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## MESSAGE FROM JINXIU (JENNY) YAN, ITA PRESIDENT

*Dear ITA Colleagues,*

*No doubt, we are all delighted to see the return of physical conferences after a suspension due to the pandemic. Several events have recently been organized, including the AFTES congress, the 150th anniversary of the Frejus tunnel, the TAC 2020-One Toronto conference, etc. Our colleagues are very excited to meet again in person, and exchange ideas face to face. Even though we frequently meet online, face to face meetings are different and necessary. However, as you can see, online conferences and hybrid conferences continue to be a valuable resource.*

*ITA organized two important online events in September and October: One was a side event of the second UN sustainable transport conference (GSTC2) on October 13, titled World Forum on Underground Urban Transportation, which has received very positive feedback from all participants. Moreover, I attended in person the GSTC2 conference in Beijing and am convinced that urban underground transportation, especially metro systems, provides environmentally friendly solutions to cities. Metro systems have become the backbone of urban transport in many big cities due to their large transport capacity, greater speed, punctuality and safety. Of course, the construction methods used during these projects should likewise be environmentally friendly. Prior to this, ITA Tunnelling Week was held from September 20 to 24. There were ten sessions during the week, and 50 presentations from more than 25 countries. A new feature of this meeting was a panel discussion at the end of each session to answer questions from the floor. During the closing ceremony, the finalists of the ITA Awards 2021 were announced.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you during the ITA Awards online event this November.*

*Yours sincerely*

**Jinxiu (Jenny) Yan**  
*President of ITA 2019-2022*

[Tunnelling Week: recorded sessions](#)

[2021 ITAtech publication: Services of machinery for mechanized tunnel excavation](#)



The International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association has organized the first ever Tunnelling Week from 20 to 24 September 2021! These 5 days of conferences and debates...

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The last ITAtech guideline N°12 on **services of machinery for mechanized tunnel excavation** is available! The report is to provide guidance for project owners, designers, TBM...

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## 2021 ITA publication: shafts - definitions & classifications



The 26th ITA report has just been published! The latest Working group (WG23 on Design and construction of shafts) that has been approved by the 2019 ITA General Assembly, has...

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## World Tunnel Congress 2024 in Shenzhen



China is the official host of the ITA-AITES World Tunnel Congress 2024 and 50th General Assembly. The General Assembly which took place on June 30th by video-conference, has...

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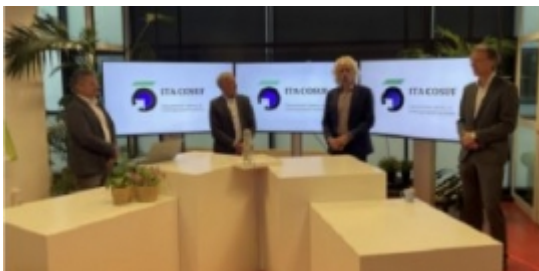
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MG is pleased to announce that the June 2021 edition of its newsletter...

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## CRCHI Urja becomes the first TBM to complete tunnelling in Phase-2 of Bangalore Metro

The lockdown period has limited the anticipated activities during the last year and only one virtual event was organised since November...

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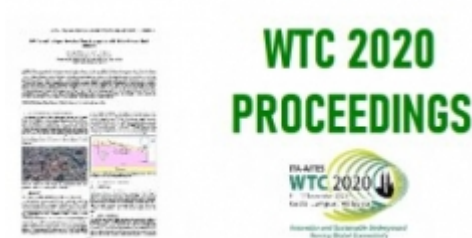
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