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1. Message from the Chairman

Dear members of ITA COSUF,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer breaks after the last COSUF Newsletter that was issued in July. It is a pleasure to send you a 2nd ITA COSUF Newsletter in 2009. In this Newsletter you will read about our preparations for the next ITA COSUF Internal Workshop on Safety Challenges followed by the Activity Group Meetings, in Lyon on 5 and 6 November. We expect that this combination will make it easier for our members to participate.

The first COSUF internal workshop we organized last September in Prague was quite attractive in the way it was held and we would like to stick to that formula: the workshop will offer you a forum to raise questions, show ideas, come up with topics to be discussed, etc. This needs only little preparation and we invite speakers to respond to the call for expression of interest which was put together by AG1. We hope that this Workshop will be interesting and lively like previous COSUF workshops have been too. The fact that partly parallel to our COSUF workshop the First European Forum of Road Tunnel Officers will be held, adds interesting opportunities to meet and exchange views also with the participants of that event.

Meanwhile the participants of the COSUF Workshop held in May 2009 in Budapest on 'Operators and emergency services – an essential part of safety and security in underground facilities' received a CD with all presentations given in this workshop. This CD will be on sale in Lyon for others (see also the ITA COSUF website at www.cosuf.ita-aites.org).

On the ITA COSUF website also the General Assembly presentations were uploaded to the member section and are available to be read by all COSUF members.

Looking forward to seeing you in November in Lyon,

Felix Amberg



2. Meetings in November 2009

4 November 2009 afternoon and 5 November morning (Lyon city centre)

European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers

This forum is restricted to Safety Officers.

5 November 2009 afternoon (Lyon city centre)

ITA COSUF private workshop on 'Safety Challenges'

This workshop is intended and reserved for COSUF members. Additionally, the workshop will be open for Safety Officers attending the Forum.

Lunch on 5 November 2009 will be part of both the European Forum of Road Tunnel Safety Officers and the COSUF private workshop.

It will be an excellent opportunity for the two communities to meet.

6 November 2009 morning (CETU, Bron, in the suburbs of Lyon)

Meetings of the COSUF Activity Groups

3. ITA COSUF Internal Workshop on Safety Challenges

We would like to remind you on the next ITA COSUF Internal Workshop on Safety Challenges by delivering a presentation. As stated in the Call for Expressions of Interest, the theme offers you to show your personal experience in the applications of new operational safety provisions in underground space use, or in improved safety management procedures to enhance operational safety. It also allows you to show your personal doubt, questions or the short-comings of safety concepts followed by your ideas to improve operational safety. The theme of this informal workshop enables COSUF speakers to present views, questions opinions and knowledge. It will give COSUF members the opportunity to participate in discussions on a provocative subject. It is still possible to show your interest in presenting a paper, please contact Ben van den Horn (ben.vandenhorn@arcadis.nl) by email, preferably before September the 30th and check www.cosuf.ita-aites.org for all relevant information. We strongly ask you to support the initiative of COSUF and to participate in this COSUF Workshop offering a half day programme including a presentation of the conclusions of the European Forum of Road Tunnel Officers held on the previous afternoon and morning. The common lunch and the workshop will also be opportunities to meet the safety officers who will attend the Forum. The workshop will be followed by the Activity Group Meetings on Friday November the 6th.

3. LinkedIn (Pilot on a Social Network Group initiated by ITA COSUF)

In the General Assembly in Budapest the suggestion of a social networking site for networking on operational safety of underground facilities was put forward. The purpose of such a site is to allow registered persons (members and non members of ITA COSUF) to join a COSUF Group on



Operational Safety managed by Activity Group 1. Each registered person can invite anyone to become a connection and join a COSUF Group. This COSUF Group on Operational Safety can be used in a number of ways: to be notified about relevant symposia and events on operational safety. Every COSUF Group member can drop a safety issue or question, and maybe get a contact person for an answer. It is objected to start discussions on an operational safety topic. If you like this idea please subscribe to the COSUF Group: www.Linkedin.com. We will evaluate this pilot after a year. If you have any questions, or experience and suggestions to make this a successful Pilot please send an email to Ben van den Horn. (ben.vandenhorn@arcadis.nl).