INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TUNNEL BORING MACHINES IN DIFFICULT GROUNDS (TBM DiGs)

18–20 November 2015, Singapore

INFORMATION UPDATE (2015.02.15)

KEYNOTE AND SCHEME PRESENTATIONS

The Conference is pleased to announce the following invited keynote and scheme presentations, with tentative/suggested topics:

- Karin BÄPPLER: New developments in TBM for changing grounds
- Thomas CAMUS: European research and development project on new technologies in tunnelling
- Tarcisio CELESTINO: TBM in variable ground with cases studies
- Lok HOME: Trend in new applications of TBMs
- Quansheng LIU / Qiuming GONG: Development of TBM technology in China
- Jamal ROSTAMI: TBM performance prediction models
- Nick SHIRLAW: Experiences with TBM in mixed grounds
- Markus THEWES: Use of conditioning for TBM in difficult grounds
- Jian ZHAO: An overview on TBM in difficult grounds, challenges and solutions

ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSIONS

Abstract submission deadline is extended to 15 March 2015. Prospective authors are invited to submit abstracts on various aspects of the conference topics, through the conference website. Deadline for full-length paper submission is 15 May 2015. Tunnelling and Underground Space Technology journal will prepare a special issue on TBM in Difficult Grounds with the selected papers from the conference.

SPONSORSHIP AND EXHIBITION

TBM manufacturers, material and equipment suppliers, engineering consultants, tunnelling contractors and R&D institutes are invited to sponsor the conference and/or to participate in the exhibition at the conference. Sponsorship and exhibition information are available the conference website. Interested exhibitors and sponsors are advised to contact the conference chair for further discussion.

SITE VISITS

There are a good number of TBMs tunnelling projects in Singapore. Technical visits will be organised to TBM sites during the conference. Further details will be given in the next update and on the conference website.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND VISA SUPPORT LETTERS

Conference registration are open at the conference website. For participant requiring a visa to Singapore, visa support letter will be provided by the conference organiser. Visa support letter will only be issued to the participant after registration with payment. As the visa application process takes time, please register early and give sufficient time for the visa process.

Please visit http://www.tbmdigs.org/ for more information!