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2015 ITA Tunnelling Awards

ITA-AITES to celebrate outstanding achievements

The International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA-AITES) is pleased to announce the first solely ITA-AITES organized awards initiative to identify and celebrate outstanding achievement in tunnelling and underground space development and to promote international recognition of the industry's remarkable contributions to engineering and to society.

"On every continent we are witnessing extraordinary demand for underground infrastructure and the scale and scope of many of the projects have equal stature with other iconic landmark structures," said ITA President Søren Degn Eskesen. "It is time to raise the awareness of the vital work in which our industry is engaged and the challenges faced and overcome in the development of underground space. The achievements and benefits delivered to society absolutely deserve recognition."

The ITA Tunnelling Awards will shine a spotlight on the individuals, companies, and owners behind the very best projects and innovations, which serve to improve the daily lives of ordinary people and the efforts that are shaping the resilient and sustainable cities of the future. As a recognized NGO (non-governmental organization) of the United Nations, ITA-AITES is recognized globally through its work on several programs with UNHabitat and the UNISDR Office for the Disaster Risk Reduction.

Entries from every corner of the world are welcome and in the following 9 categories.

- Outstanding Project of the Year - up to €50 million
- Tunnelling Project of the Year - between €50 million and €500 million
- Major Project of the Year – more than €500 million
- Renovation/Upgrading project of the Year
- Technical Innovation of the Year
- Environmental Initiative of the Year
- Safety Initiative of the Year
- Innovative Use of Underground Space
- Young Tunneller of the Year

Submissions are to be received by **Friday August 14, 2015** through a dedicated website, which will be available on April 10, 2015.

A panel of eminent experts from the industry will judge through a two-step process from initial submissions to the top three finalists of each category. Presentations by the shortlisted finalists during the sessions of a day-long technical conference will provide further insight into the distinguishing features of each of the entries. The winners will be announced at the evening banquet.



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The **2015 ITA Awards Conference and Banquet** will be held on **Thursday, November 19**, at the Hagerbach Underground Conference and Exhibition Gallery in Switzerland. This facility is a fascinating underground world comprising numerous tunnels and caverns used for conferences and creative events as well as underground testing. The underground environment will provide a fitting venue for the exploration and celebration of underground endeavours.



“The ITA is excited and honoured to promote the very best the international tunnelling industry has to offer through this new award initiative and invites all Member Nations, partner organisations and those involved in the world wide underground construction to take part in this recognition of excellence” said Eric Leca, Chairman of the ITA-AITES Awards Committee.

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