



BRITISH TUNNELLING SOCIETY

Thursday 19th April 2012 at 6.00pm

At The

INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS
ONE GREAT GEORGE STREET, WESTMINSTER, LONDON SW1P 3AA

HARDING MEMORIAL LECTURE UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE – MEETING THE FUTURE NEEDS OF SOCIETY

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The UK is at a tipping point in economic infrastructure. We led the world in industrial development but now have some of the oldest and most complex infrastructure in the world as a result. It has served us very well, but is wearing out and increasingly needs repair and replacement. At the same time further infrastructure is needed to help provide growth, jobs and exports. The benefits of putting infrastructure underground are starting to be more universally recognised – it is no coincidence that very significant proportions of our proposed new infrastructure projects are in tunnel.

The importance of infrastructure and the benefits of tunnelling are being recognised by our government. We need to rise to the challenge and get engaged!

The lecture will look at the drivers of change in our industry, and some of the success stories of recent times. What is the shape of our industry in the future, and how do we need to change in response? What technological advances and directions of research should the country take?

The lecture is aimed at being thought-provoking, and will be of interest to a wide audience of tunnellers and other workers in the infrastructure sector.

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Tea and biscuits will be available at 5:30pm

Advance booking not required

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