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**OITAF Ropeway Congress Vancouver**

**June 17th – 21st, 2024**

**Ropeways - Smart Transport Solutions**

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| **Day of arrival Monday, June 17th, 2024** | | |
| **Arrival** | **10:00 am – 1:00 pm** | **Come together in Downtown Vancouver - City tour** |
| **5:00 pm – 10:00 pm** | **Registration of the participants** |
| **7:00 pm – 10:00 pm** | **Welcome Buffet** |

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| **Conference Session 1 Tuesday, June 18th, 2024**  **Development of ropeways in the urban and tourist sector** | | | | | | |
|  | Titel | Author | Function | Lan-guage | | |
| 9:00 am | **Opening** | **Jörg Schröttner** (A) | President OITAF | E | |
| 9:15 | **Greetings** |  |  |  | |
| 9:30 | **The transport capacity of a cable car system in public transportation** | **Klaus Erharter**  (I)  **Paul Abed**  (MEX) | Technical Director Leitner ropeways  Director of Mexitelefericos S.A. de C.V. | E | |
| 10:00 | **Burnaby Mountain Gondola: Making the Rapid Transit Connection** | **Holly Foxcroft** (CAN) | Lead Planner, TransLink | E | |
| 10:20 | **Toulouse’s cable car: focus on best practise 2 years after commissioning** | **Patrick Vial** (F) | Project director of Teleo - now project manager of thé future third métro Line in Toulouse | F | |
| 10:40 | **Discussion** |  |  |  | |
| 11:00 | **Coffee break** |  |  |  | |
| 11:25 | **Brest, the 1st urban ropeway in France** | **Victor Antonio** (F) | Mobilities director | F | |
| 11:45 | **Transit planning in a context of inequality: The Case of Mexico City’s Cablebús Network - 10 million people each day.** | **Andrés Lajous**  (MEX) | Mobility Secretary, CDMX | E | |
| 12:10 | **Discussion** |  |  |  | |
| 12:30 | **Lunch break** |  |  |  | |
| **Conference Session** **2**  **Operation of ropeways** | | | | | | |
| 2:00 pm | **Get the best out of your ropes** | **Sven Winter** (D) | CEO Rotec GmbH  President OITAF Study committee II | | E | |
| 2:20 | **Digital customer trainings: know-how anywhere and anytime** | **Philip Oberdorfer** (A) | MSc /Digital Services Customer Support Doppelmayr Seilbahnen GmbH | | E | |
| 2:40 | **Operations and Maintenance (O&M): A successful long-term approach in managing Client’s assets** | **Javier Rosales**  (VEN) | MSc /Operation and Maintenance Manager (Doha, Qatar) Doppelmayr Cable Car GmbH | | E | |
| 3:00 | **Opportunities and threats of digitalisation** | **Marco Zgraggen** (CH) | CEO Sisag | | E | |
| 3:20 | **Discussion** |  |  | |  | |
| 3:40 | **Coffee break** |  |  | |  | |
| 4:00 | **Operation and Maintenance of a multi-brand cable car** | **Diego Scofano** (BRA) | Technical Director Grupo Iter - Rio de Janeiro | | E | |

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| 4:20 | **LIFE Ropeway, the Innovative approach to increase the sustainability of Ropeways and their Operation throughout their entire lifecycle** | **Michael Fauche**  (F) | New Market & Strategy Director  Poma | E |
| 4:40 | **Great Place to work**  **Talent Journey** | **Benny Pregenzer** (A) | CEO Fisser Bergbahnen GmbH | E |
| 5:00 | **Ropeways - A Leader in Safe Accessible Transportation** | **John Kamb** (USA) | Ropeway Engineer, US Forest Service | E |
| 5:20 | **Metrocable Line K - Keys to keeping the first urban cable car in operation after 20 years, 135,000 hours and 260 million passengers mobilized** | **Jorge Alberto**  **Ramos Lopez** (COL) | Ropeways Manager, Metro de Medellín | E |
| 5:40 | **E-mobility at the +1 level in public transport** | **Dominik Berndt**  (D) | CEO and Initiator Cable Car World Ltd. | E |
| 5:50 | **Discussion** |  |  |  |
| 6:10 | **End** |  |  |  |
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| 7:30 – 10:30 | **Dinner** |  |  |  |

**Program for accompanying persons see** [**https://oitaf2024.com/**](https://oitaf2024.com/)

**The program for accompanying persons include all activities from Monday until Friday except the participation to the conference.**

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| **Conference Session 3 Wednesday, June 19th, 2024**  **Ropeway technology, new developments** | | | | |
| 9:00 am | **Proposal for a tool to help verify the safety level of monocable aerial ropeways** | **Gaetan Rioult** (F) | Head of Department for Ropeway Installations STRMTG France  President OITAF Study Committee I | F |
| 9:25 | **Autonomous mobility with ropeways - the next generation of modern transportation** | **Michael Mathis** (A) **Martin Oberhammer** (A) | Head of technical division Doppelmayr Seilbahnen GmbH  CEO Silvretta Montafon Holding GmbH | E |
| 9:55 | **Weather Challenges in Ropeway Operations & Maintenance** | **Tom Scully** (USA) | Risk Control Consultant President OITAF-NACS | E |
| 10:15 | **Discussion** |  |  |  |
| 10:35 | **Coffee break** |  |  |  |
| 11:00 | **Fire risk under ropeways - a new approach to fly over difficulties** | **Thibault Chatelus**  (F) | Ropeway engineer in STRMTG (french control authority) | F |
| 11:20 | **The intermodal transport system ConnX** | **Günther Tschinkel** (I) | Head of electrotechnical technical department Leitner ropeways | E |
| 11:45 | **Cybersafety in the Sky: Unveiling the Crucial Link Between Ropeways Safety and Cybersecurity** | **Giorgio Pizzi** (I) | Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport - Italy - Director of Ropeways, local railways and digitization of local public transport Division | E |
| 12:10 | **Discussion** |  |  |  |
| 12:30 | **Lunch break** |  |  |  |

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| **Conference Session 4**  **Dimensions of sustainability** | | | | | |
| 2:00 pm | **The transformation of funicular system since 1888 – The Peak Tram** | **Samuel Lee** (HK) | | Director of Engineering Peak Tramways Company Limited / Hong Kong | E |
| 2:15 | **Adaptation strategies of ropeway companies in Switzerland due to climate change** | **Berno Stoffel**  (CH)  **Benedicta Aregger** | | Director Swiss Cable Car Association  Vice Director Swiss Cable Car Association | E |
| 2:35 | **Development and optimization of snow making systems for better resource management** | **Franco Torretta** (I) | | Technical director Monterosa skiresort (Italy); President of the Italian National Association of Ropeway Technicians (A.N.I.T.I.F.) | E |
| 2:55 | **Empirical data on technical snowmaking: Greener and more Sustainable than assumed** | **Günther Aigner** (A) | | CEO „Zukunft Skisport“ | E |
| 3:15 | **ENG: Energy Storage System for Ropeways** | **Stefan Gassmann**  (CH) | | Head of Sales Frey AG | E |
| 3:30 | **Coffee break** |  | |  |  |
| 3:55 | **Touristic Sites and Environment** | **Gunther Suette** (A) | | President OITAF Study committee VII | E |
| 4:15 | **New strategy for ski resorts: public transport as the future essential service** | **Sophia Oberjakober** (I) **Andreas Dorfmann** (I) | | CEO Mobilitätskonsortium    President Mobilitätskonsortium, CEO Kronplatz Group | E |
| 4:35 | **The new generation of bicable ropeway, the economic link between monocable and 3S** | **Dominic Bosio** (F) | | Leitner ropeways | E |
| 4:55 | **Discussion** |  | |  |  |
| 5:15 | **Organisational issues for the side visits** |  | |  | E |
| 5:25 | **Presentation of Grouse Mountain Resort** | **Speaker** (CAN) | | Grouse Mountain | E |
| 5:50 | **Closing Words** |  | |  | E |
| 6:00 | **End** |  | |  |  |
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| 8:00 – 12:00 | **Gala Dinner** | |  |  |  |

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| **Excursion day Thursday, June 20th, 2024** | | |
| **Excursion** | **9:30 am – 10:45 am** | Bus transfer to the Grouse Mountain cable car station |
| **10:45 am – 12:30 pm** | **visit of the 4 Season Operation destination Grouse Mountain** |
| **12:30 pm – 1:30 pm** | Lunch |
| **1:30 pm – 2:15 pm** | Return journey by ropeway and bus |
| **2:15 pm – 4:15 pm** | **Capilano Suspension Bridge** (optional direct Bus to the Hyatt Hotel) |
| **4:15 pm – 5:15 pm** | Bus transfer to the Hotel |

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| **Excursion day Friday, June 21st, 2024** | | |
| **Excursion** | **8:00 am – 10:15 am** | Bus to Whistler Mountain/Blackcomb |
| **10:15 am – 12:30 pm** | **Blackcomb, cable car ride, crossing Peak 2 Peak** |
| **12:30 pm – 1:15 pm** | **Presentation 4 Season Operation of Whistler Mountain at the Roundhouse Lodge** |
| **1:15 pm – 2:15 pm** | Lunch at the Roundhouse Lodge |
| **2:15 pm – 3:00 pm** | Return by ropeway |
| **3:00 pm – 4:00 pm** | Bus transfer to Squamish (optional direct bus to the Hyatt Hotel Vancouver, arrival approx. 5:00 pm) |
| **4:00 pm – 6:00 pm** | **Ropeway Sea to Sky** |
| **6:00 pm – 7:00 pm** | Bus transfer to the Hyatt Hotel Vancouver |

**Note: all activities take place or start from the Hyatt Hotel Vancouver**