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# Croatia Tunneling Society promoted WTC15 on Tunnel Expo Turkey Fair, Istanbul, August 28-31, 2015

ITA Croatia had an opportunity to visit Turkeys first tunnel Expo that was held from 28.- 31.August.

Beeing there gave us the chance to be in touch with the upcoming developments in Turkey and get to know our future plans to Istanbul visitors interested in Tunnel constructions.



Nowadays, the number of newly-excavated tunnels in Turkey is among the highest in the world, and the latest project in the capital city Istanbul named Marmaray, was finished in 2009. It comprises an undersea rail tunnel under the Bosphorus strait, and the modernization of existing suburban railway lines along the Sea of Marmara from the European to the Asian side.

The increase of Istanbul's plans in tunneling field is a good introduction for the main focus of the Expo, based on the fast growing tunneling sector, which was the main theme of discussion from 36 invited speakers during 3 days

More than 2000 people were involved in these event, what include 155 Foreign and Turkish Companies.

The intention of Turkish organizer was to create an environment for discussing problems in areas like machine manufacturers, suppliers, chemical field, tunnel safety, high-quality concrete producers and other.





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ITA Croatia as the host of the next WTC in Dubrovnik and the president of society Dr. Davorin Kolić had a chance to promote the future significant event and gave two very interesting speeches which were, very well accepted.

Due to the number of visitors to exhibition area this was an ideal way to promote Croatia as country that have a need for a future development of underground structures. Therefore numerous Turkish experts and a certain number of Turkish companies showed their interest for being a part and to participate on WTC2015. The location and capacity of venue place, near to Turkey, traffic connection and friendly relation are just few of a reason why the number of Turkish participate that we aspect will be large.

The key mission of the promotion was to highlight the importance of underground space enhancement in the middle of South-East Europe. Modern methods and technology that are already used in Turkish industry, as same as their latest products will be more than welcome and recognizable to Croatian and worldwide visitors and companies on WTC.

Further information on the conference venue as well as information on special Tunnel Turkey Expo can be found on the web site <http://wtc15.com>.

Congress organizer has received a large number of abstracts till now and due to the strong interest in WTC2015 the deadline for the further abstract acceptance has been prolonged further until September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

We encourage everyone interested in presenting their paper to submit their abstracts using our web form online at: <http://wtc15.com/forms/call-for-paper>.

Registrations for the conference as well as hotel booking will be open from the mid of September.

We are inviting companies to join us and reserve exhibiting space on this meaningful tunnel world meeting where the beauty is unavoidable in the city of Dubrovnik!

