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On behalf of the International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT), it is my pleasure to offer our congratulations to IATT on bringing together this great conference and exhibition event.

The ISTT is committed to upholding and promoting the objectives of ISTT through a broad array of education, training and research programs, and through providing venues for the exchange of information and ideas among members of the trenchless community. ISTT membership and association provides an opportunity to reflect the global intent to promote practical, sustainable solutions for addressing underground construction demands.

IATT's international No Dig conference and exhibition is one of the best possibilities to see how active people gather together for changes ideas and thoughts around the trenchless technology. I hope that everyone get a piece of the enthusiastic trenchless atmosphere which surrounds us here.

The ISTT has grown up as an adult after the beginning in the year 1986. The first ever No Dig conference has taken place a year earlier in London. I joined to ISTT during the second show in London in the year 1987.

From that time there has happened a lot. But during the last year and the next few years there will happen again a lot.

We have reorganized the society building up for example six new committees. Yesterday's board meeting we agreed again new steps for the reorganisation. In the future ISTT will be more democratic and more transparent.

We have got a new member, Malaysia, in the summer, which caused a lot of interest to build up one in Indonesia, too. One of my main aims are to form ISTT as a family in trenchless technology by getting also our affiliated societies more closer to each others.

Congratulations to IATT whose commitment, knowledge and passion to the trenchless market brings together this wonderful event providing a rich opportunity to network, grow, develop, and deploy trenchless technology. I want to welcome You all to our future events in Kuala Lumpur, Panama and Helsinki. I wish all of You a most enjoyable event here in Florence.

Jari Kaukonen Chairman, ISTT