FCCE BULLETIN
FOREWORD

Welcome to the thirty-first edition of the FCCE Bulletin.

A few weeks ago, we held our FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference (#FIDICGIC23) in Singapore. The four-day event was a success which was attended by more than 700 delegates from over 60 countries around the world and we were privileged to have several high-level speakers, dignitaries, and high-profile industry leaders.

I am delighted by the support which was offered by the Government of Singapore and our attendees appreciated the participation of the Senior Minister of State for Sustainability and the Environment & Manpower, Dr Koh Poh Koon, who gave the keynote address on the second day of the conference.

The GAM took place on 10 September 2023 and saw the election of our new and first ever female FIDIC President, Catherine Karakatsanis (Canada), two new Vice Presidents namely James Mwangi (Kenya) and Alfredo Ingletti (Italy), as well as the appointment of two new board members, Adam Bialachowski (Poland) and Prasant Kapila (India). They each bring to the board a wealth of experience which will doubtless be beneficial to the future work and direction of the federation.

Under the theme of sustainable global (and local) strategies to build a better world, the conference provided a platform for the infrastructure community to engage and discuss many of the pressing issues affecting the industry today. It was evident that it is more critical than ever before for us to find viable solutions to the many challenges facing the world and I am pleased that the conference offered the opportunity for many to also build new connections and establish potential partnerships.
In addition, FIDIC commemorated its 110th anniversary with the cutting of the celebratory cake and the release of *Engineering the Future: 110 years of FIDIC* which is the FIDIC anniversary publication that we have made available digitally.

During the conference, FCL also organised an awards certificate ceremony and I am pleased that more than 40 certificants received their certificates and took photographs with myself and the FIDIC President. I applaud them on their achievements and wish them the best as they go forward in their careers.

On the occasion of the *Gala dinner and 110 Years Global Projects Awards Ceremony*, FIDIC presented its highest award, the Louis Prangey Award to Sir Vivian Ramsey; Chair of the FCL Management board for his stellar contribution to FIDIC and the infrastructure industry as a whole. In addition, at this event, more than 40 awards were also given out, several of which were presented to Chinese companies who won awards of merit for outstanding projects.

FIDIC was also pleased that a large contingent from China was able to attend our conference after a hiatus of more than three years due to the pandemic. We were pleased that the Vice Chairman of CNAEC, Mr Chen, provided us with a congratulatory message which we shared on screen during the Gala dinner and awards ceremony. In addition, the participation of the Vice Chairman of CHINCA, Mr Xiuming Xin, was appreciated as he offered valuable insights as an invited speaker during the Contact Management Forum.

September has indeed been a very busy month for the entire FIDIC team, and we are now looking forward to implementing other initiatives, including hosting webinars and conferences in the near future.

For those who have not actively done so, I encourage you to get in touch with the FCS team in Beijing as they can provide you with further updates on the various FIDIC activities which will take place during this last quarter of the year. I am certain they will be pleased to assist you on all matters relating to the future initiatives which will also be taking place in China.
Excellence in global infrastructure celebrated as the FIDIC Project Awards 2023 are unveiled in Singapore

FIDIC announced the overall winners of its prestigious Project Awards for 2023 during a glittering gala dinner event held in Singapore on 12 September 2023.

After considering all the awards submissions, the awards judging panel identified 30 projects that met the elevated criteria to receive an ‘Award of Merit’ for the FIDIC Project Awards 2023. The projects were an international selection drawn from Australia, Botswana, Canada, China, Croatia, France, Ireland, Mozambique, Philippines, Singapore, Somalia, South Korea, United States and Vietnam. From among these 30 projects, 16 were selected to win an ‘Award of Excellence’ which were revealed during the gala dinner.

Commenting on the results of the awards, FIDIC CEO Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: “Once again, this year the winning projects and others awarded which were recognised for their achievement, highlighting the strength of FIDIC’s global footprint and the connections we have made across the international infrastructure sector. The strength of this year’s overall crop of entries underlines the continued excellence of the work of consulting engineers and the value that this crucial business sector brings to society, by delivering excellent construction and infrastructure projects that transform people’s lives. Many congratulations to all our winners and other showcased projects. The competition was stronger than ever this year and all the successful projects should be proud of their achievement.”

Click here for the full list of winners.

FIDIC members’ work showcased in the 2023 Member Association Excellence Awards

FIDIC announced the winners of the 2023 FIDIC Member Association Excellence Awards at the recent gala dinner event which was held on 12 September 2023 in Singapore.

The awards recognise individuals, teams, campaigns, initiatives, publications and events, as well as celebrating excellence in how FIDIC’s global member associations serve their member firms and other stakeholders.

Speaking at the awards presentation in Singapore, outgoing FIDIC president Anthony Barry said: “These awards, now in their fourth year, showcase, reward and highlight the achievements and successes of FIDIC’s global member associations and the work they do representing the global consulting industry. Our member associations have been playing an essential role in supporting their member firms over the past year and FIDIC is delighted to be recognising their brilliant work.”

Click here for full details.
FIDIC publishes a best practice report on lifecycle carbon emissions
FIDIC has published and released a best practice report for applying scope 3 carbon emissions during the Global Infrastructure Conference focusing on downstream activities.

The report, Decarbonisation of the infrastructure sector, which was launched during the final session of FIDIC’s recent annual Global Infrastructure Conference, was authored in collaboration with Ramboll and Arcadis. It demonstrates a best practice approach through the whole life cycle stages of infrastructure projects, and provides a useful guide for consulting engineers and contractors working in the global infrastructure sector.

Commenting on the report, Dr Nelson Ogunshakin, FIDIC CEO, said: “FIDIC stakeholders have a substantial impact on the infrastructure sector globally and raising the bar on how we can work with decarbonising the sector in all lifecycle phases of projects can have a real impact towards staying within 1.5 degrees as targeted by the Paris Agreement.”

Click here for full details and to download the report.

Canada’s Catherine Karakatsanis elected as FIDIC’s first female president
Canadian Catherine Karakatsanis has been elected as the latest president of FIDIC, following a vote by FIDIC member associations during its global annual meeting on 10 September 2023. She is the first woman to be president in FIDIC’s 110-year history.

Karakatsanis, who takes on her full duties as president at the conclusion of FIDIC's annual Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore on 12 September 2023, is the chief operating officer at Morrison Hershfield Group, a leading North American employee-owned consulting engineering and management firm.

Commenting on her election as president and being the first woman to hold this role, Karakatsanis said: “I feel humbled by the trust shown in me to represent this brilliant industry organisation on a global scale. I feel extremely fortunate and honoured to be able to serve my profession and industry through FIDIC and I will be working hard to ensure that I do so in a way that makes a difference.

Click here for full details.

FCL holds its first ever certificates award ceremony at the GIC
FIDIC Credentialing Ltd (FCL) held a certificate awards ceremony during the recently held FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference in Singapore. More than 40 professionals who had either recently gained their certification or who were recently recertified, received a special hard copy of their FIDIC certificates during the
first ever certificate award ceremony. These participants also got the chance to take pictures and shake hands with the FIDIC President and FIDIC CEO during the ceremony which was well appreciated by all the participants.

FCL intends to hold another similar event later in the year during the FIDIC Contract Users Conference which will be held in London in November 2023. More information on this will be shared in the near future.

**The second Contract Management Forum hosted by FCL**

Contract Management Forum, which was moderated by the FCL General Contract Manager, Thanos Totsikas, was held during the FIDIC GIC event in Singapore.

There were several notable speakers which included Mr Xiuming Xin, Vice Chairman of CHINCA, who spoke about the role of contract management in Asia. This event which was the second of its kind, was well attended and appreciated by experts and practitioners working in the industry. One of the key takeaways was that a well-managed project is not only beneficial to sustainable infrastructure, but would lead to less construction or engineering project disputes in the future.

**FIDIC Adjudicator Programme highlighted at the China Arbitration Week**

As one of the most important side events of the just concluded China Arbitration Week organised by China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC), the "China Arbitration Week - Expert Witness Practice Forum" was successfully held in Beijing on 16 September 2023. Practitioners, experts and representatives from government agencies, associations, construction and engineering companies, law firms, financing institutions and international organisations participated in this forum. Topics covered an extensive range of issues, including mediation, adjudication, arbitration and other approaches to dispute resolution in the construction sector.

Mr. Zhang Ruijie, General Manager of FIDIC Consulting Services (Beijing) Ltd. (FCS), delivered a keynote speech at the forum. He gave an introduction on the FIDIC contracts, specifically on the DAAB mechanism under the 2017 FIDIC contract conditions. He also provided detailed summary of the FIDIC Certified Adjudicator (FCA) programme, including the requirement and procedures for application, assessment steps, benefits, and more. More than 3,000 people participated in the forum both physically and virtually.
FIDIC global news and events

For further information on conferences, events and training being organised by FIDIC, please consult the links provided below:

a. CEO’s update: Issue 39

https://fidic.org/events

b. FIDIC’s upcoming conferences:

https://fidic.academy

c. Information on upcoming training courses:

https://fcl.fidic.org/programmes

d. Information on 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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