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## **The ITA Tunnelling Awards 2016: Second annual international competition to celebrate achievements in tunnelling and underground construction invites nominations**

***Two days Conference in Singapore on November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
including the Awards Conference and Banquet***

**A**fter a successful launch in 2015 (110 nominations, 11 awards for projects and personalities), the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association is launching the second program for the ITA Tunnelling Awards. This event will take place in Singapore on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2016. ITA is now inviting nominations to this prestigious competition.

Profiling particularly outstanding achievements in underground infrastructure across the world through this competition, ITA intends to identify and support a wide and diverse range of tunnelling projects, from huge-scale and large-budget infrastructure projects to more specific ground-breaking technical innovations.

Entries are under nine categories, namely:

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

Entries can be submitted until **30 May 2016**. The submission requirements and selection process are stated in the ITA Tunnelling Awards website (<https://awards.ita-aites.org/>). The finalists will be announced by mid-July 2016.



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### *What's new in 2016? An expanded format for the Awards Event:*

For the 2016 edition of the ITA Tunnelling Awards event which is supported by the Tunnelling and Underground Construction Society, Singapore, and to be held in Singapore, there will be two important days:

- On November 10<sup>th</sup>, a **one-day Technical Conference with 8 high-profile keynote lectures.**
- On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the **one-day Awards Conference and Banquet Dinner**, during which the awards will be presented.

### *Technical Conference on November 10<sup>th</sup>:*

At present there are a number of tunnelling projects underway in the island state of Singapore for mass transit lines and utility services peaking with 50 TBMs engaged. Studies and detailed designs are also in progress for further transit lines, deep sewers as well as tunnels to support the expansion of Changi Airport. The one-day Conference will provide an opportunity to share knowledge and experiences gained locally by four keynote lectures together with another four keynote lectures from overseas.

#### ***An Award trophy embodying a brilliant and famous engineer:***

Isambard Kingdom Brunel (9 April 1806 – 15 September 1859) was a British Mechanical and Civil Engineer considered “one of the most ingenious and prolific figures in engineering history”. With his French father (Marc Brunel), they designed and built the Thames Tunnel in London England, which was the first tunnel to be excavated with a Tunnelling Shield starting in 1825.



### *ITA Tunnelling Awards Conference and Banquet Dinner on November 11<sup>th</sup>:*

On this day, finalists will present their achievements, and describe the unique and innovative features that convinced the judges to select their projects. A broad array of the most impressive tunnelling works, as well as innovations and excellence in engineering, safety, environmental initiatives and use of underground space, from around the world will be presented. This conference will be a unique opportunity to discover, learn and share the outstanding projects and the recent state-of-the art practices. The event will also be a day for networking, and an opportunity for global and local companies to present their services and technologies as part of our dedicated sponsoring program. A banquet dinner will close the event during which the winners will be announced and the awards presented.



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**For further details regarding nominations for the ITA Awards, the associated Conferences and Sponsorship Opportunities, please click on the following link:**

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

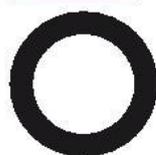
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***About the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association:***

*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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