



Press release

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## World Tunnel Congress 2024 in Shenzhen: ITA-AITES and the China Civil Engineering Society are calling for abstracts

The 2024 World Tunnel Congress (WTC2024), the world's major tunnel and underground engineering industry congress, will be held in Shenzhen, China from 19 to 25, April, 2024 with the theme: *Tunnelling for a Better Life*. Once again, ITA-AITES and the China Civil Engineering Society are calling for abstracts.

### Call for Abstracts

Participants are cordially invited to submit abstracts with a maximum length of 300 words before **31 May 2023** relating to the topics of WTC2024, via the online submission system: <https://conference-service.com/wtc2024>

The abstracts will be peer-reviewed anonymously by the Technical Committee and decisions will be notified to the authors before 1 July 2023. Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit a full paper (deadline: 30 September 2023).

The official language of WTC2024 is English. Abstracts and papers need to be written in English and oral presentations will also be in English only. All accepted papers will be published in the Proceedings and will be presented either orally or as posters after the registration of the author.

### Tunnel's topics of WTC 2024

Participants are invited to choose one of the topics for their papers.

- Planning
- Survey
- Design
- Ground Stability
- Support and Lining
- Conventional Tunnelling
- Mechanized Tunnelling (TBM, shield)
- Waterproofing and Drainage
- Geological Prediction and Geophysical Prospecting
- Instrumentation and Monitoring/Testing and Inspection
- Ventilation and Aerodynamics
- Maintenance and Repair
- Operational Safety
- Tunnel Renovation and Upgrading
- Occupational Health and Safety
- New Materials
- Digital and Information Technology
- Immersed/Floating Tunnels
- Shafts
- Underground Caverns/Underground Space Use
- Contractual Practices and Risk Management

## Key Dates

- 31 May 2023: **Abstract submission deadline**
- 01 July 2023: **Abstract notification of acceptance**
- 30 September 2023: **Full paper submission deadline**
- 30 November 2023: **Full paper notification of acceptance**
- 15 December 2023: **Full paper revision deadline**
- 31 December 2023: **Final paper notification of acceptance**
- 15 January 2024: **Authors registration deadline**

## Instructions for Authors

- Abstract submission for WTC 2024 is only possible via the online submission system (<https://conference-service.com/wtc2024>). Abstracts submitted via e-mail, fax or other means of communication will not be accepted.
- Abstract Submission Deadline ended on **31 May 2023**.
- The person who submits the abstract will be the main contact and must create an account to submit abstracts in the submission system.
- Please keep the email and password used to create the account for future reference and do not create multiple accounts.
- To submit your abstract please fill in all the required fields in the online submission form of the system. It is not required to upload an MS Word or PDF document file abstract.
- Abstract submissions are limited to text only (maximum number of words: 300). The online submission form will accept only text in the abstract field. No graphics, attachments or addenda will be considered.
- An abstract can be submitted for presentation at the WTC 2024 as Oral or Poster presentation. However, the Technical Committee will decide about the type of presentation of each abstract contribution. This decision will be notified to the author.
- The author must assign the abstract to one of the topics of the WTC 2024. The chosen topic by the author may be modified as a result of the reviewers suggestion.

- In order to be published in the proceedings and presented either orally or as posters, registration is required.
- All abstracts will be reviewed by the Technical Committee. The authors will be notified about the result of the review before 1 July 2023.

If you need any assistance or have a query about online submission, you can contact us through the e-mail: [wtc2024@tunnelcenter.cn](mailto:wtc2024@tunnelcenter.cn)

## Website online

The congress will focus on the latest trends and development in tunnelling and underground engineering, look to the new era of low-carbon, environmentally friendly, and intelligent technologies, and provide a superior platform for knowledge-sharing and networking.

The official website for the WTC 2024 is now available with access to abstract submissions, and news...

Please find more information on the website: <https://www.wtc2024.cn/index.html>

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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 that aims to promote underground space's use as a solution to sustainable development. Founded in 1974 and operating out of Geneva, Switzerland, ITA currently associates with 78 Member Nations, 300 affiliated members, 14 Prime Sponsors and 60 supporters.

### About the China Civil Engineering Society:

[China Civil Engineering Society](#) (CCES) is an academic society for civil engineering scientists and technicians nationwide, which is a part of China Association of Science and Technology. Founded in 1912, it is one of the earliest engineering academic societies established in China, of which the predecessor is the Chinese Institute of Engineers founded by Mr. Zhan Tianyou, a major civil engineer in modern China. The Society has actively carried out academic activities, making positive contributions to the development of civil engineering in China and the improvement of science and technology in the field of civil engineering.

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