

Successful promotion of WTC15 on the 63rd Geomechanics Colloquium in Salzburg, 09th-10th October 2014.

The Austrian Society for Geomechanics (OeGG) organized the "Geomechanics Colloquium" in Salzburg. It developed into the meeting place for the European geotechnical community, constantly attracting more than 800 participants.

This year the session topics were about tunnel excavation material, full face versus sequential excavation, TBM-specific investigation/tests for ground characterization, maintenance and sustainability oriented design.

The biggest interest on the Colloquium for WTC15 was shown by Austrian and German companies. Many of them pre-booked their exhibition spaces, asked for more information about congress scientific and technical program. ITA Croatia team emphasized the highlights that there will be specific „SEE Sessions“ where it is expected that authors from the SEE region will present their problems and



solutions. The Open Session on Tuesday 26st May, will be dedicated to “Underground Space and Natural resources” with focus on Hydro. Salzburg was also an attractive place for students from different countries, sent by their professors and colleagues. Couple of them were from Croatian Mining and Civil Engineering faculty to whom we offered



student prices and many possibilities for their education of world tunnel meeting.

Participants shown interest for submitting their papers and lot of them share with our organizing team very interesting ideas which are related to the main topics that will be reviewed by WTC15 Scientific committee. Some of the WTC15 topics are Planning and Designing Tunnels and Underground Structures, Immersed and Floating Tunnelling, Intelligent Systems, Mechatronics and Robotics in Tunnelling. All other are visible on the WTC15 official web page www.wtc15.com. Keep in mind, the deadline for finalizing abstracts is near, November 1st.



On Thursday at the end of the day, OeGG organized for all the participants the “Kammerkonzert”, based on the Mozart’s famous compositions. Thereafter while enjoying traditional Austrian specialties and making new connections from construction industry.