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1. Message from the Chairman



Dear friends,

Some four months back, in December 2013, the last ITA COSUF newsletter was sent out to our members. Since then not much of the activities of ITA COSUF were visible from the outside: we had a Steering Board meeting in January to prepare the organisation of the 3rd TSO Forum and the next workshop, which will take place in Berlin in a few weeks (5 June 2014). You will find more information in this newsletter or on the website cosuf.ita-aites.org. As part of this workshop also the annual General Assembly will take place to which I'd like to invite you too.

Like other spring workshops of ITA COSUF the Activity Groups will also meet on this occasion. The afternoon of 4 June 2014 is dedicated to the work within the AG – your AG leader should have already sent you the program for these meetings. If you are not yet active within one of the AG of ITA COSUF you may see this opportunity to attend also one of the meetings of the AG to get an insight view of their activities. So flying out to Berlin for these two days will get you energized on ITA COSUF activities on all levels and we are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

Besides the preparation of the Workshop in Berlin, ITA COSUF also endorsed ISTSS 2014 which was another successful event held in March in Marseille.

For the time being we are looking forward to the Workshop in Berlin and hope to seeing you all there.

Yours,

Roland Leucker - ITA COSUF Chairman

2. Report of the 3rd European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers in Luxembourg (26-28 March 2014)

Tunnel safety experts from 16 European countries met in Luxembourg on 27 and 28 March, seeking to make road tunnels safer in Europe. Under EU legislation Member States are required to appoint a tunnel safety officer for tunnels covered by the Directive. These officers are in charge of coordinating preventive and safeguarding measures to ensure the safety of tunnel users and the personnel operating and maintaining them. More than forty safety officers took part in the third European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers to address



key priorities, to learn from one another and to compare technical details on safety inspections. The officers also visited tunnels under construction in Luxembourg.

The forum was organised by the European Commission, ITA COSUF and the World Road Association (PIARC). The first forum was held in Lyon in 2009 and the second one in Brussels in 2014.

For more information about the forum, visit (cosuf.ita-aites.org). Also the presentations are downloadable.



3. Next General Assembly and ITA COSUF, Workshop Berlin, 5 June 2014



This workshop will be hosted in Hotel Sylter Hof in Berlin and the theme is *Balancing Operational Needs and Safety Research Developments*. New road tunnel systems may have a large impact for tunnel operation. The workshop will highlight not only the benefit of new developments but also the downside for the tunnel safety management. However, the adaption of the tunnel operators may not be able to follow the speed of technological changes and a need for decision support systems is clear. The implementation of new safety research developments and interface challenges is a very interesting subject to address.

Please register as soon as possible!

The General Assembly of ITA COSUF is integrated in the Workshop. Registration is possible by downloading the [registration form](#).

On 4 June 2014 Activity Group Meetings will be held in the afternoon.



4. Report of ISTSS 2014 endorsed by ITA COSUF



The 6th International Symposium on Tunnel Safety and Security (ISTSS) was held in Marseille, France, 12-14th in March 2014. The symposium provided an overview of emerging research and regulatory actions coupled to state-of-the-art knowledge in the field of safety and security in undergrounds structures. For this reason ITA COSUF decided to endorse this event and become an honorary sponsor. The symposium attracted over 225 delegates from all parts of the world. Almost 60 papers were presented and many contributions were dedicated to active fire protection, which has become a major field of interest. Other topics that attracted may papers were risk and engineering analysis. A

poster session was present with more papers to canvas other interesting emerging research as well as an exhibit to allow producers to present their particular solutions. Proceedings of the seminar are for sale via <http://www.istss.se>.

5. Activity Group Meetings in Berlin 4 June 2014

The following Activity Groups are in the air:

- AG1 Interaction with European and international initiatives (Ben van den Horn)
- AG2 Regulations and best practises (Peter Reinke, Stig Ravn)
- AG3 Research and new findings (Götz Vollmann)
- AG4 European Tunnel Safety Officers (Johan Bosch)

Activity Group Meetings will be held of 4 June 2014 (14:30 – 18:00) at the conference venue Hotel Sylter Hof. If you are interested to attend please contact one of the Activity Group Leaders.

6. Future ITA COSUF events

ITA COSUF workshops and activity group meetings

Fall 2014

ITA COSUF Workshop possibly in the UK or Denmark

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