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PARIS 1963
LUZERN 1969
WIEN 1975
MÜNCHEN 1981
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SAN FRANCISCO 1999
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ORGANISATION INTERNATIONALE DES TRANSPORTS A CABLES
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CALL FOR PAPERS

OITAF Ropeway Congress 2024

from June 17 to 21, 2024

“ROPEWAYS – SMART TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS”

Vancouver/Canada

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About OITAF

OITAF is an international ropeway organization bringing together all individuals, institutions, public authorities, manufacturers and ropeway operators interested in ropeways and providing a platform where they can address and discuss common issues arising in the ropeway industry. A major objective of OITAF is the development of international recommendations related to the construction and operation of ropeways in its six expert committees.

OITAF was founded in Milan (Italy) in 1959 precisely for the reasons stated above and has held a total of eleven International Ropeway Congresses to date.

In this spirit, OITAF organizes the 12th International Ropeway Congress, firmly believing that it will contribute to achieving OITAF's aim of promoting the idea that passenger and material ropeways are an environmentally friendly and sustainable transport system, today more than ever.

Technical contributions to the Congress:

The Congress is to cover the topics listed below in technical contributions that are interesting for an expert audience and that are to present high-quality and innovative work. In addition to a manuscript ready for publication, we expect informative and concise presentations that serve as a starting point for in-depth discussions:

Topics

Session 1

Development of ropeways in urban and tourist areas

- Developments
- Potential applications
- Future projects

Session 2

Operation of ropeways

- Staff training. How to attract new talents?
- Management of exceptional situations
- Inspection and maintenance

Session 3

Ropeway technology, new developments

- Electrical/mechanical availability
- Safety
- Noise reduction
- Remote monitoring
- Safety for existing ropeways

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Session 4

Dimensions of sustainability

- Protection of the natural landscape
- Conservation of resources
- Energy consumption, life cycle
- Snow-making: energy consumption, energy management, water management
- Ropeway operation and winter sports – perception in public opinion
- Comparison with other transport systems

Conference languages:

English, French, simultaneous translation will be provided in both languages as well as into German.

INFORMATION FOR SPEAKERS

Submission of papers

Anybody wanting to present a contribution at the Congress has to submit an abstract of their presentation by **September 4, 2023 by uploading it on the website www.oitaf2024.com**. Any contributions submitted after that deadline will not be considered.

We kindly request you to submit an **abstract in English** of your previously unpublished contribution related to the **session topics listed above**. **In addition, you may also submit a version in the original languages of French, German, Spanish or Italian.**

Please provide the **following information** therein:

- Title of the paper,
- Topic of the session,
- Name of the speaker,
- Position,
- E-mail address,
- Phone number.

Please comply with the following instructions:

- **Format: Microsoft Word or text file**
- **Language:** English and additionally a German, Italian or French version, if possible
- **Max. length: 350 words**
- **If possible, also supply a PowerPoint presentation**

If your contribution is accepted, the final version of your paper as well as your PowerPoint presentation has to be submitted in the English language by **April 15, 2024**. This final version will be reviewed by the Review Committee and any additional information or amendments will be requested by April 30, 2024.

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Selection of presentations and deadlines

The presentations will be evaluated and selected on the basis of the abstracts submitted by the Review Committee. The speakers shall write their abstracts so that they most accurately reflect the nature and contents of the final versions of their contributions. Before the final acceptance of their presentations, the speakers will be requested, if necessary, to provide additional information or to amend or correct their presentations. Please note that a maximum of two presentations will be accepted for the topic "Future projects" in Session 1 and that innovation and special technical features will be given priority. Consequently, you are advised to be realistic about the chances of your presentation to be accepted.

Acceptance

You will be informed of the acceptance of your contribution by **January 19, 2024**. Upon acceptance, the speakers will have to sign an agreement with regard to privacy and publications, including photos, on OITAF's website and in brochures as well as transfers to libraries, etc.

Presentation of contributions

The length of presentations should be 20 minutes as a rule and 25 minutes at most. Special requests, if applicable, have to be clarified with the Review Committee. For presentations in French, the English version of the Power Point presentation will be used.

The final papers and PowerPoint presentations in English and if available also in the original languages of French, German, Italian and Spanish, will be published on the website of OITAF together with audio recordings after the Congress.

Chair of the Review Committee:

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Travel and accommodation expenditure of speakers

Speakers whose papers have been accepted by the reading committee and who present their papers at the congress will be reimbursed for their travel expenses (economy class airfare), accommodation in the congress hotel (3 nights) and food during the congress will be included.

Contact for further information

If you have any questions or need information on the Congress or if you have any other concerns, please contact us by e-mail to:

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See also the website of OITAF : www.oitaf.org

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