Welcome to this seventh edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

Summer may officially be in full swing, but the FIDIC has been very busy promoting the various initiatives and strengthening its stakeholder partnerships.

The most recent example of this was the recently concluded FIDIC State of the World webinar entitled “Tackling the global water crisis”. This was the last in the series for this quarter of the year. The theme was in line with the launch of the third SOW report which bears the same title and demonstrates the continued importance of project durability, inclusiveness, and local ownership.

On 26 July 2021, FIDIC held our second FCL Townhall meeting to inform all the legacy Trainers, as well as potential new trainers, about the updated and more holistic approach which would be taken to transition into the new certification system under FIDIC Credentialing Ltd (FCL).

This month as well, the Certified Contract Manager and the Certified Trainer programme committees met to finalize various aspects of the FCL certification programmes. I am confident that once their work is finalized, these two programmes will be open for applications by Q4 of 2021. We look forward to receiving applications from those living in China and wider Asia Pacific Region.
It has been very positive to note that the recertification seminars for the 2016 and 2017 FCCEs have now completed. The graduates of these cohorts from the Pilot Programme will receive their new certificates in the near future. Given that the FCCE Pilot Programme has now transitioned into the new FIDIC Credentialing certification procedures, they will be certified by FCL.

In addition, I am pleased to announce that those who missed the recertification seminars which took place across China in recent months will also have the opportunity to also obtain their new certificates once they complete an online recertification requirement within the next few weeks.

The next session of the FIDIC Adjudicator certification programme will be in September. It is our hope that candidates from China will sign up for this session. This invitation to become a Certified Adjudicator is an integral part of our commitment to ensure that our programmes are available globally and that experts in adjudication living and working in China, as well as in Asia are able become certified and listed as FIDIC Certified Adjudicators.

The FIDIC Asia-Pacific Conference is taking place online on 30 July 2021, and I am pleased to inform you that FIDIC’s President-Elect, Mr Anthony Barry will provide the conference inaugural address and myself, will provide an insight on the current and future FIDIC global programme at the event. I am equally pleased to note that Ms Yuan Jing; FCCE graduate from CHELBI and member of CNAEC is also a contributor to the conference which shows China’s commitment to becoming a front runner in the whole process of infrastructure construction.

FIDIC is committed to promoting its stakeholder engagement and will be working to implement specific aspects of its partnership agreements and going forward, will continue to promote its friendly collaboration with CNAEC, CHINCA, CECA and other national firms and bodies. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our FCCE and wider China based stakeholders a most enjoy summer break.
Sign up now for the 2021 FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference

Work continues to progress on the organisation of the FIDIC’s annual Global Infrastructure Conference which will take place online again this year on Friday, 10 September and Monday, 13 September 2021. The conference, “Investing in future infrastructure - governance and leadership in a post-pandemic world”, will look at the global need for high-quality and sustainable infrastructure, in the context of a world coming out of the Covid crisis. We have assembled a top line up of industry experts to speak at the event.

The conference will consider the challenges faced by both the public and private sectors in developing successful projects and maintaining high-performing infrastructure assets in a rapidly changing world of digitisation, energy transition, climate change, geo-politics and growing societal needs. The conference will take a deep dive into how we address the planning, funding and delivery of sustainable infrastructure as well as examining how leadership – business, industry and political – can make it happen. You can view the outline agenda for the conference and register your interest to attend using this link.

The 2021 FIDIC Awards are open for applications! Make sure you enter!

Entries remain open for FIDIC’s four main awards programmes for 2021. FIDIC is still looking for applications from companies, organisations and individuals for our FIDIC Project Awards, Member Association Excellence Awards, Future Leaders Awards and the FIDIC Contract Users’ Awards, with the winners to be announced during a series of online events later this year. It is hereby recommended that all FIDIC member associations should consider submitting an entry for the MA Excellence Awards as this is your chance to shine and demonstrate the brilliant work we know you have been undertaking on behalf of your members over the past 12 months.

Click here for further information about the FIDIC Awards 2021 and to access the entry forms.

Sign up for our new FIDIC contracts group on LinkedIn

FIDIC has launched a new Official FIDIC Contract Users’ Group on LinkedIn. With more and more global organisations signing up to use FIDIC contracts, the online community of users interested in these standard forms is growing fast. With this expanding community and the growing interest in using FIDIC contracts, FIDIC have seen a rising interest in discussing key issues, sharing best practices and providing an online space for all FIDIC contract users to gather as a community. That is why FIDIC recently set up an Official FIDIC Contract Users’ Group on LinkedIn to meet this demand. The new group will help to increase affinity, awareness and engagement around the use of FIDIC contracts and in time, we hope it will become the leading community for FIDIC contract users. FIDIC encourages all FIDIC contract users and all those interested to engage and sign up to be members of the group.

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Official FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference for Asia and Australasia has been held

The official FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference for Asia and Australasia was held on 13-15 July 2021 as a live webcast. This event offered a unique opportunity for the Asia and Australasia contract users’ community to share progress on the application and use of FIDIC contracts internationally and across the region and included the participation of MDBs, private sector organisations and clients, government, engineers, contractors, investors, consultants and other stakeholders who share an interest in FIDIC contracts.

Simultaneous interpretation in Chinese was provided during the event, and participants were able to obtain the certificate of participation issued by FIDIC thereafter. In a similar vein, the FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineers (FCCE) are able to use this to accumulate continuing education hours.

FIDIC North America official launch

Last month saw the official launch of the new FIDIC North America grouping, following the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) by all the key FIDIC member associations of FIDIC in the region. The coming together of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), Association of Consulting Engineering Companies Canada (ACEC-Canada) and the National Chamber of Consulting Companies Mexico (CNEC) under the banner of FIDIC North America is an historic step for FIDIC and one that will strengthen cooperation between all the engineering industries throughout the region. The MOU brings together the representative organisations of consulting engineering companies across the United States, Mexico and Canada, all under the FIDIC banner, and represents over 600,000 professionally qualified engineers and consultants across the region.

2016 and 2017 FCCEs Recertification Optional Activities review completed

As delegated by the FCCE Board, FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS) was provided with the evidence of the FCCEs optional credit hours by the 2016 and 2017 FCCE graduates. In order to complete the assessment of their submissions in a fair, impartial, efficient and scientific manner, FCS invited and selected three experts to physically assess all these submissions and score each FCCE on their credit hour submissions. For more information about these recertification activities, please consult the FCS WeChat page or the FCS website.
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 19

https://fidic.org/node/33313

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

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

b. FCS Wechat link:
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