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2016 World Tunnel Congress convenes in San Francisco
The Underground Construction Association of SME to host global event

The Underground Construction Association of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (UCA of SME), in partnership with the International Tunneling and Underground Space Association (ITA/AITES), is proud to host the 2016 World Tunnel Congress (WTC2016) April 22-28, 2016 at the Moscone Center in San Francisco, CA. WTC2016 will bring together professionals from around the world to facilitate the exchange of technical resources, current products and personal experiences associated with global tunneling, underground space and construction projects.

More than 2,500 visitors are expected to attend the event. With more than 400 technical presentations, combined with training, poster and oral sessions, WTC2016 will create opportunities to gather and share information with leading experts in the industry. This unique event will also feature nearly 250 exhibitors offering the most current products and technical developments in the business.

“SME is recognized as one of the premier professional societies in the world. This level of professionalism and commitment will now be applied to WTC2016 so that attendees will experience and enjoy a unique global event for underground construction,” stated 2016 SME President Timothy D. Arnold.

Some of the featured technical sessions include:

- Environmental and Urban Planning
- Large Bore TBMs
- Microtunneling
- Safety Seismic
- Uncharted Territories
- High Stress Tunneling
- and many more…

Online registration and housing are now available. The mission of UCA of SME is to promote the responsible development and use of underground space and facilities. For more information on WTC2016, please visit http://www.wtc2016.us/.

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SME is a professional society (nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation) whose more than 15,000 members represent all professions serving the mining, minerals and underground construction industries in more than 100 countries. SME members include engineers, geologists, metallurgists, educators, students and researchers. SME advances the worldwide minerals community through information exchange and professional development.

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