



16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Subject: ITA training opportunities in 2021

Dear ITA Member Nation representatives,

The ITA has identified education and training as one of the most important challenges and needs of the association. ITA's Committee for Education and Training (ITA-CET) aims to coordinate and develop education and training actions for Member Nations and the industry as a whole. To achieve these aims, the Committee works in close collaboration with the ITACET Foundation which handles the funding and organisational aspects of training and education actions.

In light of the ongoing COVID crisis, which prevents the organisation of physical gatherings, the ITA-CET Committee and ITACET Foundation have adapted their training offer and developed a series of online lunchtime lectures. The aim is to provide members of the tunnelling community with information on current issues and cutting edge technologies and methods within the underground space industry.

As mentioned in our December 2020 newsletter, these lectures are open to a wide public and will take place live, on the second Tuesday of every month from 13:00 hours to 14:00 hours Paris time. Each event will include key lectures, followed by a question and answer session.

Lecturers will be top professionals in the tunnelling and underground space community, notably from the ITA's Working Groups and Committees. Industry representatives and project owners will be asked to intervene on a regular basis, in order to give different viewpoints.

After the first two successful events which took place on 9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March, the ITA-CET Committee and ITACET Foundation are pleased to announce the provisional schedule and topics for the next lectures over the coming months:

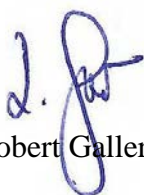
| Date                       | Topic                        |
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| 13 <sup>th</sup> April     | Health & Safety              |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> May       | Waterproofing                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June       | Automation in Tunnelling     |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July      | Into the future              |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> August    | Life Cycle Management        |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> September | Digitalization in Tunnelling |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October   | Safety in Operation          |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> November   | Hydro Power                  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Mechanized Tunnelling        |

Member Nations are invited to inform their local tunnelling communities of these training opportunities. More details on the next sessions, including how to register, can be found on the ITACET Foundation website: [www.itacet.org](http://www.itacet.org)

In addition to these short lectures, the ITA-CET Committee and ITACET Foundation remain available to organise training events on other specific topics at the request of and for ITA Member Nations. The format, time and duration of these events could be adapted to meet local needs. Representative bodies of Member Nations are invited to contact either the ITA-CET Committee secretariat ([ita-cet.secretariat@developpement-durable.gouv.fr](mailto:ita-cet.secretariat@developpement-durable.gouv.fr)) or the ITACET Foundation secretariat ([secretariat@itacet.org](mailto:secretariat@itacet.org)) to discuss their training needs and requirements in 2021.

We look forward to hearing from you

Best regards



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