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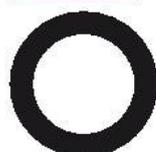
ITA Tunnelling Awards: already 30 candidacies received



As part of its strategy to further enhance tunnelling and underground space awareness on an international level, the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association officially launched its own dedicated Tunnelling Awards program on March 2015. Through these awards ITA aims at identifying outstanding achievements in the field of tunnelling and underground space use, and provide international recognition to these remarkable contributions. Since the registration opening on April 10th, more than **thirty candidates have applied**.

A short-list of pre-selected projects performed between January 1st 2014 and February 2015 will be officially presented in September 2015. The preselected candidates will ensure a presentation of their projects **on November 19th, 2015**, date of the Prize Awards Ceremony, during a one-day conference on the **Hagerbach underground test facility** in **Switzerland**. The winners will be announced during a banquet the same evening.

18 judges, experts in the tunnelling industry, will form the jury : Soren Degn Eskesen, Chairman of the Board and ITA's President (Denmark), Han Admiraal, ITACUS' chair (Netherlands), Andre Assis, ITA's past president (Brazil), Zaw Zaw Aye, ITA expert (Thailand), Mikael Belenkiy, ITA expert (Russian Federation), Tarcisio Celestino, ITA's vice-president (Brazil), Heinz Ehrbar, ITA WG 19 animateur (Switzerland), Amanda Elioff, ITA's vice-president, Simon Knight



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(Australia), Martin Knights, ITA's past president (United Kingdom), Tom Melbye, ITA Expert (Finland), Harvey Parker, ITA past president (United States of America), Dominique Perrault (France), Andreas Tauschinger (Qatar), Shani Wallis (United Kingdom), Jenny Yan, ITA ExCo Member (China), and Chung-Sik Yoo, ITA WG 2 Animateur (South Korea).

The 9 categories of the ITA Tunnelling Awards:

- **Outstanding Tunnelling Project of the Year - up to €50m**
- **Tunnelling Project of the Year - between €50m and €500m**
- **Major Tunnelling Project of the Year - over €500m**
- **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**

Candidacies are opened online until August 14th!

To apply, click on the following link:

<https://awards.ita-aites.org/>

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About the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association:

The International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association (ITA) is a non-profit and non-governmental international organization, which aims at promoting the use of underground space as a solution to sustainable development. Founded in 1974 and operating out of Lausanne, Switzerland, ITA currently associates 73 Member Nations, 300 affiliated members, 17 Prime Sponsors and 60 supporters.



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