



## The 13th ACUUS Conference to be held in Singapore in November 2012

Mark your calendars and think about submitting a paper to the 13th ACUUS Conference in Singapore in November 2012. The ACUUS conference series has allowed a very wide range of papers to be given on all aspects of underground space use – from earth sheltered housing and historical uses of the underground to the planning and design of large urban underground developments. Singapore will be a special venue for the conference – being a country with a growing population, a continually developing economy and a very small land area. To combat this problem, Singapore is currently engaged in perhaps the most comprehensive master planning of underground space use that has been undertaken anywhere.



The principal conference organizers will be **The Society for Rock Mechanics & Engineering Geology (Singapore)** and the **Protective Technology Research Centre of Nanyang Technological University**, and supported by the Ministry of National Development of Singapore and the Singapore Exhibition and Tourism Bureau.

The conference venue has not been selected yet, nor the call for papers issued but you can indicate interest and get on a mailing list to receive further information in any of several ways:

- Email: [srmeg@cma.sg](mailto:srmeg@cma.sg), Secretariat of the Society for Rock Mechanics & Engineering Geology Singapore.
- Follow information posted to the BESA website as it becomes available and contact the conference organizers once the call for papers has been issued.
- Join ACUUS (Associated research Centers for Urban Underground Space) as an individual or an organization. See further information at <http://www.acuus.qc.ca/>.
- Join ITACUS (Committee on Underground Space of the International Tunneling and Underground Space Association). Information on ITACUS can be found at <http://itacus.ita-aites.org/> (look for ITA-CUS on the right hand bar under committees. There is no fee for participating in ITACUS. You can simply send your particulars on a registration of interest form that can be found under “downloads” at the end of the ITACUS webpage.
- Request to join the ITACUS “Linkedin” discussion group “ITACUS - ITA Committee on Underground Space” at [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com).