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ITA COSUF Newsletter

The most important event of ITA COSUF of the last month was certainly the **Workshop on Safety and Security of Railway and Metro Tunnels, jointly held with the General Assembly in Graz on 23.April 2008.**

The workshop was very well attended with more than 80 participants, saw interesting presentations and above all, very lively discussions. ITA COSUF could leave a reference for a high quality workshop which is important for ITA COSUF. The chairman would like thanking again everybody who has contributed to that success. All presentations, together with some snapshots from the workshop, will be burnt on a CD which will be sent to the participants and which will be on sale too.

Following the workshop, the General Assembly of ITA COSUF was held. Major topics of the GA were the reports on activities from the chairman and the activity group leaders, the outlook into 2008, the elections of the steering board and the presentation of the balance sheet 2007 and the budget of 2008 (the financial situation of ITA COSUF looks by the way very well). The GA also approved the **mission of ITA COSUF** as it was presented during the GA: **ITA COSUF is to be developed into a Centre of Excellence for world-wide exchange of information and know-how regarding safety and security of underground facilities.**

The full content of the GA presentations will be up-loaded to the member section of the ITA COSUF website.

Earlier in April ITA COSUF organized jointly with the International Water Mist Association in Munich a conference on Active Fire Suppression Systems, which was attended also by some 120 participants and help again to spread the name of ITA COSUF.

The **next meeting** for members of ITA COSUF will be held **2. / 3. September 2008 in Prague** at the premises of SATRA S.A.. It will be a combined event, consisting of meetings of the activity groups and an ITA COSUF internal workshop on **Emerging**



Technologies for Safety and Security in Underground Facilities. Further information will be made available soon on the ITA COSUF website or through the activity group leaders – in any case the date should be blocked in the agendas!

This workshop will be another opportunity to sponsor ITA COSUF. We invite all companies to use it and to get more visibility through this sponsoring. Please get in touch with the chairman if you need further information on aspects of sponsoring COSUF or if you are interested in being the sponsor of this event.

Looking forward to seeing you in September in Prague

F. Amberg, COSUF Chairman