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Dear Madam, dear Sir

ITA-COSUF – the Committee on Operational Safety of Underground Facilities of the International Tunnel and Underground Space Association - was officially established during the ITA General Assembly in Istanbul, May 2005. It is an international platform for operational safety and security of underground facilities.

The Committee's ambition is formulated in its mission statement: ITA COSUF is to become a 'Centre of Excellence for world-wide exchange of information and know how in regard to safety & security of underground facilities'. In following this mission statement ITA COSUF contributes and promotes tunnel safety by fostering innovation, raising awareness and supporting the development of regulations. The committee has 4 permanent Activities Groups (External Relations and Communication, Regulations and Best Practice, Research and New Findings, Road Tunnel Safety Officers' Forum) and initiates ad-hoc teams to address issues related to safety and to focus on international research programmes. ITA COSUF organizes also regular workshops and conferences on safety aspects in underground facilities. The last workshop was held in Frankfurt at 8. June 2010 on 'Risk Assessment – a state of the art approach to deal with Safety in Underground Facilities' and the next one will be at 19./20.October 2010 in either Amsterdam or Stockholm.

ITA-COSUF invites all parties world-wide interested in the field of operational safety and security of tunnels and other underground facilities to become member and to co-operate within ITA-COSUF. A numerous and wide-ranging membership will certainly help to improve and standardise the safety and security level in traffic tunnels and all other underground facilities. More information about the ITA-COSUF may be found on the flyers and on the website (<http://cosuf.ita-aites.org/>) or please get in touch with the chairman.

It would be great to welcome you as a new member of ITA-COSUF as a representative of your company.

Best regards

Felix Amberg, Chairman of ITA-COSUF

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