FCCE BULLETIN
Welcome to this eighteenth edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

June has been an especially busy month for FIDIC. With several face-to-face meetings which took place on four continents over the last five weeks, I have been struck by how pleased people are to have been able to engage with others on a one-on-one basis and in the same physical space. Some of the meetings I have attended in recent weeks included the FIDIC-Africa conference, the ACEC Convention, the EFCA board meeting and of course, the FIDIC Board meeting in Singapore, where many board members finally got to meet each other for the first time in over two years.

These meetings have demonstrated the vital importance of reconnecting with our partners and stakeholders in person and I look forward to meeting others during the events which will take place over the next few months, including the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in September.

During my travels, I observed that the challenges many around the world are facing around are similar. We have all experienced the pandemic, both in a personal manner and as nations, and we have felt the shift of its aftermath in the supply chain, the return to office challenges and other changes which we are commonly considered to be part of the post-pandemic “new-normal” phase.

For FIDIC, the focus of much of our efforts over the next few weeks will be the actualisation of the various initiatives that are already in the pipeline. Aside from the webinar series which includes the Evolving practices for the selection of engineering consultant on 28 June,
FIDIC also held the first official meeting of the FIDIC Global Leadership Forum on 16 June with over 70 C-Suite executives from 60 countries around the world including representatives from China-based organisations.

In July, the FCL Management and Certification boards will meet for the first time in person in Geneva, Switzerland. More information on these important meetings will be shared with you in the next month.

Finally, I am particularly pleased to inform you that the FIDIC Past President and former chair of the FCCE Pilot Programme Certification Management board, Mr Gregs Thomopulos, was recently awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his outstanding contribution to the USA’s consulting and engineering industries.

For all the FCCE graduates, our stakeholders, and partners, I would also like to take this opportunity to again encourage you to register and participate in all our events, including the free FIDIC webinars, the Global Infrastructure Conference, and the FIDIC Contract Users Conference (China) which will all take place later in the year.
FIDIC board meeting in Singapore
The FIDIC Board met face-to-face in Singapore from 2-3 June. The importance of the meeting was underscored by the fact that for four board members, this meeting was the first time that they got to meet each other in-person. During what was a very successful board session, members discussed various items which included the approval of the financial report for the year 2021, a revised budget for 2022 and the forecast for 2022. They also agreed on a new business financial model and structure for FIDIC which will take the organisation forward as regards the current corporate plans 2020-2024. The new structure will be rolled out over the coming months and we will keep members and stakeholders fully updated about what this will mean and the enhanced services we will deliver as a result.

During their week-long visit to Singapore, the board members also had the opportunity to meet with key local engineering and consultancy firm senior executives at a dinner hosted by the Association of Consulting Engineers Singapore, and took part in discussions with key industry players. There was a lot of keen interest from those we met who expressed interest in attending the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in Geneva. We look forward to welcoming many of them to Switzerland in September.

Global Leadership Forum holds first meeting in 2022
The FIDIC’s new Global Leadership Forum, which brings together industry leaders from across the globe will focus on the key issues facing society and the wider infrastructure sector, met for the first time in 2022 at a well-attended online session on 16 June. Forum members heard from keynote speakers from the Swiss Re Institute and the European Investment Bank who addressed issues of infrastructure investment and the green transition respectively. The meeting also discussed a number of think tank topics including industry recognition, sustainable development and methods for meeting the SDGs, market intelligence, insight, procurement and delivering tomorrow’s infrastructure.

It was clear from the meeting that the Global Leadership Forum is set to become an increasingly influential network of expert individuals and companies from across the infrastructure space providing leadership and knowledge to deliver improved and sustainable outcomes for societies across the globe. A summary of the key points discussed at the GLF is now available on the Infrastructure Global online platform and on the FIDIC website.

Professional liability: Why it is important
In an article published on Infrastructure Global, FIDIC president, Tony Barry, considered the expanding complexity of professional liability in recent decades and how big an issue this is for global infrastructure delivery.
For the last 40 years, the liability borne by consulting engineers has been problematic and is becoming more onerous. It has put increasing pressure on consulting firms and on their insurers. It has also impacted individuals both professionally and personally and now has big implications for global infrastructure delivery.

Until the late 1980s, the consulting engineer’s liability was focussed on negligence in the performance of their professional duty, where negligence was defined as being a breach of the standard of care reasonably expected of consulting engineers performing similar services.

In effect, the claims made by clients addressed engineering failures which resulted in death and injury and property damage. This was what liability insurance was for and generally, the consultant’s insurance responded to negligence claims and those claims were settled or, in some cases, awarded through the courts.

To learn more, please click this webpage.

**First FIDIC Ambassadors appointed**

The first phase of the new FIDIC Ambassadors programme has been launched with the appointment of a number of key individuals from around the world who have been confirmed as FIDIC Ambassadors.

The FIDIC Ambassadors programme has been created to expand FIDIC’s footprint across the globe and to achieve the organisation’s objectives more efficiently. The programme will provide FIDIC member associations with a list of dedicated professionals working within the engineering, construction and infrastructure industry who will advocate for FIDIC principles and objectives and facilitate the development of additional high added-value services to members.

Commenting on the announcement of the first Ambassadors, FIDIC CEO, Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “I am delighted that we have launched the first stage of the FIDIC Ambassador programme, which is an important initiative for the organisation and will help FIDIC to raise its profile further across the global industry. The key FIDIC volunteers we have appointed as Ambassadors have many years of experience and knowledge of our industry and they are very well positioned for this important role. I look forward to the initiative helping to enhance FIDIC’s global profile, helping us attract new members as well as promoting FIDIC training programmes and other initiatives across the globe.”

Click [here](#) for more details on the list of the new FIDIC Ambassadors appointed for the period of 2022-2024.
**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 28**

   [https://fidic.org/node/37444](https://fidic.org/node/37444)

b. **FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:**

   [https://fidic.org/events](https://fidic.org/events)

c. **Information on upcoming training courses:**

   [https://fidic.org/training](https://fidic.org/training)
Website and social media links

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

b. FCS Wechat link:

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