

FIDIC Member Associations in the Asia-Pacific Region (ASPAC)

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1. ASPAC Annual Events

The ASPAC annual event was held as usual in conjunction with the FIDIC Annual Conference held in Davos, Switzerland between 2-4 October 2011.

The conference was themed “**Local Resources - Global Perspectives**” and was well attended by many ASPAC members associations and Company representatives.

The Asian Development Bank made a special presentation to the ASPAC Forum on the processes it follows in engaging Consultants for its projects in the region. A copy of the presentation is available on the ASPAC website.

During the Conference, the ASPAC Executive Committee and the General Assembly Meetings were held and the following highlights were noted in summary for the year.

2. ASPAC Executive Committee

Three of the eight Executive Committee members at the 2011 General Assembly Meeting were ending their appointments, and under the ASPAC By-Laws it was necessary to appoint two new members for the next 3 year period.

Amitabha Ghoshal from India and Liu Luobing from China were elected from a nomination list of 7 candidates

Dr Hoig Kang from Korea was elected as our Chairman- Elect to take office at the 2012 GAM

Edmond Mirzakhanian and Salvador Castro as outgoing members were thanked for their contributions to the ASPAC EC during their appointments.

The ASPAC Executive Committee after the election at the 2011 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) Chairman Elect
Keshab Amatya	Nepal	(2009 – 2012)
Konomu Uchimura	Japan	(2009 – 2012)
Chien-Chung Li	China-Taipei	(2009 – 2012)
Liu Luobing	China	(2012 – 2014)
Amitabha Ghoshal	India	(2012 – 2014)

3. 2011 FIDIC/ASPAC/TCDPAP Conferences

In a combined effort with FIDIC and TCDPAP, a conference was held in Kuala Lumpur in April 2011 and many ASPAC members association representatives attended in a strong delegation of about 200 attendees.

The conference was themed “**Sustainability in the Globalized World**” and established action-oriented networking and knowledge sharing sessions drawing on the participation from senior government officials, industry captains, society leaders and academic experts across various professional disciplines.

International experts from member countries of TCDPAP and ASPAC were in attendnace to present the technical papers/case studies/success stories and hands-on examples on new

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approaches, solutions and mechanisms to achieve sustainable development.

4. Member Associations and Regional Activity

The Member Association activity reports for the 2011 year, identified that while there is a great amount of activity in the region being conducted by individual members, there is little happening on a region wide basis and that ASPAC has struggled to find a regional purpose.

In an attempt to solve that shortcoming, the ASPAC EC considered various options at its EC Meeting and decided to use the FIDIC Vision, Mission and Objectives as a guide to developing regional activities that could use the capacity in the region to further the value of FIDIC membership to its members.

This work will be reported progressively as it develops.

5. Member Associations Training Programmes

FIDIC national Member Associations organise training programme for both post-graduates and the continued development of professionals and the following are links to some examples.

- [FutureNet \(Australia\)](#) Young professionals network with activities that include staff development through specialised seminars.
- [New Zealand](#): supports accredited courses, occasionally runs business development courses, has strong links with training providers particularly university Schools of Engineering (postgraduate and professional development)
- [CEA-India](#) in association with the Consultancy Development Centre organises a series of training seminars with FIDIC. There are currently four training seminars each year on the FIDIC contracts.
- [AJCE-Japan Young Professionals Exchange Programme](#) mainly involves an exchange of engineers between countries.

6. Coming Events

The following events are scheduled to be held in the ASPAC region during the next year.

- 2012 ASPAC/TCDPAP conference in Sri Lanka (Colombo) in March
- 2012 FIDIC conference in Korea (Seoul) in September

- 2013 ASPAC/TCDPAP conference - TBA
- 2013 FIDIC conference in Spain (Barcelona) in September

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

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