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PARIS 1963  
LUZERN 1969  
WIEN 1975  
MÜNCHEN 1981  
GRENOBLE 1987  
BARCELONA 1993  
SAN FRANCISCO 1999  
INNSBRUCK 2005  
RIO DE JANEIRO 2011  
BOLZANO / BOZEN 2017

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INTERNATIONALE ORGANISATION FÜR DAS SEILBAHNWESEN  
ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DES TRANSPORTS A CABLES  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR TRANSPORTATION BY ROPE  
ORGANIZACION INTERNACIONAL DE TRANSPORTES POR CABLE

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## Press Release of OITAF

In conjunction with the international INTERALPIN exhibition again taking place in Innsbruck, OITAF also holds a technical seminar in the morning of April 20, 2023. Expert Committee II “Ropes” is in charge of the seminar this year and has selected the following theme:

### **“Get the best out of your ropes”**

Over the past decades, passenger ropeways have seen an enormous rise in performance: From installations mainly used by day-trippers, they developed into modern means of transport with high traveling speeds and long operating hours. The haul ropes and their spliced connections have to keep pace with this development. This means that technical staff need to have a high level of knowledge about the service life of ropes, factors accelerating wear and tear as well as proper testing and scheduling of maintenance work. Recent OITAF recommendations on visual and magnetic rope testing have already provided insights into the current state of the art for those inspection measures. In a new document on the assessment of rope life and possible improvements, Expert Committee II “Ropes” outlines how you can learn from inspection data, use wire ropes for a longer term and plan measures in due time. Rope and ropeway experts from Austria, France, Germany and Switzerland share their knowledge and answer technical questions related to the use of wire ropes in modern ropeways. The following subjects will be discussed in the seminar:

- Operational aspects influencing the life of round strand ropes
- Examples of rope life assessments based on the Feyrer method
- Service life predictions based on MRT in practice
- Progress made in MRT technologies and analyses
- Methods for improving rope life
- Focus on long splices

Translation will be provided in English, French, German and Italian.

The seminar takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. so that you have time to visit the exhibition in the afternoon.

Please register under “Events” from the website [www.oitaf.org](http://www.oitaf.org)

Participation is free.

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Annex: - Program

Bozen, March 13, 2023