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## **CELEBRATING THE BEST OF THE BEST!**

## A bumper year this year! More entries than ever, from more countries than ever!

It's the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ITA Tunnelling Awards this year and we are celebrating a record number of more than 100 Award entries across seven categories and from a record of more than 19 countries of the world.

Projects for road, rail, metro, hydro, water, and underground space, join entries for technical advancements, engineering initiatives, and the young engineers who are the future of the industry, to celebrate the highest of achievements for 2024.

Experienced review by the Panel of 20 Award Judges will identify a short list of three finalists per category and from these, a second round of scoring will arrive at an overall winner for each category. These will be announced at a gala event in November. Not even the Judges know the winners before then! That is the excitement and anticipation of the Awards event itself.

This year the ITA teams with SIG, the Italian Tunnelling Society, to host the global Awards event in conjunction with the SIG annual conference in the beautiful city of Genoa on Italy's northwest Mediterranean coast. A



## ITA Tunnelling Award Categories

 > Major Project of the Year - €500 million+ 12 projects from 8 countries
> Project of the Year - €50-€500 million 16 entries from 11 countries
> Renovation Project of the Year 7 entries from 5 countries
> Technical Innovation of the Year 17 entries from 10 countries
> Product/Equipment Innovation 19 entries from 10 countries
> Beyond Engineering 5 entries from 4 countries
> Young Tunneller of the Year 25 entries from 16 countries

day long programme of round table discussions to know more about the ITA Awards categories and the finalists will be followed by a cocktail party to announce the winners and a seated Gala Dinner in full celebration. The SIG conference the next day will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of both the ITA and of SIG, Société Italiana Gallerie, with a programme to look back at underground works over the last five decades and onwards towards projects of the future. The event is topped with a technical site visit the following day to the Terzo Valico dei Giovi highspeed rail project just a short 30-minute road trip from Genoa.

## SAVE THE DATES

Genoa, 28, 29, 30 November 2024

Thursday 28 Nov: ITA Awards and Gala Friday 29 Nov: SIG Conference and Gala Saturday 30 Nov: SIG technical field trip The venue for the Awards day and Dinner on 28 November 2024 is the historic Magazzini del Cotone, a 19<sup>th</sup> Century port warehouse converted to beautifully decorated function rooms. The SIG Conference on 29 November 2024 is in the equally historic and bejewelled Palazzo Ducale. Hotels for the events are within 5 minutes walking distance. The field trip on Saturday 30 November is for the lucky ones who book their seats early.

Follow the links for more details and watch for more news to come.

<u>ITA Awards 2024</u> – <u>https://awards.ita-aites.org/</u> <u>SIG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference</u> – <u>https://www.societaitalianagallerie.it/menu/Attivita/sig-ita-50y-ita-awards/</u> <u>ITA Awards Judges</u> – <u>https://awards.ita-aites.org/judges</u> <u>Previous ITA Awards winners</u> – <u>https://awards.ita-aites.org/previous/2023/winners</u>

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