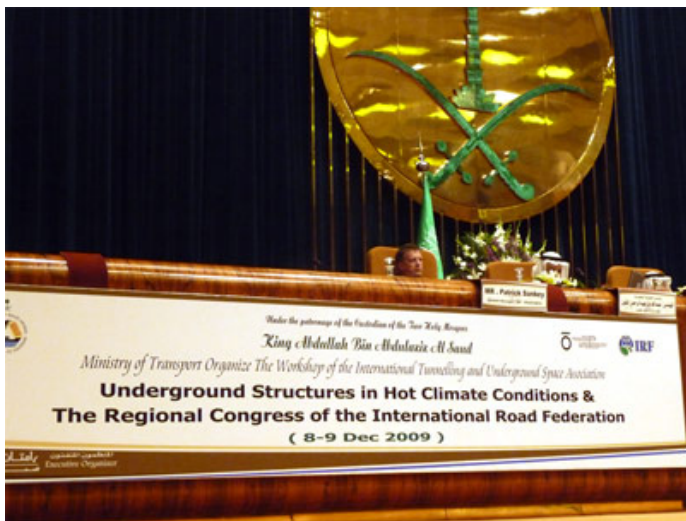


## Press release Riyadh

1. ITACET Foundation held its first Great Event in Riyadh from 6 – 9 December 2009.
2. 85 participants were registered at the Training Session organised by the Foundation on 6-7 December. The participants were coming not only from the Ministry of Transport but also from the Ministry of Interior and from the Ministry of Defence.
3. The programme of the Training Session allowed to many ITA Experts from all around the world to come and teach on the different aspects of tunnelling:
  - the Fundamentals of Tunnelling
  - Choice of the Construction Methods
  - Engineering and Design : Site Investigation, Structural Model, Calculation Design, Instrumentation, Ground Improvement, Risk Management and Contracts
  - Specific Aspects for Road Tunnel Construction, Operation, Health and Safety



4. 1 200 participants from Gulf and Arab countries were registered to the Workshop on Underground Structures in Hot Climate Conditions held on 8-9 December with the Regional Congress of the IRF and organized by the Saudi Ministry of Transport



5. ITA speakers delivered speeches on :
- why go underground for road construction
  - the importance of the design and related risks
  - safety during construction and operation
  - conventional methods for construction
  - mechanization of the excavation
  - risk management and contracts for construction