



ITAym - International Tunnelling Association young members

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After an extraordinary year, we all started into 2021...Nobody knows how this one will develop but nevertheless the ITAym Steering Committee wishes you all a great year and we are sure, that we will all make the best out of it !

Enjoy our first newsletter 2021 and remember:

Do you have any news from your ym-activities to share ? Contact us: itaym@ita-aites.org

Review of World Tunnel Day 2020

Successful digital celebration of World Tunnel Day 2020 !

On 4th of December 2020 a almost 24 hour virtual celebration of St. Barbaras Day / World Tunnel Day took place. We spent a great day with amazing contributions of 29 national ym-groups !

We started in Downunder (New Zealand, Australia) at 00:00 GMT, headed on to Asia (Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea) India and Africa (Kenya), visited Europe (Poland, Greece, Italy, Czechia, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, France, UK, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Spain, Portugal), crossed the Atlantic to North America (Canada, USA, Mexico) and ended up in South America (Brasil, Chile, Colombia).

The meeting had over 3'000 clicks worldwide and the different sessions were attended by up to 170 participants.

Many thanks to everybody of the organization committee and to all the young members worldwide who shared their experience and time !

You missed the digital celebration ? No worries, the sessions with presentations from the ym-groups have been recorded and are soon available on our YouTube Channel ([ITA Young Members Group](#)).

We are looking forward to the next celebration...

#WorldTunnelDay #StBarbarasDay #ilovetunnels #ITAym

ITA Awards 2020 - Young Professional of the Year

Congratulations to Josh Barry, the winner of the ITA Award Young Professional of the Year 2020 !

Josh won the race between the 5 finalists:



Sandeep Singh Nirmal (India), Laurence Delplace (Belgium), Dimitrios Iitsas (Greece), Qinfang Liu (China) and Josh Barry (Australia).
Take a look at the short video presentations of the five candidates on our [YouTube Channel](#).

ITACET - 2021 lunchtime series

From February 2021 the ITACET Foundation will be starting a new project – a monthly online [lunchtime lecture series](#) co-organised with the ITA-CET Committee and ITA! The aim is to keep all those in the field abreast of new ideas and technologies, and to provide training on important subjects. The series will bring together top professionals from the ITA's Working Groups and Committees, as well as industry representatives and project owners.

- Short online lectures (ca. 1 hour), accessible to all.
- Every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 13:00 CET time, starting Tuesday 9th February.
- The first three sessions will be free! After this, a small token amount will be charged.
- Registration will be required each month. Link will be on the ITACET Foundation website, on the '[Forthcoming sessions' page](#) and also on the ITACET Foundation LinkedIn page and posts.

The first session will be on Tuesday 9th February on the **subject of new blasting technologies**. The session will last approximately 1 hour and is composed of a presentation by an ITA lecturer, case studies and a dedicated Q&A session! Following on from this on Tuesday 9th March and Tuesday 13th April will be lectures devoted to **Construction contracts** and **Health & Safety** respectively.

The ITACET Foundation looks forward to seeing you online in February! And if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out to the secretariat: secretariat@itacet.org.



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