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MESSAGE FROM JINXIU (JENNY) YAN, ITA PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

First of all, I wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!
Even though 2021 was another challenging year, ITA was able to cope with the difficulties and moved forward steadily with strong support from all of you.

In 2021, our most notable work involved supporting the UN with its Sustainable Development Goals. We organized a side event of the second UN sustainable transport conference (GSTC2W), titled "Sustainable Urban Underground Transportation", which received very positive feedback from the audience and the UN. Moreover, we have worked closely with AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank), and three formal meetings and frequent communication have been held to promote the application of new tunnelling technologies for sustainable infrastructure. We are now proposing a long-term training course program for AIIB, which will undoubtedly contribute to better use of tunnelling and underground technology worldwide.

Even though WTC2021 was not able to be held due to the covid-19 pandemic, we managed to successfully organize the first "ITA Tunnelling week" and the ITA awards 2021 event. In addition to the usual program, panel discussions were organized to explore some interesting details of the projects or technologies of the finalists. Together with the awards event, ITAym organized a 24-hour global meet-up celebrating World Tunnel Day, which proved very creative and attracted many participants of both young and senior engineers worldwide.

Besides the above activities, we organized two General Assemblies (an additional one in February and the regular 47th one in September), a monthly lunchtime training series, monthly Exco meetings, an animateurs/chairs meeting, several meetings with Primary Sponsors as well as many Task Force meetings.

I would like to thank you all for your hard work and ongoing support of ITA.

We hope to see the back of the Covid-19 pandemic soon and look forward to meeting you all at WTC2022 Copenhagen and having a warm ITA family reunion there!

Yours sincerely

Jinxiu (Jenny) Yan
President of ITA 2019-2022



[Tunnelling the world 2021 Video](#)



On the occasion of the unveiling of the ITA Tunnelling Awards 2021 finalists which took place during the Tunnelling Week, ITA released a video...

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[Focus on 2021 ITA Tunnelling Awards](#)



Once again this year, the 7th edition of the ITA Tunnelling Awards has been transformed into a digital event to maintain the link with the Tunnelling family in these troubled...

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[World Tunnel Day 2021: 24hr online meet-up](#)



[2021 ITA publication: Strategy for Site Investigation of Tunnelling Projects in portuguese version](#)

A year has passed already and the ITAym steering committee is organising again a 24-hour online marathon to celebrate World Tunnel Day on 3rd of December 2021. You can be a tunneller, an engineer,...

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Lunchtime Lecture Serie #11



To start the new year, ITACET is organising the eleventh instalment of the Lunchtime Lecture series focused on Fires in tunnels - lessons learnt and structural design,...

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