

ITA-CET Foundation - Press Release 25 September 2009

The ITA-CET Foundation was officially created in Lausanne at EPFL (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne) on Friday 25 September 2009.

The launching meeting gathered the following Founders:

- Abdullah AL-MOGBEL (Saudi Arabia)
- Brazilian Tunnelling Committee – CBT (Brazil)
- CUC - Stiftung Internationales Zentrum für Geotechnik und Untertagbau –(Switzerland)
- DAR AL-HANDASAH Consultants (Egypt)
- D2 CONSULT International GmbH (Austria)
- GEODATA (Italy)
- GEOTECHMIN (Bulgaria)
- HERRENKNECHT AG (Germany)
- ITA - International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association
- ITA AUSTRIA - Austrian National Committee of the ITA – (Austria)
- LEOBEN University (Austria)
- Ricky P. LOVAT (Canada)
- NV BEKAERT (Belgium)

Among the Founders, the following members constitute the inaugural Council of Foundation:

- Abdullah AL-MOGBEL (Saudi Arabia), President
- Piergiorgio GRASSO (Geodata, Italy), Vice-President
- Felix AMBERG (CUC, Switzerland), Secretary
- Martin HERRENKNECHT (Herrenknecht, Germany)
- Martin KNIGHTS (ITA, UK)
- Sherif WISSA AGAIBY (DAR AL-HANDASAH Consultants, Egypt)

The Council of Foundation held its first meeting and decided the following, among others:

- To approve to Statutes and By-Laws of the Foundation
- To nominate the members of the Executive Board as follows:
 - André ASSIS (Brazil), Chairman
 - Claude BERENGUIER (France), Executive Director
 - Daniele PEILA (Italy), Technical Director
 - Bettina MONNIER-GUGGER (Switzerland), Secretary
 - Joseph PUGNOT (Switzerland), Treasurer
- To nominate the members of the Committee of Surveyors as follows:
 - Koichi ONO (Japan)
 - Sebastiano PELIZZA (Italy)
 - Raymond STERLING (USA)
- To approve the budget and the programme of activities for the period July 2009 – June 2010.

Finally, the Executive Board presented to the Council the portfolio of education and training actions, including the contents of 6 short-courses and four more under preparation. All activities of the Foundation, from now on, will be available in web site:

www.foundation.ita-cet.org