

FIDIC- ASPAC

Newsletter for the Asia-Pacific region - April 2010

The FIDIC Annual Conference under the theme ‘*Global Challenges – Sustainable Solutions*’ was held in London between 13-16 September 2009 and was well attended by many ASPAC members. During the Conference, both the ASPAC Executive Committee and the General Assembly Meetings were held and we discussed or resolved the following issues.

1. Election of new ASPAC Committee

Since five of the six Executive Committee members at the 2009 meeting were ending their appointments, it was considered necessary to appoint new members for different terms so we would have some continuity in future.

The new members of the ASPAC Executive Committee elected at the 2009 General Assembly Meeting and their terms of office are as follows:

Member	Country	Period
Dennis Sheehan	Australia	(2009 – 2012),Chairman
Dr Hoig Kang	Korea	(2009 – 2012)
Keshab Amatya	Nepal	(2009 – 2012)
Konomu Uchimura	Japan	(2009 – 2012)
Chien-Chung Li	China-Taipei	(2009 – 2012)
Salvador Castro	Philippine	(2009 – 2011)
Edmond Mirzakhanian	Iran	(2009 – 2011)
Amitabha Goshall	India	(2009 – 2011)

2. FIDIC ASPAC – Constitution and By Laws

The new Chairman suggested that the provisional rules under which ASPAC is governed, which were written in 2006, are not really consistent with the way the ASPAC forum operates, and that the new committee would review the rules and recommend a new constitution and bylaws for adoption at the next General Assembly Meeting scheduled to be held in New Delhi in 2010 in conjunction with the FIDIC 2010 New Delhi Conference (19-22 September 2010).

3. Future ASPAC Conferences

In consultation with FIDIC, the Executive Committee proposed that in future, our annual conferences would be held jointly with the FIDIC conference when the FIDIC conference was being held in our region and in other years we would continue with standalone ASPAC conferences that are no longer attached to TCDTAP.

This decision was taken to maximise attendance at the combined conferences as it was considered that holding two conferences in the region in the same year could inappropriately impact on each other.

The conference schedule for the next few years would be

- 2010 FIDIC/ASPAC combined conference in India (New Delhi)
- 2011 ASPAC conference in the region and FIDIC conference in Tunisia (Tunis)
- 2012 FIDIC/ASPAC combined conference in Korea (Seoul)
- 2013 ASPAC conference in the region and FIDIC conference in Spain (Barcelona)

The Vietnam Association, VECAS, offered to host the 2011 conference.

4. Capacity Development Programme

Most of our Member Associations are conducting local capacity development programmes and the new committee would look for opportunities where some of these activities could be more beneficially held on a regional basis and advertise such event of the regional webpage, www.fidic.org/aspac.

5. ASPAC (Young Professionals Forum)

The second ASPAC YPF was held during the 2009 FIDIC conference and was supported by the ASPAC Secretariat. This group of young engineers is setting a fine example in developing their own careers in collaboration with other like minded individuals.

6. Aki Hirotani - FIDIC Executive Committee

As a final gesture the new Chairman thanked Mr Aki Hirotani for the work he had done as ASPAC Chairman for the last three years and wished him every success in his new role on the FIDIC Executive Committee representing the ASPAC Region.

7. Coming Events 2010

The following events are scheduled to be held in the ASPAC region during 2010

- 1 FIDIC-ECV Contracts Training Course, Singapore, 22-23 April 2010
- 2 Asia Pacific International Contracts Users Course, Beijing, 24-25 June 2010
- 3 FIDIC Contracts Training Courses (Module 1: Practical User of FIDIC Contracts), Philippines, July 2010
- 4 FIDIC Contracts Training Courses (Module 3: Dispute Adjudication Boards), Philippines, July 2010
- 5 FIDIC ASPAC Conference, New Delhi, India, 19-22 September 2010

In addition to these most of our Member Associations will be holding local events and details are available from their websites.