

What Does ISTT Mean to You

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Lifelong memories of working with a diverse group of professionals dedicated to advancing the social and economic benefit of trenchless technologies.



ISTT is special. Its worldwide membership includes all elements interested in underground construction – manufacturers and suppliers, public works officials and other users, contractors and consultants, members of associated national trenchless societies, academics and the construction media.

The key to spreading the word on trenchless is education. I was happy to be a part of ISTT initiatives to expand education and training on trenchless applications.

Historically, ISTT, and many of its affiliated societies, held No-Dig shows that include sessions featuring peer-reviewed papers addressing the proper use of trenchless. But many potential users did not attend these conferences. The ISTT leadership saw an opportunity to leverage its membership's technical expertise by developing instructional materials and recruiting instructors from membership to offer smaller training programs in parts of the world where trenchless solutions are not well known.

Throughout my time as Executive Director, ISTT leadership held many successful training programs in regions without an affiliated society to spread the word on the benefits of trenchless. These efforts broadened the global footprint of trenchless resulting in ISTT adding new affiliated societies and membership.

I am proud to have been a part of the effort and grateful to have gotten to know so many creative, brilliant people from around the world.