FCCE BULLETIN
Welcome to this twenty-fifth edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

This month, the FIDIC Board held its first board meeting of the year during which many decisions were made and a way forward was decided on other issues that would impact the work of the federation during the course of the year, including the establishment of the FIDIC Foundation. More on this and the other decisions will be shared with you during the year.

On 8th of March 2023, the world celebrated International Women’s Day. To mark the day, the FIDIC president-elect, Catherine Karakatsanis, said it was important to celebrate the achievements of women in engineering and acknowledged the barriers and challenges faced and have overcome.

FIDIC is on track with its preparations ahead of the major events which will be taking place in 2023. After my successful visit to Singapore in February, FIDIC has been able to secure the support of several government agencies for the conference which will be held in the autumn. We are also confident that in due course, more partners in the regions, as well as high-level dignitaries will lend their support to this important international conference. We are especially pleased that this year, we will be commemorating the 110th anniversary of the federation.

In addition, I am pleased to inform you that it is not too late to enter your submissions for the FIDIC Project Awards or to register for the conference which will be taking place in the beautiful city of Singapore. Come and join us as we celebrate this year!

In April, we will welcome high-level leaders from the industry to the first ever in-person working Summit of the Global Leadership Forum which will take place in Geneva. We are pleased that this event will include the participation of the FIDIC President, Anthony Barry, as well as some of the other members of the FIDIC Board.
Final preparations are also underway for the 29th FIDIC Africa Infrastructure Conference which is scheduled to take place in Zambia. This conference will be held in Livingstone and will provide an opportunity for international, regional and national stakeholders to meet and discuss matters affecting the industry. For those interested, it is still possible to register and attend this conference.

For our other activities, there was a webinar entitled “War in Ukraine” which was held on 21 March 2023. This online event included speakers from various continents who shared their views on the future of reconstruction in Ukraine and the impact of the rising costs, the disruptions to the supply chains and global financial uncertainty.

Finally, in the past week, the Directors & Secretaries Advisory Council (DNSAC) met in Geneva for an intensive two-day meeting. Their workshop discussions covered various matters including the planning of the Global Infrastructure Conference in 2023 and the implementation of different action plans.

For the first time in a long time, our annual conference will be held in Asia. This offers an important opportunity for those living and working in the region to come to Singapore, which is an easily accessible hub, to come and participate in our conference and the various side events. I especially look forward to seeing the FCCE graduates and those who have supported or participated in FIDIC events over the years.

2023 also marks the year that the third set of our FCCE graduates of 2020 will be undertaking their recertification procedures. I am confident that you have already been informed of this and you have started to consider the ways you could participate in this process. As many of you are aware, this is a unique certification which is worth holding on to as a qualified professional working in the consulting engineering industry.

Furthermore, as we go forward into the new quarter of this year, I would like to encourage you to keep in touch with us and to get updates on all the FIDIC events and activities by engaging with the FCS team in Beijing. I am certain that the FCS team will be pleased to hear from you and will continue to share with you information on our activities and the other interesting news that would be of interest to those working in the infrastructure industry.
FCL has launched the recertification procedure for the 2020 FCCE certificate holders

The FIDIC Certified Consulting Engineer (FCCE) certificate is valid for three years. The FCCE certificates which were issued by FIDIC on 18 August 2020 will expire on 17 August 2023. The FCCE certificate holders who were certified in 2020 and who wish to renew their certificates are required to complete the recertification procedure.

On 28 February, FIDIC Credentialing Ltd. (FCL) issued the recertification announcement for the 2020 FCCE certificate holders, thereby launching the recertification procedure for this group of certificate holders. Those who have completed the recertification procedure will receive a new internationally delivered and globally recognised certificate which is signed by the FIDIC President, the Chair of FCL Management board, and the FIDIC CEO, in alignment with the international standard.

FCL has delegated FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS) with the authority to organise and implement the delivery of the recertification activities. The FCCE who wish to renew their certificates have been requested to kindly complete the recertification procedure by 31 May 2023 as required in the announcement.

For more information about the recertification activities, please contact the FCS office (Tel: 010-85638087, or email: fcce@fidic.org).

FCS held a webinar on the Interpretation of the FCCE recertification activities

FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS) held a webinar on the Interpretation of the FCCE recertification activities on 23 March 2023.

This webinar was held mainly for the benefit of the 2020 FCCE certificate holders, and the purpose of the webinar was to help them to better understand the recertification announcement, as well as the steps, requirements and procedures undertaken as part of the recertification activities. This will help the FCCE graduates to successfully complete the recertification procedure and thereafter, obtain the new FCCE certificate. Mr. Zhang Ruijie, General manager of FCS, introduced the procedures for recertification, the content of the optional activities and explained the ways the graduates could participate in the compulsory activities at the webinar.

2020 FCCE certificate holders and their companies participated in the webinar and had a lively exchange about the content and procedures for the FCCE recertification activities.

New guidance issued to help FIDIC contract users navigate troubled times

FIDIC has published a new guidance document to assist the users of its construction contracts when dealing with the effects of inflation and shortages of labour and goods following the global pandemic and the war in Ukraine.
The guidance memorandum, *FIDIC contracts guidance on the effects of inflation and unavailability of goods and labour following the global Covid-19 pandemic and the war in Ukraine*, contains an outline of the provisions in FIDIC’s various general conditions of contract which can be relevant to help users deal with a number of scenarios which may arise when dealing with the above issues.

Click [here](#) to download the guidance memorandum.

**FIDIC welcomes The World Bank’s steps to promote greater value in procurement**

This month, The World Bank announced that from 1 September 2023 it will require the use of ‘rated criteria’ as the default approach for most international procurements using a bank standard procurement document. Using rated criteria will enable borrowers to adopt a more strategic approach to procurement, including the use of evaluation criteria which prioritises fit-for-purpose solutions rather than the lowest-evaluated price. FIDIC welcomes this move by the World Bank, as a shift away from a ‘lowest price’ approach to procurement. This will also be widely welcomed by the engineering and construction industry and is something that FIDIC has long advocated. We hope that this move by a leading funder of global infrastructure projects will encourage other funders, MDBs and clients to adopt a similar approach to their procurement processes as a way of ensuring better, more transparent outcomes and greater value for money for the end users.

Click [here](#) to read about the World Bank’s use of rated criteria.

**Register now for FIDIC’s 2023 Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore**

One of the highlights of FIDIC’s annual programmes is always our Global Infrastructure Conference. Arrangements for the 2023 event which will be held in Singapore from 10-12 September 2023 are now well underway. We are encouraging all attendees to book their places as soon as possible to avoid missing out. Do not forget that last year’s event in Geneva was a sold-out event, with all places taken well before the event. The theme of the conference this year is *Infrastructure – there’s no time to lose: sustainable global (and local) strategies to build a better world*. FIDIC’s annual flagship event provides a global meeting point for the engineering and construction industries and we expect more than 1,000 senior global leaders to attend. Book your place now for what will be a must-attend event for our industry.

Click [here](#) to register for the 2023 FIDIC GIC in Singapore.
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 34

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b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

https://fidic.org/events

c. Information on upcoming training courses:

https://fidic.academy

d. Information of 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/

b. FCS WeChat link:

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