Welcome to this twenty-third edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

This may be the final edition for 2022, but it is also a celebratory edition of the bulletin, as we not only commemorate the end of the year, but also the things we were able to achieve over the last twelve months.

From January to April, there was a great deal of uncertainty due to the slow lifting of many of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. It would be several months before most countries opened up their borders without restrictions and many governments focused on finding new ways to navigate the “new-normal” and everything that came with it.

At the start of the year, FIDIC was very much focused on building on its existing partnerships as well as on engaging new stakeholders and partner. There are many examples of this, but some of those to highlight include the collaborations and meetings held with the WWF, ICC, WEF and the World Bank.

FIDIC signed a three-year MOU with WWF in 2021, but it was in 2022 that FIDIC would work closely with them, through our Sustainable Development Committee (SDC) to develop a playbook and to find ways to highlight the strength of conservation and engineering communities as they work towards generating sustainable infrastructure innovation. FIDIC has always held the view that collaboration with international partners will help to develop real long-term solutions and thereby create new and better ways tackle some of the problems facing the infrastructure industry and the world as a whole.

In September, FIDIC hosted its first ever in-person conference in Geneva, the headquarters city. This was a big achievement given that the conference was organised in-
house and was a major event to be held in a post-pandemic time. The President of the WEF, Borge Brende, gave a keynote address during which he stressed the importance of seizing opportunities and finding new ways to better manage the turmoil ahead.

In October, we met with The World Bank and other multilateral development banks (MBDs) to review some of the ways we could better finetune our collaboration.

Similarly, in the same month, the first ever FIDIC China Contract Users’ Conference was held. This is a very positive achievement as it is the premier of such an event to be held in Asia. We are confident that more will be held in the future, with the support of FCS team in Beijing, as well as our partners and stakeholders in China and other countries in Asia.

In November, the Official International FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference was held in London and on the heels of this event, the FIDIC Board held their last meeting of the year, during which the Board members, including the two newly appointed members, met and discussed the matters stretching from the committees’ work to the MAs’ engagement and the strategies to better implement FIDIC’s initiatives and objectives.

Finally, it saddens me to announce that in December, FIDIC announced the passing of Dr Jorge Díaz Padilla, who served as a FIDIC President from 2005 – 2007. With more than 40 years of experience in the construction and consulting engineering industries, he played a key role in making FIDIC more known in Mexico and Latin America. He was a strong ambassador of FIMS (FIDIC Integrity Management Systems), as well as well-respected promoter of FIDIC principles in Latin America and around the world.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to take this occasion to share with you this season’s festive cheer. While your national celebrations will take place in a few months’ time, I believe it is important to extend to you all the warm wishes of the entire FIDIC staff and community. Let me also take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of FIDIC, our FCS office in Beijing, and for the support of the work being done in Switzerland and beyond.

We look forward to further engagement with all our FCCE graduates in 2023, including with those who will be seeking to be recertified by FIDIC, and with our stakeholders and partners, who have continued to engage with FIDIC and the FCS team in Beijing over the course of the entire year. We will be sharing more news with you in the future about our
activities and the FCS team look forward to hearing from you and updating you on any new information we will be sharing in the coming months.

From me and the entire FIDIC staff, I wish you all happy holidays!
London International Contract Users’ Conference enjoys success
The Official FIDIC International Contract Users’ Conference and Awards which was held as an in-person event from 29-30 November 2022 at the Tower Hotel in London, was a great success. The event this year was practically a sell-out, which is a real testament to the quality of the programme and the line-up of speakers from around the world who were keen to discuss the legal and contractual issues affecting our industry and the businesses that work in it. There was great interest in the issues discussed and the initial feedback from attendees suggests that they are keen to learn more about FIDIC’s output and to network with companies and organisations who have influence in the sector. The winners of the 2022 FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards were also unveiled during the special gala dinner celebration.

Click [here](#) for more details about this conference.

Winners of the Contract Users’ Awards announced
The winners of the 2022 FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards were announced during the special gala dinner celebration which was part of the Official FIDIC International Contract Users' Conference in London. The awards, now in their fourth year, recognises excellence in the use of FIDIC contract forms for project delivery and showcases examples of good practice through collaboration as applicable across the world. The judging panel, chaired by the international judge and arbitrator, Sir Vivian Ramsey, selected winners from a number of categories including Project of the Year, Client of the Year, Legal Firm of the Year and Trainer of the Year. This fourth year of the awards further serves to establish it as a key part of FIDIC’s and the industry’s global events calendar. They are very important for raising the profile of FIDIC contracts, as well as those who use them. We were delighted to have been able to bring together the global contract user community in person, to celebrate excellence and good practice. Congratulations to all the winners and highly commended entries.

Click [here](#) for more details on this event.

FIDIC hosts an international forum for adjudicators at the London conference
FIDIC recently held an a dispute avoidance forum at the Official International Contract Users’ Conference in London. It gave participants and dispute board practitioners the chance to delve deeper into global developments and issues affecting the dispute avoidance and adjudication sectors.

The discussions covered the practical aspects of dispute avoidance and how best practitioners could work together, share and disseminate best practices among dispute board experts. Many of those speaking at the event were members of the exclusive FIDIC President’s List of Certified Adjudicators, with each having decades of experience working on dispute boards across the globe.

It goes without saying that contract variations, claims and force majeure could adversely affect mega infrastructure projects, especially when rapidly rising inflation, post-pandemic financing and the need for better risk
management strategies are factored into consideration. By encouraging a standing dispute avoidance and adjudication board (DAAB) in all 2017 contracts and subsequent publications, FIDIC has moved away from the previous ad-hoc DAB model of the prior contracts. This will also help to better mitigate against more strenuous legal consequences for the parties.

For more details on this forum, please click this link.

FCS held a webinar on practical cases in using FIDIC contract conditions in engineering construction projects

FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS) held a webinar on \textit{practical cases in using FIDIC contract conditions in engineering construction projects} on 13 December 2022. Mr. Liu Luobing, in his role as a FIDIC Ambassador, attended the meeting and delivered a speech. Experienced project leaders working for China International Engineering Consulting Corporation and the CCCC-FHDI Engineering Co., Ltd shared their experience of successful engineering construction projects based both at home and abroad and how the FIDIC contracts were used.

The purpose of this webinar was to provide Chinese engineering companies and engineers a platform to exchange and learn about successful experiences in the industry. Technological innovation, management concepts and the practical use of the FIDIC body of knowledge and ways to develop successful engineering projects were part of the discussions, as well as how to promote Chinese engineering projects to help move them forward to a higher international level. At the meeting, Mr. Liu Luobing said that the FIDIC contract conditions have been widely adopted in the international construction engineering field due to its standardisation, practicability, fairness, and diversity of the dispute resolution mechanisms, as well as its extensive use globally. If Chinese engineering companies want to participate and compete in the international market, they need to be familiar with and master FIDIC contracts as this would help to meet the "Belt and Road" construction projects needs, as well as those of the international market.

Attendees included participants from design consulting companies, equipment supervision companies, project contractors, financial institutions and college students.
FIDIC global news and events
For further information on the conference, events and training being organised by FIDIC, please consult the links provided below:

a. CEO’s update: Issue 31

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b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

https://events.fidic.org

c. Information on upcoming training courses:

https://fidic.org/training

d. Information of the FIDIC certification programmes: (FCL)

https://fcl.fidic.org/programmes
Website and social media links

a. FCS website link: https://china.fidic.org/zh-hant/

b. FCS WeChat link:

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