the seminar of tunnel material suppliers took place. The seminar was on a high professional level.

At the end of 2011 the STA in cooperation with the Czech Tunneling Association and the company Metrostav prepared excursion to Metro V.A in Prague with the participation of 15 students from universities in Košice, Žilina and Bratislava and 30 STA members.

On 1 December, 2011 the STA patronage the conference “GEOTECHNIKA 2012”.

At the beginning of 2012 there was an article in the magazine : Parlamentný kuriér with the intention of presenting STA in the Slovak Parliament.

In February 2012 we paid membership fee to the world ITA – AITES on time as well as the Chairman sent the report about the activities of STA in 2011.

The committee of STA met on 9 March, 2012 where all the planned activities for

2012 were updated. Unfortunately the activity of universities in the field of professional building industry is still not sufficient.

In May 2013 the World Tunneling Congress in Thailand, Bangkok took place and the Chairman Ing. Róbert Turanský took part in it (for the first time in the history of entering Slovakia to ITA-AITES just the only person).

In April 2012 STA traditionally paid the fees for BETONTAG in Vienna for students. There were 28 students and 2 teachers participated from the University of Žilina and another 10 students from the University of Košice.

In April there was the General Assembly of the Slovak Road Authority and Ing. Grohman took part in it.

In June the STA committee started to deal with the comments on the public procurement law, the chairman on person with other members of the committee.

In 2012 special cooperation agreement was made among associations in the area of road, building and underground construction about mutual coordination. Another negotiation of the committee took place on 9 October, 2012 in Váhostav SK in Žilina.

The STA committee organized excursion to Prague to see the construction of the road tunnel Blanka, Trója Bridge and Metro supported by Metrostav. It was executed on 23 - 24 October, 2012 with the participation of 40 STA members including students from Košice and Bratislava universities.

At the end of 2012 the committee started to prepare the conference "UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTIONS Praha 2013". These preparations are still being continued with the cooperation of the Czech Tunneling Association.

We are going to support this event by the special articles in the magazine Tunnel.

On 16 January, 2013 there was the committee meeting aimed to the plan of activities for the year 2013. The main task for the next year is to support our university students and to interconnect theory of their studies with real state and practice on our building sites as well as on the projecting of tunnels. But to achieve this depends also on the reality within the public procurement and beginning of new building and construction projects in Slovakia.

Unfortunately last year most of the Slovak building companies had to lay off their employees in large numbers. Some of these companies have finished definitely; some of them have been in debts and have serious problems to remain in the market.

The preferred companies which were traditionally building roads and tunnels on the basis of government procurement in the past, now have got their specialized

machines and equipment conserved, specialists who were educated for company funds have been gradually laid off as well as some company estates are not used enough (half empty buildings) at the moment.