

151st General Assembly of the SVTI Swiss Association for Technical Inspections

SVTI General Assembly approves all proposals in writing

Wallisellen, 24 June 2020 – This year's General Assembly of the SVTI was one for the history books. In view of official regulations related to COVID-19, the meeting was conducted in writing. The SVTI can look back on an eventful anniversary year. The association posted strong results and is ideally positioned to meet the challenges of the future.

Voting via post

In light of the official measures to counteract the spread of the coronavirus, the planned General Assembly had to adapt to the unusual circumstances. For the first time in the history of the SVTI, the General Assembly was held in writing. Association members who registered for postal voting approved the proposals by a large majority.

Positive fiscal year 2019

The SVTI and the SVTI Group, comprised of the SVTI and the Swiss Safety Center AG, posted consistently strong results in fiscal year 2019. Consolidated operating results rose year-on-year. Leasing of the office space in the extension building got off to a successful start and was nearly completed by the end of the year.

2019 – an anniversary year marked by the grand opening of the extension building

In 2019, the SVTI celebrated its 150-year anniversary. Among the highlights of the anniversary year was the grand opening of the extension building in Wallisellen. Together with customers, suppliers, partners, officials and staff, the SVTI Group celebrated the opening of the academy and conference centre in Wallisellen and the completion of the modern extension building with an open day on 17 May 2019. The extension building in Wallisellen provides a state-of-the-art and attractive location for the professional training and development of the SVTI Group. External groups can also rent the seminar rooms for their own events.

Shaping the present to guarantee a successful future

The SVTI Group successfully pursued several digitalisation projects in 2019. In the context of these efforts, the Group also focussed extensively on IT security matters. As a result, the Group completed a successful IT security audit and attained certification under ISO 27001 in January 2020. The search for qualified specialists remained a challenge for the SVTI in 2019 as well. New recruiting practices are starting to bear fruit.

'We are ideally positioned for future challenges'

This was the confident conclusion of Dr Raffael Schubiger as he looked back on his first year as Chairman of the SVTI Executive Board. The primary foundation for the development of the SVTI and the Swiss Safety Center AG is the outstanding existing base of expertise within the organisation. Examples of this include non-destructive testing in civil engineering to check the structure of damaged buildings; the use of simulation-based validation in fire protection, which opens up new possibilities for the design of buildings; and methods of investigating the technical properties of materials, which can explain or even prevent material damage.

Although the economic uncertainty due to the ongoing coronavirus situation has adversely affected business activity in Switzerland, the SVTI and the Swiss Safety Center AG are optimistic about the future. Building on experience gained in recent years and tapping the full range of potential in the various sectors should enable the Group to further solidify business results.

Image 1: Dr Raffael Schubiger

Image 2: Exterior view of the Swiss Safety Center Academy

Image 3: UT phased array test (AR page 11)

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The SVTI – over 150 years in the service of safety

The SVTI Swiss Association for Technical Inspections is among the leading Swiss institutions in the field of technical safety inspections. As a private, independent, not-for-profit association, which was founded in 1869 and has around 8,000 members, the SVTI takes on official and private tasks on behalf of the state and the cantons.

The purpose of the SVTI is the prevention of accidents, malfunctions and damage and the elimination of hazards in the production and operation of technical equipment of all kinds. The primary activities of the SVTI include the monitoring of technical installations and equipment such as pipes and pipelines, installations in power plants and pressure vessels, as well as market surveillance for lifts and pressure equipment.

The SVTI is comprised of the departments Pressure Vessel Inspectorate, Federal Pipelines Inspectorate, Nuclear Inspectorate, the Swiss Federal Inspectorate for Lifts and Market Surveillance of Pressure Equipment.

Alongside the Swiss Safety Center AG, the SVTI is part of the SVTI Group, the independent centre of excellence for technical safety and risk management.

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