Welcome to this twenty-seventh edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

As the month of May draws to a close, I am taking a little time to reflect on some of the major successes, as well as the lessons learnt over the last few weeks. May involved a lot of travel for me and for various members of the FIDIC leadership. After the Global Leadership Forum’s Summit which was held at the end of April, a series of white papers are being finalised and they will be shared in the near future. One of these will include the paper produced by EY which we believe will set important new standards, along with the other papers which will consider the path to net zero and the efforts to reduce carbon in the infrastructure sector.

Last month, after my travel to Greece where I spoke at the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) IPP event, I moderated a session at the GEOBIM event in Rotterdam where discussion centred around the built environment’s future use of digital technologies, I was able to reflect on some of the steps being taken to effect change in various sectors of the industry, as well as the efforts of the international bodies to implement new strategies at the national and regional levels. Then it was back to Geneva to prepare for the other business trips, including to Zambia and the US.

A few weeks ago, the FIDIC Contracts Committee and the Task Groups successfully held their first set of in-person meetings in Switzerland. This was then followed by the Official Contract Users Conference for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region which was held online. This event offered an excellent opportunity for experts to share their experience and discuss challenges encountered in the industry, as well as the progress being made using FIDIC contracts internationally.
The FIDIC Africa conference which took place from 21 – 24 May was held as an in-person event in Livingstone. Attendees from the African continent and beyond were joined by some members of the FIDIC Board, including the FIDIC President, Mr Anthony Barry, the President-Elect, Catherine Karakatsanis who both gave keynote speeches during the conference. The FIDIC Africa conference was a great success, and it was a delight to see so many industry leaders and specialists attending the conference. This is the second such conference to be held in person since the full lifting of the pandemics travel restrictions and it was a pleasure to be able to discuss openly with others. We hope that future conferences in Africa will see an increase in the number of participants from the continent who will be encouraged to actively engage with this regional group and the work being done to increase engagement on the continent and beyond its borders.

Following this conference, the Board’s quarterly meeting was also held. This was a very productive two-day meeting as several matters which would potentially impact the efficient functioning of the federation were discussed and some decisions were taken.

Then it was time to attend the ACEC Spring Conference in Washington DC at the end of May. I am encouraged by the insightful discussions which took place as well as by the evident commitment so many industry insiders shared and the ongoing efforts to keep the standards high in our industry.

There are many more activities to report on, but this will be shared in the next bulletin. For now, I think it is important to remind you all that application for the various FIDIC awards are still open. I would like to encourage those who have not already done so to apply for the FIDIC Awards, including the Future Leaders, Excellence and Project Awards, while they remain open for applications.

I am delighted to note that the third set of our FCCE graduates from the 2020 group have started or are in the process of completing the recertification procedure. I am confident that they appreciate the very high value of the FIDIC certification, which is recognised globally, that they will complete the necessary steps to become recertified in 2023. The FCS team is available to guide them through this process and I am delighted that many will be able to retain this important FIDIC credential which is uniquely tailored to professionals working in both the Chinese and global consulting engineering industry.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone again that the Global Infrastructure Conference (GIC) will be taking place in Singapore in September. Do not forget to register!
First GLF Summit sets priorities for a greener future
The first ever Global Leadership Forum Summit which took place in Geneva from 27-28 April 2023, closed with a solid commitment that the infrastructure sector must take a lead on decarbonisation and advocating for greener investment in projects that make a positive difference to people’s lives and the planet. The infrastructure leaders attending the summit were drawn from an influential section of the global engineering, construction and infrastructure industry, making the event a very significant gathering for the sector. Crucially, in developing and working out solutions to challenges we face as businesses and as an industry and by offering a roadmap to implement real change, I believe that the Global Leadership Forum and Summit are well on their way to becoming the go-to organisation and event for all those looking to connect with the key leaders in the infrastructure sector and to bring about real change.

Click here to read coverage on the Global Leadership Forum Summit.

Highlighting the use of FIDIC contracts in the EMEA region
The FIDIC contracts committee team had their first in-person meeting in Geneva this month since 2019. Following on from this committee visit, FIDIC delivered a successful Official FIDIC Contract Users’ Conference 2023 for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region on 10-11 May 2023. The online event which was sponsored by leading construction and energy law firm, Fenwick Elliott, specifically targeted the contract users’ community in the EMEA region and offered a great opportunity to share progress on the application and use of FIDIC contracts internationally and across the regions.

The well-attended two-day conference was included inputs from a range of stakeholders including MDBs, private sector organisations and clients, government, engineers, contractors, investors, consultants, and other stakeholders who have an interest in FIDIC contracts. The conference was followed by another in-person meeting of the contracts committee task group 23, under the direction of Adriana Spassova. It was very positive to note the significant progress which has been made in drafting net zero clauses for inclusion in all FIDIC standard contracts. Hopefully, we can make further progress on this critical task and have it ready for publication in 2024.

Click here to read the report on the conference.

Hard copy version of new FIDIC contracts guide published
This month, FIDIC published a hard copy version of its new contracts guide to complement the currently available electronic version. It was released to support the reprints of a number of key FIDIC construction contracts published at the end of last year. The hard copy version of the FIDIC 2017 Contracts Guide (2nd Edition) 2022 gives a comprehensive and practical overview of FIDIC’s suite of contracts and offers a detailed clause-by-clause guidance on the use of these industry leading documents. Publishing the guide in hard copy fulfils the needs of
those stakeholders who prefer to use the hard copy version of FIDIC’s contract document. We expect it to be widely used in the industry.

Click here to order the hard copy version of the new FIDIC contracts guide.

**FIDIC leads by example on reducing carbon emissions**

As well as encouraging the engineering, construction and infrastructure sectors to take positive actions to reduce its environmental impact on the journey to net zero, FIDIC is also leading by example and taking the initiative to measure its own carbon emissions. We have partnered with the environmental consultancy firm, Positive Planet, to conduct a comprehensive carbon footprint assessment of FIDIC’s operations, including measuring our direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions which result from our activities, including operations, facilities and energy usage. By taking responsibility for our environmental impact and implementing meaningful actions to reduce our emissions, FIDIC is striving to be a responsible organisation and to contributing towards a greener future.

Click here for more information.

**Overview of FIDIC webinar series for the second half of 2023**

FIDIC has unveiled its 2023 webinar series, which include a series of must-attend events covering a wide range of topics of interest for the global consulting engineering and construction professionals. The 2023 webinars’ programme have been organised in conjunction with FIDIC’s standing committees, councils or panels of experts, while others are launch events for FIDIC’s State of the World report series. The 2023 webinar series is a mainstay of FIDIC’s stakeholder outreach and engagement activity. All events are free to register, and attendees benefit from top-level knowledgeable panellists speaking on some of the key issues facing the industry today.

The FIDIC webinars series for the second half of 2023 include:

1. FIDIC Committee/Council webinar:
   Theme: **Making the most of FIDIC - how to get the best out of the industry's global representative body**
   Time: Tuesday, 6 June 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CEST)
   Language: English

2. State of the World webinars:
   Theme: **Navigating the digital journey to reducing carbon**
   Time: Thursday, 22 June 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CEST)
   Language: English
3. FIDIC Committee/Council webinar:
   Theme: **The Golden Principles of Business Practice – are there such things and if there are, what are they?**
   Time: Tuesday, 11 July 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CEST)
   Language: English

4. FIDIC Committee/Council webinar:
   Theme: **Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council webinar**
   Time: Tuesday, 10 October 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CET)
   Language: English

5. State of the World webinar:
   Theme: **Is direct current making a comeback**
   Time: Thursday, 26 October 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CET)
   Language: English

6. FIDIC Committee/Council webinar:
   Theme: **International Financial Institutions Committee webinar**
   Time: Tuesday, 31 October 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CET)
   Language: English

7. FIDIC Committee/Council webinar:
   Theme: **Sustainable Development Committee webinar**
   Time: Tuesday, 21 November 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CET)
   Language: English

8. FIDIC Committee/Council webinar:
   Theme: **Integrity Management Committee webinar**
   Time: Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CET)
   Language: English

FCCEs who register for any of the above webinars can also accumulate credit hours for optional activities. For more details on the FIDIC webinar series, please click this [link](#).
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 36
   May edition
   https://fidic.org/events

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:
   https://fidic.academy

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

b. FCS WeChat link:

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