FCCE BULLETIN
Welcome to the thirty-fourth edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

We cannot conclude the year without looking back on some of our top achievements and best outcomes for 2023.

The first ever Summit of the Global Leadership Forum was held in April in Geneva with the attendance of high-level infrastructure leaders and CEOs. This event was well-attended and successful, and we look forward to hosting the next GLF Summit in early Q2 of 2024. In this regard, I am pleased to announce that we recently appointed Bill Cox as the first Chair of the Global Leadership Forum advisory board.

Other highlights include the trip to China in July, during which we met with the CNAEC leadership and had fruitful discussions. This business trip also led to the signing and renewal of the MOUs with CHINCA and CIETAC. A potential collaboration was also discussed with Tianjin University and we are keen to engage with other partners in the region.

In September, we successfully held our Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore, with more than 700 attendees from around the world joining us for a week of events which saw the official celebration of the 110th anniversary of the federation, the election of a new FIDIC President – who is now the first female to be appointed to this role in FIDIC’s history - and the election of two new Board members (from Poland and India), as well as the appointment of two new Vice Presidents (from Kenya and Italy). Equally important was the official launch of the FIDIC Foundation.
In the same month, aside from the international meeting with the Heads of Procurement (HOPs) of the multilateral development banks (MDBs) which took place in Manila, a new two-year MoU was signed with the Philippine Government’s Department of Trade and Industry (DTI).

In November, we held the International Contract Users Conference in London, UK at the end of the month, during which we officially launched the new FIDIC Dispute Avoidance Practice Note. Similarly, the *ASPAC Story* was recently published, and it highlights the history of FIDIC in the Asia Pacific region.

Finally, for those in China, I would like to commend our FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineers who took part in this year’s recertification procedures. FIDIC is proud to have recertified almost 150 FCCE certificants in 2023. It has been very positive to see the consistent and unwavering commitment to excellence. This is also attests to the importance and validity of this unique international qualification.

Before we wrap up 2023, I would like to take a moment to thank all those who have worked with us, all our FCCE certificate holders, stakeholders and partners who have supported us throughout the course of the year.

From myself, the entire FIDIC, FCL and FCS teams, I would like to wish you and all your loved ones a very happy and festive holiday season and all the best for the New Year.
FIDIC holds its last hybrid Board meeting of 2023
The FIDIC board met for its final meeting of the year at the beginning of this month in hybrid format in London. The board reviewed and endorsed its standing and working committee recommendations and discussed several major key strategic operational issues. The board approved that there would be a strategic roadmap for developing the next FIDIC Corporate Plan 2025-2029. It was also agreed that the location of the next board meeting will be in Rome between 6-8 March 2024. The location for the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2025 was reconfirmed to be in Cape Town. Two FCL board members and the chair of the Global Leadership Forum advisory board were appointed. The future direction for FIDIC services operations in China was also agreed. All board members are looking to 2024 with confidence and are keen to build on the successes of the past 12 months to make FIDIC even more effective on behalf of its members and the wider industry.

International Contract Users’ Conference report
It was a very busy programme at FIDIC’s recent International Contract Users’ Conference which was held in London from 28-29 November 2023. This annual gathering of our contract users’ community continues to thrive and it was very heartening to see around 200 practitioners from asset owners and operators, to developers, multilateral development banks and engineering, construction, infrastructure, legal and contractual sector experts who came together to discuss the latest developments around FIDIC contracts in the company of global experts. Events like this are very important in bringing together the users of FIDIC’s industry leading contracts and the presentations and discussions were very well received.

Click [here](#) to read a report of day 1. Click [here](#) to read the report of day2.

New publication charts history of FIDIC in the Asia Pacific region
A new publication charting the 44-year history of FIDIC’s Asia Pacific regional grouping offers a fascinating insight into the history, development and growth of ASPAC (now renamed FIDIC Asia Pacific) and the activities and events that have shaped it. ASPAC Story is an interesting read for established FIDIC members in the region, as well as the latest entrants to the FIDIC family. Congratulations to Sudhir Dhawan, president of the FIDIC Asia Pacific board, and his team for publishing this valuable chronicle of FIDIC’s work in the Asia Pacific region.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Tackling corruption webinar
FIDIC’s Integrity Management Committee and Ernst & Young (EY) joined forces to hold an excellent webinar on 7 December 2023 which demonstrated the importance and responsibility of a collective approach to fighting corruption. The event, “Taking a collaborative approach to tackling corruption”, was organised to coincide with
the UN’s International Anti-Corruption Day which takes place on 9 December and is the first in a series of three events where FIDIC and EY will demonstrate the importance of anti-corruption activities at all levels, from the individual to the nation state and how people can play their part in advocating for integrity.

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Latest FIDIC Contract Users’ Newsletter published and available for download**

The latest issue of the FIDIC Contract Users’ Newsletter, (Issue number 11: December 2023), has just been published and is available for download as a PDF or viewing on the digital publishing platform, Issuu.

The 11th edition of the newsletter underscores a very busy and productive period for FIDIC contracts. With important work now underway on the new contract documents, launch of new guides and editions, important conferences and awards and cutting-edge contracts training, it is clear that FIDIC is enhancing its already strong position in the international construction contracts arena.

Click [here](#) to read or download issue number 11 of the FIDIC Contract Users’ Newsletter.

**FIDIC announces 2024 webinar programme**

FIDIC has unveiled its webinar programme for 2024 which contains a diverse range of online events on key issues of interest to global engineering, construction and infrastructure professionals.

The 2023 webinar series saw thousands of global professionals attending a range of informative and insightful webinars and the 2024 programme is likely to be similarly attractive for attendees, with a full programme of events arranged from February all the way to December. FIDIC’s committees and advisory councils play a key role in organising the webinars, which cover a wide range of key issues of interest to the global engineering, construction and infrastructure sector. All the events are free to attend.

Click [here](#) to find out more about FIDIC’s 2024 webinar programme.
FIDIC global news and events
For further information on conferences, events and training being organised by FIDIC, please consult the links provided below:

a. CEO’s update: Issue 42
   
   December edition

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:
   
   https://fidic.org/events

c. Information on upcoming training courses:
   
   https://fidic.academy

d. Information on 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/](https://china.fidic.org/zh-hant/)

b. FCS WeChat link:

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