

FIDIC Newsletter March 2013



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Reports from member countries highlighted the fact that most economies in the region still report strong growth and that significant investments in infrastructure are planned. Concerns were raised that there would be a shortage of skilled professionals in the very near future, providing significant opportunities and challenges for both multinational and local consulting firms. Reports and presentations are available through the [FIDIC website](#)

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This year's conference will provide an opportunity for delegates to discuss the important role that African firms play and the contribution of consulting engineers to the development of infrastructure networks from the perspective of sustainability. The vastness of Sudan and the diversity of its physical and social environment, make it one of the best examples demonstrating the challenges for sustainable infrastructure development in Africa. Further details are available at [GAMA2013 conference website](#).



FIDIC will be represented by the FIDIC President Geoff French, Executive Committee member Exaud Mushi and Managing Director Enrico Vink. The conference will be followed by a workshop on FIDIC contracts.

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Libya Reconstruction supported by FIDIC

Libya is pulling out all the stops in its effort to reconstruct the country after infrastructure projects were blocked during the Libyan revolution. The private sector, led by consulting engineers, is recommending FIDIC contracts as the relevant suite of products to support this effort at the nation level. On 24 April 2013, a second FIDIC conference will be held in Libya with local Libyan partner Tasyeer. All details are available on the [FIDIC website](#).



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News from the Executive

At its meeting in January 2013, the FIDIC Executive Committee agreed to:



1. Announce that three vacancies on the FIDIC Executive Committee will occur in 2013, with nominations sought by May 2013. The Executive Committee noted that, ideally, the industry would continue to have direct representation from all regions covered by the membership. It announced its nomination of Jae-Wan Lee from South Korea as the next FIDIC Vice President.
2. Strengthen its connections to the marketplace through a more coordinated approach using the established regional groupings in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Closer integration with these groups is envisaged, and FIDIC resources will be allocated to support regional activities. A renewed membership drive will form part of this strategy, as well as Capacity Building initiatives, some of which are outlined in this newsletter. Regional conference support and Young Professional programmes will also receive additional support.
3. Support the work programmes of its committees, which indicate the development of additional documents and guidelines for use by the industry in enhancing the services provided to clients. Main activities will focus on business practice and innovation, integrity, sustainability, contract documents, capacity building and Young Professionals

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Enforcement of DAB Decisions – Advisory Note

The FIDIC Contracts Committee and its special advisors have prepared a special Guidance Note to Users of the 1999 Conditions of Contract. This advice is designed to make explicit the intentions of FIDIC in relation to the enforcement of DAB decisions that are binding and not yet final. This Guidance Memorandum will now be included in the 1999 Conditions of Contract for Construction. Users are encouraged to download the document from the [FIDIC website](#) to benefit from this update.

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FIDIC expands Rethink Cities Report

The Sustainable Development Committee is working on an Urban Edition of its Sustainability tools. "Rethink cities" will propose ambitious support tools for both the private and public sector, when designing sustainable city infrastructure. This important industry tool is planned for delivery to participants at the FIDIC Centenary Conference in September 2013.



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Training & Capacity Building

FIDIC YPMTF 2013 Programme

A record number of 83 candidates from 25 countries have registered for this year's FIDIC Management Training Programme for Young Professionals. Some three scholarships were made available for candidates from developing countries. The course takes place online over 7 months, culminating in several final sessions at the FIDIC Centenary Conference in Barcelona. Focussing on management issues related to the consulting engineering business, the course aims to acquaint these future leaders with core aspects of running a consulting firm, combining theory with practical case studies, as well as regional nuances.



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Dubai Users' 2013 Conference

The 2013 Middle East Users' conference took place for the first time in Dubai. The event gathered 100 attendees and speakers from nearly twenty different countries. Presentations on recent updates to the FIDIC contracts were provided by FIDIC Committee members and experts. A panel discussion on how to combat corruption through transparent contract administration was well received by the audience.

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June 2013 Malaysia, FIDIC/IBC Users Conference

The next FIDIC Asia-Pacific Users Conference will take place in Kuala Lumpur on 11-12 June 2013. This is an essential FIDIC event for Users of FIDIC contracts to better understand and successfully use the FIDIC suite of contracts and to effectively avoid or resolve disputes. This conference will provide a special focus on regional usage of FIDIC contracts through an authoritative speaker line-up. All information on [FIDIC website](#).



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June 2013 Paris FIDIC/ICC International Construction Contracts and the Resolution of Disputes

The next FIDIC/ICC International Construction Contracts and the Resolution of Disputes will take place in Paris on 25-26 June 2013. Experts in international commercial dispute resolution will converge in Paris on resolving disputes in international construction deals. This 2-day conference will provide an utmost opportunity to listen to FIDIC contracts experts discussing the different contract strategies and how they are addressed by the FIDIC suite of contracts, the latest news on the dispute resolution of construction matters and ICC arbitration and last but not least - the rising need of legal training for Dispute Board members. All information on [FIDIC website](#).



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Expansion of FIDIC training continues:

Online FIDIC Training Launched!

The first FIDIC online Contracts course has been positively received by the marketplace. The Podio platform, used to manage the online sessions and course interactive discussions, has proven to be efficient and reliable. Given the success of the course to date, FIDIC plans to develop more online training courses in the future. Look for news about new courses later in 2013 at our [events section](#).



Some 40 events are currently planned for the first half of the 2013 with FIDIC Member Associations or local partners, in several regions: Africa, Middle-East, West Europe, Central-East Europe, Asia and South America. Details can be found on the [FIDIC website](#). In order to better meet market demand, FIDIC is expanding its offer for training courses in languages other than English. German, French, Arabic, Spanish and Portuguese courses are now being given in 2013.

For the third year, the FIDIC-KENCA training programme is planned from April to August 2013. Ten 2-day courses on FIDIC Contracts and six 2-day courses on Business Practice topics will be conducted. For the first time 3 Korean trainers accredited by FIDIC will run part of the Business Practice programme.

The Association of Moldova (ARMIC) has organised its first training course, successfully spreading the knowledge of FIDIC in the country. The association is now applying to become a FIDIC member.

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The FIDIC Young Professionals Forum Steering Committee (YPFSC) is launching a Pilot Webinar Program and wants to hear from readers!

The YPFSC is working with specialised and experienced speakers from all over the world to help develop a new YP FIDIC Webinar Program to enhance knowledge exchange and capacity building internationally. Readers are invited to take a moment and complete this survey to indicate which topics they would welcome online!

Participation in this YP initiative and brief survey is possible at [online](#).

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Strong interest in FIDIC Centenary Conference in Barcelona, Spain

Registration for the FIDIC Centenary Conference is open! Due to the large number of people registering with the early bird registration, FIDIC has decided to extend the deadline to 15 May 2013. Go to [conference website](#) to register before 15 May 2013 to take advantage of the special offer.



Confirmed speakers are represented by cross section of industries. Some companies include: KPMG, Ramboll, Stanley Consultants, Transparency International, UNEP, Engineers Without Borders, and Union Internationale des Architectes.

Special social events will also feature during this unique event in Barcelona. Some highlights include the Local Colour Night which will take place at the [Poble Espanyol de Barcelona](#). After enjoying a traditional Spanish dinner, you can walk around to experience the different regions of Spain all in one place. Go [online](#) to register for the conference and reserve places at the "Poble Espanyol", please go to.

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FIDIC Centenary Awards Update

FIDIC's Centenary Awards are a celebration of FIDIC's 100 years of existence. FIDIC is keen to recognise landmark breakthroughs in engineering or consulting methods in the last 100 years which have made significant changes in the way time, resources and design are used to improve society's Quality of Life.



A judging panel has been selected with a broad array of industry expertise and will have the support of a special guest judge. All projects that are deemed to be of particular merit will receive an award.

There will be an exhibition of the short-listed Centenary Awards submissions at the FIDIC 2013 Centenary Conference in Barcelona (17 September 2013).

The total numbers of prizes to be awarded will be at the judges' discretion. All projects that are judged to be of particular merit will receive an award at the FIDIC 2013 Centenary Conference.

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