News from the ITA General Assembly at WTC2025 in Stockholm

It was an important transition year for the ITA at its 51st General Assembly hosted at the WTC2025 in Stockholm by ITA Member Nation Sweden where a quorum of Member Nation representatives voted on significant developments.

ITA Presidents

Andrea Pigorini of Italy is elected ITA President 2025-2028 (see photos p2).
Arnold Dix remains on the Executive Council as Immediate Past President for the coming three years

ITA Vice Presidents

Three new Vice Presidents are elected to the Executive Council
Klaus Rieker of Germany, First Vice President
Sanja Zlatanic of USA, Vice President
Damian McGirr of United Kingdom, Vice President

New Executive Council Members

Five new Executive Council members were elected
Elena Chiriotti of France
Nobuharu Isago of Japan
Zhigou Zhang of China
Hamdi Aydin of Turkey
Johan Mignon of Belgium

New Executive Director

ITA Executive Director **Helen Roth** was in post for her first General Assembly and WTC in Stockholm

Member Nations

Papua New Guinea was agreed and welcomed as the 81st Member Nation of ITA

Awards and Fellows

Jinxiu Jenny Yan Past ITA President 2019-2022 is appointed as an Adviser to the ITA and Executive Council
Five leaders of the industry are appointed Fellows of ITA in recognition of their contributions
Ray Stirling, USA ; Rakesh Kumar Khali, India, Giuseppe Lunardi, Italy ; Kari Korpela, Finland ; Randall Essex, USA

World Tunnel Congresses

WTC 2028 In a tight contest, and by just two votes, **Singapore** is chosen to host **WTC2028**
WTC2026 is hosted next year in Montréal, **Canada**
WTC2027 to be hosted by Member Nation **Belgium** in Antwerp

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51st ITA General Assembly hosted at the World Tunnel Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, and ITA Executive Director Helen Roth

ITA President Andrea Pigorini of Italy (left) congratulated by now Past President Arnold Dix

ITA President Arnold Dix (second from left) welcomes the delegation and representatives of new Member Nation Papua New Guinea

Fellows of the ITA recognised for their contributions to the ITA and the tunnelling industry (from left): Ray Stirling, USA ; Rakesh Kumar Khali, India ; Giuseppe Lunardi, Italy ; Kari Korpela, Finland ; Randall Essex, USA

ITA Past President 2019-2022 Jenny Jinxiu Yan continues her association with ITA as appointed special Adviser

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