Welcome to the ninth edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

September has been a particularly busy yet very productive month for the FIDIC family.

There have been several important FIDIC meetings which took place over the course of two and a half weeks, and which have not only served to provide new direction for our future initiatives, but also to remind us of the tremendous work already done in the past year, both as a federation working in partnership with our stakeholders but also from the secretariat’s perspective. In particular, FIDIC and its secretariat have dedicated a great deal of time and attention to strengthening the networks within our various committees and fostering stronger relations across the FIDIC subsidiary bodies, notably FCL and FCS. Going forward, this will further bolster our combined efforts as we diversify the services which we offer globally. More information on these services will be provided in the near future.

During the Annual General Assembly Meeting (GAM) which was held on 14 September 2021, Mr Anthony Barry was elected as the new President of FIDIC. He will take over the baton of his predecessor, Mr William Howard whose tenure came to an end this month. During his mandate, Mr Howard squarely addressed many of the very challenging Covid and post-pandemic concerns facing our engineering industry and successfully maintained open dialogue. Mr Barry will serve a two-year term. Similarly, Ms. Catherine Karakatsanis and Mr Luis Villaroya were elected to serve on the FIDIC Board as Vice-Presidents and two new members from Europe (Ms. Chantal Dagnaud) and Africa (Martina Hess) were also elected. This sets a very historical precedent for FIDIC as we now
have our first female Vice-President in FIDIC history and with the newly elected members, we have successfully met our objectives of having a 30% female representative on the Board and increasing our geographical diversity targets.

At this juncture, it also gives me great pleasure to briefly touch upon the highlights from this year’s FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference which took place from 10 – 13 September 2021. During those days, a series of meetings were held and a stellar group of high-level officials and international experts, such as the President of the World Economic Forum, Mr Borge Brende and the Vice President of the African Development Bank, Dr Kevin Kariuki, gave keynote addresses on the first day and participated in the meetings.

Another highlight were the international awards which were presented to the member associations as well as to individuals who have excelled in the industry or for their contribution to the consulting engineering sector globally.

Of the 14 Awards of Merit, Chinese member associations proved to be the strongest contenders, as they took home a total of 8 awards for the various projects carried out across China. Similarly, they won three of the Awards of Excellence prizes for 2021 and the Outstanding Project of the year award.

Furthermore, for the “Best Strategic Programme” category of the Excellence Awards 2021, I am pleased to inform you that the Highly Commended prize went to the China National Association of Engineering Consultants (CNAEC) for their diligent commitment and efforts which helped ensure the successful realisation of the FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineer (FCCE) Pilot Programme.

While this is our second international annual conference to be hosted online, I am pleased to report it was a very successful conference. This year, to promote greater participation from around the world, we also ensured that the conference was translated into Chinese. It is therefore our hope that many FCCE graduates, as well as our national and international partners were able to participate and enjoy this important annual conference.

It is strongly hoped that the 2022 FIDIC Global Infrastructure conference will be held in-person, in Geneva, Switzerland. In anticipation that all the restrictions which may currently impede some from international travel will no longer apply then, I would like to encourage you to pencil the dates in mid-September into your calendars.
I look forward to meeting you in person next year.

At this point, I would like to add that the second session of the FCL Adjudicator assessment which took place in early and mid-September has been successfully completed. Almost 30 candidates sat the Phase 1 exam and about 70% of them passed and sat the Phase 2 assessment. In the near future, it is our hope that more candidates from Asia able to participate in this certification process and we also look forward to welcoming those in China who recently expressed interest in participating in this certification programme.

The next session will take place in November. Registrations will open for candidates on 27 September 2021. In the meantime, I would encourage you to visit the FCL (Adjudicator) programme page to learn more.

Let me conclude by thanking those FCCE graduates who participated in the recent survey which was conducted after the recertification seminars that took place across five cities in China. However, the number of those who have currently provided us with their feedback is insufficient to help us to fully understand how we could improve the services that we provide to FCCEs. I would therefore encourage to those who are yet to provide their feedback to contact the FCS office. Completing the survey would also help us to further improve the quality of the services we offer now and in the future.
FIDIC successfully holds its second online annual Global Infrastructure Conference

The FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference which took place from 10 – 13 September has now been successfully completed. Under the theme of “Investing in future infrastructure - governance and leadership in a post-pandemic world”, the conference covered issues relating to the global need for high-quality and sustainable infrastructure solutions in the context of a world coming out of the Covid crisis.

Several eminent speakers from Africa, Asia, North America provided their inputs during the conference. During the two days, there were various side event including four Forums to consider issues ranging from legal to human resources, digital transformation and finance. In addition, there were several other meetings which took place including the Ask the Board, Regional Group Meeting, as well as panel and committee side events.

Click here for more information on the conference.

FIDIC General Assembly Meeting concludes with the appointment of a new President

On 14 September 2021, the FIDIC GAM was held virtually with member associations from around the world in attendance. During this session, Mr Anthony Barry was elected as the new President of FIDIC. In addition, two new members also joined the Board, replacing those who were leaving. This notably includes Mr Gavin English, the former FIDIC Treasurer and the Mr William Howard, the former President.

Click here for further information on the event.

“Lifeblood of FIDIC” gathers for online event

FIDIC’s committee chairs gathered online on 9 September 2021 as part of a virtual session during the business days of FIDIC’s annual online conference. The chairs gave an update on their work over the past 12 months – work which had continued despite the challenges of the global pandemic.

Despite the many difficulties and challenges of the past 12 months, FIDIC’s committees have pivoted well to a fully integrate an online mode of delivery to meet these challenges. While the work of the committees is still evolving, the committees were informed that their output and engagement with stakeholders are enabling FIDIC
to be more external facing work and is helping the organisation to make a positive impact on and widen its influence in the global infrastructure industry.

Chairing the online event, Chris Campbell, CEO of Consulting Engineers South Africa and the chair of the FIDIC Directors and Secretaries Advisory Council, said that FIDIC’s committees had done extremely valuable work over the past year and were critical cogs in pulling the various strands of the organisation’s work together and raising FIDIC’s profile.

The meeting heard updates from the chairs of all 11 FIDIC committees. The chairs answered questions from attendees on a range of issues and it was clear from the discussion how interconnected the work of the committees is, as well as highlighting the opportunities for greater global collaboration and engagement. “There are real opportunities for collaboration between different international organisations as a result of their connection with the FIDIC family,” said Chris Campbell, underlining the importance of the collaborative and team-orientated approach of the FIDIC committees.

**FIDIC announces the winner of the 2021 Future Leaders Award**

FIDIC has announced the 2021 winner of its annual Future Leaders Award during the online event which took place on 9 September 2021.

The FIDIC Future Leaders Awards acknowledge and promote the outstanding achievements of future leaders in the consulting engineering industry worldwide and also encourage effective participation of future leaders in FIDIC. Speaking at the awards presentation, FIDIC CEO, Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “These awards recognise the contribution of young professionals to the FIDIC Future Leaders initiative which is so important to FIDIC and to the future of the engineering, construction and infrastructure industry.”

Click [here](#) for further information about the winner of 2021 Future Leaders Award.

**FIDIC Annual Report 2020/21 published**

The FIDIC Annual Report 2020/2021, published on 14 September 2021, provides a comprehensive update on the organisation’s activities over the past 12 months, a year which has been another very busy and active one for FIDIC.

The Annual Report gives a comprehensive and detailed update on all aspects of FIDIC’s work over the past year, as well as updates from FIDIC president Bill Howard, chief executive Nelson Ogunshakin, president elect Anthony Barry, there is an overview of the organisation’s finances and board activities. The Annual Report also
includes a progress report on the FIDIC Strategic Plan, the work of the FIDIC committees, a publications and training update, reports on FIDIC Credentialing Ltd and FCS Beijing, and much more.

Writing in this year’s Annual Report, FIDIC CEO Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “The past year has seen the pandemic continue and, in many areas, get worse with global lockdowns and severe restrictions on international travel. Despite these enduring challenges, FIDIC’s response on every level has been a source of inspiration and I can only say a heartfelt thank you to our board for their continuing leadership and direction, to our staff for their dedication and hard work over the past 12 months and to our members and stakeholders for their unstinting and valuable support.”

Click here to download the FIDIC Annual Report 2020/2021.

**FIDIC launches new Global Leadership Forum grouping**

A new forum bringing together industry leaders from across the globe to discuss the key issues facing society and the wider infrastructure sector was launched on 15 September 2021 by FIDIC.

Members of the new Global Leadership Forum (GLF) have been selected based on their key position, knowledge and expertise of the construction, infrastructure and related sectors. Industry leaders from Africa, North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and China attended the GLF.

Commenting on the launch of the forum, FIDIC CEO Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “As the world begins to face up to the realities of dealing with various challenges and also the consequences of climate change, at FIDIC we recognise that these challenges are no longer the problem of generations to come, but current generations, and that’s why we need to bring key influencers together to help address them”.

Click here for further information about the new Global Leadership Forum.

**New certificates for the recertification of the 2016 and 2017 FCCEs have been issued**

With the approval of the FCCE Certification Management Board, new certificates have been issued to FCCEs who met the recertification criteria. As delegated by this FCCE Board, FIDIC Consulting Service (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS) has delivered new paper certificates to the eligible FCCEs in September 2021.

For more information on this, please contact FCS on: +86-10-56950858/59/60/61, or by email: fcce@fidic.org.
The new Covid-19 Bulletin bulletin is out

A new edition of the FIDIC Covid-19 bulletin is out. It covers the impact of Covid on business practices in consulting engineering industries and how it has affected their companies. This was determined through surveys and questionnaires which included reviewing how this has been influenced by gender, the role of young professionals and sub-contractors working in the industry, as well as by the national regulations and organisational cultures.

For more information on this bulletin and to subscribe, click here.
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/
b. FCS Wechat link:

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