# Tunnel Boring Machines in Difficult Grounds

## 4th International Conference

November 14 - 15, 2019 Golden, Colorado USA

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TBM DiGs is an international conference series that provides a specialized technological forum discussing and exchanging knowledge related to TBM works in difficult grounds. The series covers a wide range of topics, including characterization of difficult grounds, field observations and case studies, physical and laboratory tests, numerical modelling and techniques, treatments of difficult grounds, TBM design and installation, tunnel support design, monitoring and risk management. TBM DiGs 2019 is the fourth conference in this series.

TBM DiGs 2019 is jointly organized by universities, research organizations, contractors, machine manufacturers, and other stakeholders in the tunneling industry on a global level and is focused on TBM tunnelling technologies. The conference organizers would like to welcome researchers and practitioners involved with TBM tunnelling to the TBM DiGs 2019 conference to share, to cooperate, and to progress. The Organizing Committee for TBM-DiG 2018 includes UCT faculty as well as TBM experts from around the world.

## Listen to the world's foremost experts in TBM tunneling

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

Herbert Einstein Professor, Massachusetts Institute of

Technology

Lok Home President, The Robbins Company
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# Share the experiences of recent TBM tunneling projects in Difficult Ground Conditions!



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#### **TOPICS**

Rock - Very Hard and Abrasive rocks

Rock - Squeezing ground

Rock - Long and deep tunnels

Soil - Sticky soil and Clogging

Soil - Abrasive soil and high wear on TBM

Soil - High water pressure – hyperbaric challenges

Mixed Ground conditions

Innovation – New Technology (construction chemicals, sensory systems, big data, operational simulation)

High Groundwater inflow / Gassy tunnels

Extreme TBM tunneling (very small/big TBMs, remote areas, outer space construction)

Manufacturing challenges and new developments

Logistics and Site Management for challenging TBM tunneling

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Conference website: https://tbmdigs2019.org

Questions? Contact Jamal Rostami, rostami@mines.edu



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#### **PAPERS**

The Conference provides an excellent opportunity for sharing knowledge through papers presented at the Conference. The schedule for submittal of abstracts and manuscipts is shown below.

April 2018 Call for abstracts
August 1, 2018 Abstract submission starts

November 19, 2018 Abstracts final deadline
January 1, 2019 Abstract decisions to authors

June 1, 2019 Full papers due

August 1, 2019 Full papers review and selection

announcement

October 1, 2019 Paper revisions and final manuscripts due



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