This fourth issue of the FCCE Bulletin comes at an interesting point in the year for FIDIC. As this first quarter draws to an end, the Federation has been busy preparing the next annual meeting of the FIDIC Board which is taking place at the end of April.

FIDIC Credentialing Limited (FCL) is powering ahead by officially launching the first of its five certification programmes, notably for the adjudicators which is now open globally for applications. This is an important step in implementing the roadmap which was set out by the company in March.

The adjudicator certification will provide an opportunity for qualified experts in the field of dispute resolution and dispute avoidance to participate in this international programme to become a FIDIC Certified Adjudicator.

Since the last bulletin, FIDIC has also launched the second in the 2021 series of the State of the World (SOW) reports on water. It was a timely event which was linked to the World Water Day and culminated with a webinar on water’s value and how it has impacted global trends and the challenges faced around the world due to climate change.

It is encouraging to note that in May and June of this year, recertification activities will be offered to the FCCE graduates of 2016 and 2017. This is an important demonstration of FIDIC’s commitment to not only upholding the standards it has set, but also helping to strengthen the professional capabilities of qualified consulting engineers and experts working in the built and natural environment in China.

I would like to also take this opportunity to thank all the FCCEs, their companies, trainers and others who have supported the various FIDIC initiatives in the past. Working together with our national stakeholders is very important to FIDIC and I believe that going forward, it will enable us to further strengthen our relationship and build even greater partnerships in China and across the regional.

Stay tuned for further events and activities.
**FCL’s latest update**

The FIDIC Management and Certification boards met earlier this month to discuss the progress and implementation plan for the five FCL programmes. Part of the decisions taken was to ensure that FCL’s programmes are ISO 17024 compliant and meet the requirements for the professionals working in the construction, engineering and infrastructure industry.

**FCCE global roll out update**

The FCCE programme remains a top priority for FIDIC and FCL. The new roll out programme will be aimed at qualified consulting engineers and other specialists working in the infrastructure and engineering industries. The final report of the FCCE Pilot Programme has been prepared and sent out. One of the most important features of the report was the survey which collected feedback from various FCCE graduates, their employers, Trainers and other stakeholders. FIDIC intends to build on the best practices learnt from the survey and report and use it for the future implementation of the FCCE programme. One of the key points to remember is that the FCCE programme will be rolled out not only in China but globally as from this year.

**The FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme officially opens in June 2021**

The FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme is the first certification programme which is open for application from this month onwards. The plan is for candidates to apply to FCL, sit the exams and follow the assessment procedures if they wish to be certified. FIDIC attaches a great deal of importance to increasing the number of adjudicators who are listed on its roster. It is vital for qualified adjudicators and dispute avoidance experts practicing globally to apply to become certified. The aim is for this certification to also be available to China-based adjudicators, as well as to those around the world who wish to be listed as FIDIC Certified Adjudicators.

All those who are interested in finding out more are encouraged to visit the FIDIC Certified Adjudicator programme page ([https://china.fidic.org/adjudicators/](https://china.fidic.org/adjudicators/)) on a regular basis. For those who are interested in finding out more, please fill out the EOI form [here](https://china.fidic.org/adjudicators/) or contact the FCS office. The FCS team will be able to provide you with any help or information you may need.

**Establishing the value of water webinar**

As part of FIDIC’s launch of the second State of the World report of 2021 under the theme of “Establishing the value of water, the business case for change”, a webinar was held on 1st of April 2021. This event was also linked to the World Water Day which was marked on the 22nd of March. The webinar provided a timely discussion on the many water challenges, the impact of climate change and the future considerations which people, companies and governments should consider in the future. Experts shared their perspectives on the pricing of water services, global investment and policies and how engineers can help address the myriad of interlinked issues.
To address these challenges, the SOW report offers three recommendation. To read up more about it, click on this [link](#).

**FIDIC will hold a webinar to deal with change in uncertain times**

They next FIDIC Covid-19 webinar will take place on 11 May 2021. It will discuss the use of FIDIC contracts and how these contracts or any other adopted contracts deal with the changes requested by parties, as well as what can be expected as a result of unplanned and unscheduled changes.

For more information on this, click on the link below.

**FIDIC Awards in 2021**

FIDIC will be awarding four international awards this year. These awards will cover Future Leaders, Member Associations, Projects and Contract Users. More information on the awards will follow in the near future.

**FIDIC Annual International Infrastructure Conference will be taking place online**

For the second year running, FIDIC’s annual International Infrastructure Conference will take place online this year, from 12-14 September. The central theme of the conference, “Investing in future infrastructure - Governance and leadership in a post-pandemic world”, is especially relevant as the Covid pandemic has revealed that more than ever before, high-quality and sustainable infrastructure is needed globally. The conference provides an opportunity to engage with more than 500 delegates from 100 countries representing leaders of the global engineering infrastructure community and sector stakeholders.

Click [here](#) to register your interest in attending FIDIC’s Annual International Infrastructure Conference.

**ACEC USA Annual Convention was held online**

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) held its second annual convention and legislative summit online at the end of April. The event was held on 26 - 28 April2021, and is a traditional must-attend event for industry professionals. It featured a wide range of high-profile speakers, educational sessions, roundtables, networking and a virtual exhibitors’ hall, which was delivered under the leadership of Linda Bauer Darr and her executive committee.

Click [here](#) to find out more about the ACEC Virtual Annual Convention 2021.
The 2016 and 2017 FCCE CPD recertification activities are being staged

In accordance with the *Regulations of the FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineers Pilot Programme and the Management of Continuing Education Programme of the FCCE*, the FCCE Certification Management Board has after profound consideration and thorough consultation, as well as in agreement with FIDIC, decided to organize recertification activities in May and June 2021 for 2016 and 2017 FCCE certificate holders.

The recertification will consist of two components, including the provision of evidence of at least 24 hours of optional activities and participation in 24 hours (3 days) of compulsory/specified activities. After a series of preparatory actions, compulsory/specified activities will be held in Wuhan (May 6 - 8), Guangzhou (May 13 - 15), Beijing (May 28 - 30), Xi'an (June 4 - 6), Chengdu (June 20 - 22) respectively. For more information please contact the FCS office; (010- 56950858; fcee@fidic.org, fcs@fidic.org).
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. The CEO’s update: Issue 16

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https://fidic.org/node/32759

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

[Image of conference setting]

https://fidic.org/events

c. Information about upcoming training courses:

https://fidic.org/online-fidic-training-courses
Website and social media links

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

b. FCS Wechat link:
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