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## ITAYM Newsletter - Summer 2016

Welcome to the first e-newsletter of the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association's Young Members group (ITAYM)! Our hope is that this regular newsletter will enable us to keep you better informed of our activities throughout the year and encourage you to take part in the group's endeavours, including our annual magazine 'Breakthrough'.

Some time has now passed since the 2016 World Tunnel Congress (WTC) in San Francisco, this April 22-28, but it was great to meet so many of you at the conference and equally good to hear about the interest and initiatives being undertaken by young member networks around the globe.

## Successful WTC 2016 in San Francisco

**The ITAYM held a number of successful events during WTC 2016, which gives us confidence in the progress of the young members initiative:**

On the evening of Monday, April 25, the UCA of SME Young Members and the ITAYM held a highly successful joint networking event in downtown San Francisco that attracted more than 120 people. This really successful meet and greet provided a great platform for young professionals attending the conference to network and make new contacts.

On the morning of Wednesday, April 27, the ITAYM held its second annual ITAYM General Meeting. More than 40 people attended the event, with over 20 countries represented.

- The meeting began with presentations by members of the ITAYM Steering Board on items including aims, objectives, budget, promotion and future plans.
- There was a brainstorming session with the attendees to identify what they want from the ITAYM group and what



expectations they have. Based on the great ideas presented, the ITAYM Steering Board determined tasks for the coming year.

- We held our second election for three new members of the Steering Board, with representatives from UK (Joanne Sui), Italy (Giuseppe Maria Gaspari) and Slovenia (Doris Frank) being elected.
- The General Meeting included informative short presentations from some of the YM Member Nations in attendance.
- There was a short introduction to some of the ITA's Working Groups (WGs), ITACET (the ITA's Committee for Education &

Training) and a speech from ITA's Executive Committee (ITA-Exco).

- The Chair and Vice-Chair roles on the ITAYM Steering Board were formally passed on to Norway (Sindre Log) and Denmark (Lasse Vester) respectively.
- An Immediate Past-Chair position was created, for a period of 1 year, formally taken over by Australia (Jurij Karlovsek).

Representatives of the ITAYM attended the ITA's General Assembly and presented the activities of the group to the Member Nation representatives.

## Future plans

**As presented in the General Meeting, and as a result of the brainstorming session, the focus of ITAYM will shift slightly from an internal focus on being established and integrated into the ITA, to a more external focus.**

**This includes:**

- Increased activity in social media
- The introduction of a regular 'Breakthrough Newsletter' several times per year
- Co-host webinars and regional gatherings with YM Member Nations
- Further cooperation with other ITA Committees and Working Groups

Most recently, ITAYM Chair and Vice-Chair, Sindre Log and Lasse Vester, met with the ITA Exco. In addition to presenting ITAYM and how we work, another brainstorming session took place with the

Exco to identify expectations the ITA has for the ITAYM. The main expectations include:

- Providing a platform for young members to be involved
- Introducing new ideas and innovations in ITA
- Introducing new ways of thinking and working
- Providing new blood for ITA activities
- Supporting Exco in Activities
- Help improve the image of ITA

The Steering Committee is currently working on ways to integrate these suggestions and expectations into the activities of ITAYM group.

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## Breakthrough 2016 and media

**We hope that everyone at the WTC conference got to take home a copy of the 2016 edition of Breakthrough magazine. However, for those of you who were unable to attend, a digital version of the magazine can be found below:**



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2016 Edition

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**The 2017 edition of Breakthrough will have a focus on technology and new industry developments.**

If you would like to contribute editorial to this edition, or would like to be considered for any of our regular features, such as the "Week In My Life" or "Five from 5", please get in touch with editor Amanda Foley, at [amanda@tunnellingjournal.com](mailto:amanda@tunnellingjournal.com) or ITAYM Steering Board member Doris Frank, at [Doris.Frank@elea.si](mailto:Doris.Frank@elea.si).

The ITAYM has also started to improve its activity on LinkedIn and Twitter. Please make sure to add us!



## Until next time

The ITAYM is here for young tunnelling professionals. Please let us know if you have any ideas for tasks we should perform or additional expectations. We encourage anything that you would like to contribute and would like to hear any other things on your mind regarding the ITAYM.

Thanks again for all of your interest and we look forward to working with you all.



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From Left to right; Jurij Karlovsek, Joanne Sui, Nichole Boulton, Sindre Log, Lasse Vester, Doris Frank, Giuseppe Maria Gaspari (Senthil Nath was not present when picture were taken)



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