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From the Editors Desk.....

Dear Readers.

Recently concluded FIDIC Annual Conference 2014 at RIO has been an important landmark for the Consultancy fraternity across the world. A report on the FIDIC Conference and another exclusive report for YPF events at Rio are included in this issue for the benefit of those who could not attend the conference.

ASPAC had a very successful EC meeting and GAM with larger attendees than the previous years. There was strong presence from Iranian Society of Consulting Engineers team for extending invitation to all ASPAC Member Countries, in their bid to make Tehran Conference the largest attended ever. The Indonesian team made a presentation on the successful Bali Conference held in March 2014 and same was appreciated by all present.

In this issue we have extensive inputs from five large Member Associations and an invitation for attending the Consult Australia ASPAC CEO Conference on 30th April and 1 May 2015 at Sydney, Australia.

It is heartening to note that interest in ASPAC is on the rise and it is becoming a strong regional body. The only regret the editor has is that we could not include all the 22 Member Associations in any of the issues till now.

ASPAC is hopeful that all MAs will participate in the coming editions of Newsletter and make this a platform for exchange of information between Member Associations. Thish will ultimately help consultancy fraternity to secure their rightful share of respect and recognitions from the society at large and the governments in their country.

Warm regards

Amitabha Ghoshal

Chairman

ASPAC-Information Committee

Chairman's Message

Hoig Kang,

Chairman, ASPAC

If we look back to this last couple of weeks, I think there have been some very interesting meetings and discussions.

At the FIDIC Conference 2014 which was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 28 September to 01 October 2014, more than 180 engineers have participated from 14 ASPAC member countries.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all ASPAC participants who have traveled long way and shown interest in the Conference.

The followings are the ASPAC activities in Rio.

- 1. ASPAC EC Meeting: 1600-1730 Sunday, September 28, 2014
- 2. ASPAC Networking Lunch: 1230-1400 Tuesday, September 30, 2014
- 3. ASPAC GAM: 1600-1730 Tuesday, September 30, 2014

At the Executive Committee Meeting, our activities were reported and discussed focusing on:

- 1. How to activate publication of ASPAC Newsletter
- 2. Establishment of FIDIC Training Center in ASPAC region
- 3. Preparation of ASPAC Conference 2015, Tehran

At the General Assembly Meeting, our activities during the past one year were reported including,

- 1. Approval of the Minutes from GAM 2013 in Barcelona
- 2. ASPAC Conference 2014 Bali held in March
- 3. ASPAC EC meetings were held two times
- 4. ASPAC Newsletters were published four times
- 5. Preparation of ASPAC Conference 2015 in Tehran, Iran.
- 6. Election of two Executive Committee members
- 7. Appointment of Chair-elect
- 8. Approval of the venue of ASPAC Conference 2016 in New Zealand

Also, there were new businesses moved and discussed at the EC Meeting, Networking Lunch and the GAM as follows:

- 1. ASPAC Training Center to be considered in India
- 2. ASPAC Conference 2015 Tehran to be named in association with TCDPAP
- 3. The Engdaily's proposal to be examined to activate the publication of ASPAC Newsletter

Now, I would like to remind you of the "Introduction" written by Mr. Amitabha Ghoshal delivered in the first edition of ASPAC Newsletter in March 2013.

"For every occasion there has to be a beginning and we are happy to set into motion a welcome move – a Newsletter for ASPAC, the FIDIC Member Associations in the Asia-Pacific Region for improving networking among the Member Countries."

I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Amitabha for his distinguished contribution and endeavors in publishing ASPAC Newsletter as the Chairman of Information Committee.

There is no doubt that we saw the cooperation and networking increased in the ASPAC activities. Though, Newsletter publication seems to have been exciting and challenging to all of us, I think it's time for us to turn to some possible future directions to achieve our initial goals.

I also take this opportunity to thank Mr. Anthony Barry who gladly assumed the Chairmanship of Information Committee in charge of publication of Newsletter after the Rio Conference.

I ask for your unfailing support and encouragement so that ASPAC Newsletter would be published continuously for the development of ASPAC.

It is my hope that the Newsletter would provide an opportunity for ASPAC to leap forward as a good stronghold of Consulting Engineers in Asia-Pacific.

Thank you,

Hoig Kang Chairman, ASPAC



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ASPAC Executive Committee Members (7)

Hoig Kang (**K**orea) – Chairman Liu Luobing (**C**hina) – Vice Chairman Chien Chung Li (**C**hina **T**aipei) Amitabha Ghoshal (**I**ndia) Irawan Koesoemo (**I**ndonesia) Konomu Uchimura (**J**apan) Mohd Adnan Mohd Nor (**M**alaysia)

Sub-Committees

Information Committee

Amitabha Ghoshal (India)- Chairman Liu Luobing (China) - Co Chairman Members Russel de Zilwa (Sri Lanka) Hare Ram Shrestha (Nepal)

Education Committee

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Irawan Koesoemo (Indonesia)- Chairman Chin-Chung Li (China Taipei) - Co-Chairman Members J Karunaratne (Sri Lanka)

Conference Committee

Liu Luobing (China) - Chairman

ASPAC Young Professional Forum steering Committee (YPFSC)

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Takashi Matsuo, Japan
Atasi Das, India
Shah Izzni Talif, Malaysia
Patrick John R. Ramos, Philippines
Sung Joon Park, Republic of Korea
Jomanah Albtoush (Lebanon) was mandated as the advisor

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MINUTES OF THE ASPAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 16:00 hours, Tuesday 30th September, 2014 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1. Opening Address and Welcome by the Chairman

The ASPAC Chairman, Dr. Hoig Kang, welcomed representatives of Member Associations and conference delegates, and recognized other guests.

2. Introduction of Delegates

14 Member Associations including 1 Associate Member(Kazakhstan) confirmed their presence when announced by the Vice Chairman

3. Approval of the Minutes from GAM 2013 in Barcelona

The GAM Minutes 2013 were approved.

4. Activities in ASPAC Region since Barcelona

Chairman reported activities with PP slides and recorded his sincere appreciation to all members for their support and contributions.

INKINDO of Indonesia reported on the outcomes of ASPAC Conference 2014 Bali.

Mr. K.Kapila of India raises discussions on the progress of FIDIC Training Center in Kuala Lumpur.

After a long discussion, the ASPAC GAM recommends to the FIDIC EC that the FIDIC Training Center be processed without delay in KL, Malaysia. However, if no definitive action has been taken by the end of 2014, then the ASPAC GAM recommends India's offer that the Training Center be considered in India.

5. ASPAC Conference 2015 Teheran, Iran

Mr. Hormozd Ramineh, President of ISCE reported on the preparation of the 2015 Conference. The presentation of good progress was applauded and recorded.

Mr.K.Kapila of India suggests to incorporate TCDPAP in the name of the ASPAC Conference 2015, and Chairman Dr. Kang explains the background and determination of the Conference name made at the meeting in 14th November, 2013 in China between Mr. Wang, President of TCDPAP and Dr. Kang, Chairman of ASPAC.

After a long discussion, ASPAC GAM recommends an alternative to put a phrase of 'in association with TCDPAP' following the conference name.

6. Election of Executive Members

Four(4) candidates were nominated for the two positions to be elected. The chairman appointed Mr. Yamashita of Japan and Mr. Michael of Indonesia as the witness to open and count the ballot box. Mr.Yamashita reported results of the election. In accordance with ASPAC Constitution and By-laws, the GAM has elected Mr. Liu Luobing and Mr. Anthony Barry ASPAC Executive Committee Member for the GAM 2014~GAM 2017 period.

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MINUTES OF THE ASPAC GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 16:00 hours, Tuesday $30^{\rm th}$ September, 2014 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

7. Other Businesses

7.1 ASPAC Chairman-elect

Mr. Liu Luobing is appointed Chairman-elect.

7.2 Announcement of ASPAC Conference 2016 Venue

New Zealand suggests to host the Conference and ASPAC EC recommends, thus chairman announces New Zealand for the venue of ASPAC Conference 2016 at the GAM.

8. Closure





Report on FIDIC 2014 Conference at RIO de Janeiro Theme: Innovative Infrastructure Solutions A Report by Amitabha Ghoshal

- 1. FIDIC 2014 International Conference, held between 28 Sept 02 October 2014 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was a glittering event. The Conference was attended by more than 600 delegates from 70 countries. The Conference was held in Royal Tulip Hotel, fronting the famous beach on Atlantic Ocean, that stretches the entire length of the city. The Conference events were held on 29-30 September and 1st October, with eleven plenary sessions spread across the three days. The actual Conference was preceded by a meeting of the Directors and Secretaries of Member Associations, chaired by the FIDIC President Pablo Bueno on 28th September (Sunday). The Annual General Assembly Meeting (GAM) was held on 1st October.
- This 101st International Conference had a lively theme that prompted some exceptional presentations by speakers drawn from across the world representing diverse disciplines and segments of the construction industry. The theme of the Plenary session as listed below would give an indication of the variety of sectors covered during the conference.



Plenary 1: Tracking the Global Infrastructure Challenges

Plenary 2: Rethinking Infrastructure

Plenary 3: FIDIC Capacity Challenges and the Changing Face of Innovation Plenary 4: Emerging Economies, Key Infrastructure Needs and Development

Plenary 5: Our Digital Future

Plenary 6: Making the Best of Business Opportunities

Plenary 7 : Smart and Innovative Solutions Plenary 8 : Investors and Contractors Plenary 9 : FIDIC Future Leaders' Forum

Plenary 10: Integrity, Capacity Building, Sustainability

Plenary 11: Risk & Quality, Contracts and Business Practices

The Plenary sessions on "Our Digital Future" nd "Investors and Contractors" offered plenty of new thoughts for the consultancy fraternity present in the conference. All the presentations made during the conference have been uploaded in the FIDIC website and will be of interest for those who missed attending the event.



 The Directors and Secretaries meeting held on Sunday, preceding the actual conference, deliberated on the desired role of Member Associations, defined by the following heads:

Focus	The market, the business
Main Task	Development, innovation, profiling
Income	Membership fees, Income from Projects / Conferences
Slogan	Leadership and Innovation
Instruments	Co-creation with the market (other related industry bodies)
Board	Business innovators, leadership
Function of the office	Connecting members and the market

Various Member Associations responded by explaining their status in respective country. It was interesting to know that in most of the developed countries, Member Association enjoys strong recognition by the Government and Member Association have a say on decision making in developmental sectors. In the developing world Member Associations are still struggling for full recognition of the effective role they play in the development scenario in their countries. Countries like India, Kenya and Sudan conveyed the challenges they face in securing consultancy fraternity its rightful share of recognition by the Government and the Society at large.

4. FIDIC General Assembly Meeting (GAM) held during the concluding session of the conference on 1st October highlighted the importance of solidarity amongst Member Associations across the world and the need for concerted efforts to elevate the status of consultancy profession.

FIDIC enlisted Cyprus as a New Full member of FIDIC and UAE and Kazakhstan as two new Associate Members. The total Membership of FIDIC has reached 101 in its 101st year of existence.

It was announced that the next FIDIC Conference will be held in Dubai, UAE, in place of Jordan, which has been facing difficult political situations with adverse developments in neighbouring countries.

Two major decisions were presented and approved during the GAM – one related to revised fees structure for Member Associations, worked out by the Special Committee appointed by FIDIC and the other major decision was appointment of a Second Vice President to help the President in attending various programmes organized by the Member Associations.

Mr J W Lee of Korea was nominated as the President Elect of FIDIC and will take over as President at Dubai Conference 2015, as the first ever Asian for this position.

5. ASPAC EC meeting and General Assembly Meeting were well attended. Mr K K Kapila, FIDIC EC Member attended both the meetings. Mr. Liu Luobing of China and Mr. Anthony Barry of Australia filled up the two vacancies in EC after the election. The minutes of GAM is presented in this issue for full report of the deliberations.

The next ASPAC Conference (in association with TCDPAP) will be held in Tehran, Iran in May 2015 which ASPAC Members need attend in strength to strengthen ASPAC, which is fast growing in stature as a Regional Body for Asia pacific Nations that contribute the most in development industry today across the world.

6. The arrangements at Rio Conference were of high order. There were social functions starting with Welcome Reception at Costa Brava Club, located in an offshore island linked by a Bridge, on Sunday followed by the Local Colour Night on Monday, which was optional and was held in an internationally known restaurant with an ethnic setting. The Gala Dinner at the Copacabana Palace Hotel on the beach front, one of the glamorous hotels and an iconic name in hospitality industry, was a great success. The organizing committee of FIDIC and the Member Association of Brazil made excellent arrangements for



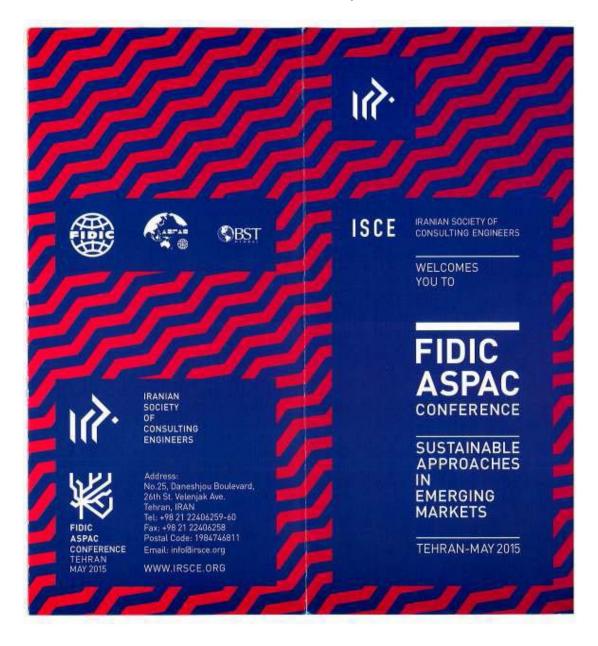


local tours by the conference attendees, which were well patronized. There were arrangements for post-conference tours. The visitors to Iguazu Waterfalls returned with unforgettable memories. Iguazu is a natural wonder of the world with water flow of 5000 cu m per second spread over 2.7km with 275 separate streams. The falls is located across the borders of Argentina and Brazil, very close to their border with Paraguay. Very interesting collection of unique birds from across the region is found in the Bird Park close to the waterfalls offering great opportunity for bird lovers.

7. The Rio conference has been an unique opportunity for people across the world with a theme that is getting increasingly important for sustainability of our world. It also offered lavish hospitality for which Brazilians are known internationally. Exposure to the natural wonders like Amazon river which is the longest in the world with largest discharge amongst all the rivers in the world, the biodiversity that still exists in this region, the famous Copacabana beach in Rio and the Iguazu falls will be treasured as memorable anecdotes by participants of this conference.



INVITATION TO IRAN, MAY 2015



FIDIC-ASPAC CONFERENCE 2015, TEHRAN

Iranian Society of Consulting Engineers (ISCE) is proud to host the FIDIC-ASPAC 2015 conference in the great city of Tehran.

ISCE is the member association of FIDIC in Iran since 1974. It has almost 800 member companies covering all different aspects of consulting engineering principals. ISCE is the main representative of engineering society in Iran and has extensive ties with other professional NGOs and government bodies.

ISCE is a promoter for business integrity an sustainable development and a member of national councils on this subject.

In January 2014, ISCE proudly celebrated its 40th anniversary where more than 1500 guests, including ministers, presidential deputies and high ranking officials participated in this highly impressive event.

ISCE headquarter is located in northern Tehran. There's a main Hall that can host more than 250 participants and several meeting rooms for side-conference meetings and parallel presentations that can host between 20 to 40 participants. The 4 storey building also includes a lobby and a hall that can be used for coffee breaks and lunch breaks.



A PERFECT NETWORKING EVENT

The conference will be a perfect networking opportunity to meet all the major players in the ambitious development program of Iran as an emerging market of the Middle East: Ranging from government agencies, financing bodies and main clients to contractors and consulting engineers who'll be your possible partners in projects, the FIDIC-ASPAC 2015 conference will be a place to be.

THE CONFERENCE THEME

The main conference theme is "Sustainable Approaches in Emerging Markets" which should be an interesting subject to all of us. Accordingly, not only are the participants able to join some specific panel discussions but also they might contribute in speeches and presentations. All articles, lectures and presentations are around the following topics:

- 1-Emerging Markets Economic Outlook in ASPAC Region
- 2-Sustainable procurement in Emerging Markets
- 3-Green Integrity or how Sustainability and Integrity form the future of CE industry
- 4-Quality of human resources in Emerging Markets
- 5-ASPAC YPF Session

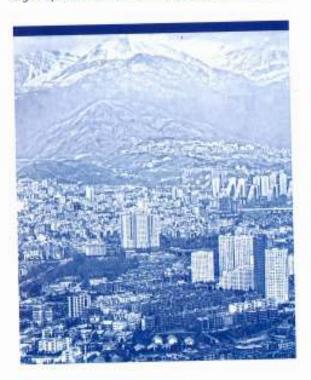
HOTELS

There are several type of hotels across the grand city of Tehran, but what we strongly recommend are Two five star hotels [Azadi Grand Hotel and Esteghlal Hotel] that are located in north of Tehran, mountainside of Alborz and a few minutes ride from the venue. There are a wide range of rooms from single rooms to luxury presidential suites with very affordable prices.

IRAN

With more than 1.6 million square kilometers of land and more than 75 million populations, Iran is the second biggest country of the Middle East and the second most populated country of this region. Combine this with the fact that Iran has the 4th biggest oil reserve and 2nd biggest gas reserve of the world and you'll get a picture of a country your business can not afford to miss.

Iran is aiming for 8 percent annual economic growth, and the government spending on infrastructure development has risen to tens of billions of dollars. This makes Iran a very interesting emerging market, not only in the fields of Oil and petrochemical industries, but also in water resource development, roads and housing. Additionally, Iran possesses millions of well-trained university graduates and advanced engineering associations and you'll have a good place to look for your possible joint ventures.



SIDE-CONFERENCE TOURS

There are a wide range of interesting programs to entertain the accompanying persons: The museum of ancient Iran for the history lovers who would like to peek into thousands of years of history or The Museum of modern arts that hosts some of the major works of art from around the world, or the Carpet museum where you will see the finest carpets imaginable. You can walk into the Golestan Palace and enjoy the glamour of Qajar era. There are several parks and mountain hiking routes and amazingly enough you can hop into a cable car, a few hundreds of meters from the conference venue.

POST CONFERENCE TOURS

Isfahan, the pearl of the Islamic architecture is just a short flight away and a two-day tour is just enough to give you a glimpse into the highest level of beauty that architecture can provide.

Shiraz and its neighboring Persepolis will be a two-day tour into a history that is more than 2500 years old. A one-day Sahara tour will show you the beauties of an environment unlike anything you have ever experienced.

TRAVEL

Tehran IKIA airport is connected to most major airports of the world and it is just about an hour away from the conference hotels and venue.

Most travelers will require a visa but a short stay visa for 3 days can be issued in the airport upon your arrival. The participants who would like to enjoy the post-conference tours will need to apply for a visa in advance. ISCE will apply for visas for all participants.

CONNECTIVITY

The cellphone operators in Iran have roaming contracts with most major operators of the world, but you can also buy a prepaid SIM in the airport or at your hotel. The Hotel and the venue are equipped with free WiFi internet connection.





Consult Australia ASPAC CEO Conference 30 April & 1 May 2015

Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney, Australia

Consult Australia's ASPAC CEO Conference provides a unique networking platform for the top echelons of the major consulting and engineering firms in the Asia Pacific region.

Designed as an exclusive forum for CEOs and senior business leaders within the industry, this invitation-only event provides an opportunity for insightful debate and discussion between peers from over 25 nations in the region.

The agenda for the 2015 Conference will once again include insights from some of the world's leading experts on business performance and drivers, updates on the economic and political environment of the region and discussion of the critical business trends and challenges which are facing the industry.

Program highlights already confirmed include:

- · An overview of the very latest global megatrends
- Guidance on managing international workforces
- · An update on global M&A activity
- · Discussion around leadership and developing the next generation

For further information on the 2015 ASPAC CEO Conference, please contact Consult Australia National Events Manager Alexandra Hopper on +61 2 8252 6717 or at alex@consultaustralia.com.au

If you would like to view the 2014 Conference program, speaker biographies or list of attendees, please visit: www.consultaustralia.com.au/ceo-conference/home



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Consult Australia's 2014 ASPAC CEO Conference

Consult Australia held its inaugural ASPAC CEO Conference in June this year. This invitation-only event was tailored to provide CEOs and senior business leaders with an exclusive opportunity to network with their peers from the Asia Pacific region.

With approximately 40 plus C-suite attendees, the overarching focus of the Conference was to recognise the significance of the Asia Pacific region in the global economy—particularly as world wealth moves from the West to the East—and provide participants with the opportunity to share their views on the implications of this and engage with each other in insightful debate and discussion around a range of issues, trends and challenges specific to our industry.

Held in Sydney over two days, highlights of the Conference included:

- Dr Tim Williams (CEO, The Committee for Sydney) speaking on the forces that are re-shaping our cities
- Phil Ruthven (Chairmen, IBISWorld) discussing Australia's relative economic prospects in the changing regional and global economy
- Dr Stefan Hajkowicz (Leader, CSIRO Futures) providing a 10 minute explosion of information on future business trends
- Andrej Avelini (Managing Director, EFCG) providing his insights into current and predicted global M&A activity live via satellite from New York and
- An interview with John Grill (Chairman and Non-Executive Director, WorleyParsons) by the Hon Patricia Forsythe (Sydney Business Chamber) discussing his 40 plus years of industry experience and the philanthropic drive that led him to create the John Grill Centre for Project Leadership at Sydney University.

A variety of panel discussions were also featured in the program. Topics ranged from business performance, regional growth, technological innovation, infrastructure drivers, business integrity management and beyond! These panels provided an opportunity to hear from member firm CEOs and other senior leaders along with regional representatives and industry experts.

An open invitation cocktail reception was also held as part of the Conference and provided participants the opportunity to not only network with their peers but also to meet with a number of parliamentary representatives and other specially selected guests.

Consult Australia would like to thank our National Strategic Partner BST, along with our Conference sponsors— Equip, FIDIC, Deloitte Private, Constructive Recruitment, BRIC and Planned Cover—for their support in making this event possible.

We were honoured to welcome Enrico Vink of FIDIC, Dr Nelson Ogunshakin of ACE, and Kieran Shaw, Irawan Koesoemo and Kiran Kapila from our regional sister organisations to this year's conference.

The 2015 ASPAC CEO Conference will be held in Sydney on Thursday, 30th April and Friday, 1st May and we would be delighted to welcome representatives from the broader ASPAC community to this event. Please contact Consult Australia National Events Manager, Alexandra Hopper on +61 2 82526717or email alex@consultaustralia.com.au to register your interest.



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<u>CEAINEWSLETTER</u>

AUGUST2014

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Fellow Consulting Engineers nay All Engineers,

Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, during the Independence Day address to the nation, in his forthright and direct manner, spelt out common day tasks that first need to be done to get the country moving forward. He has appealed directly to the masses and the corporates to do their bit so that the government can do its main task – that of governance, unhindered.

Come September 15th and Engineer's Day, marking the 154th birth anniversary of Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, will be celebrated by many. Sir Visvesvaraya conceived and executed pioneering projects not just from an engineering point of view but also those which would yield long term benefits economically and socially. Dedication, honesty and integrity were his hallmark virtues. We all need to emulate those qualities and like him also tenaciously keep updating our knowledge, while readily sharing the same including the experience gained in our journey of life, with our peers and juniors.

This is easier said than done, with the mounting pressure to complete projects, in minimum time and with limited funds. In order that those are determined reasonably well, requires that the decision makers take the advice for those, from competent and experienced engineers, and these be not thrust upon those who have to execute the project.

This is what the engineers have been seeking, albeit indirectly. Promulgate the Engineers Bill so that engineers can perform their task unhindered by others inorder that what evolves at the end from their efforts is truly functional and fit for purpose not only for the current but also for the future. The engineers' job is to ensure that the system or structure performs, albeit with due and regular maintenance, for its design life. The cost and time should be decided after all the aspects are fully understood and accounted for. Besides, Quality should not be sacrificed at the altar of either cost or time.

That raises the question whether the engineer should accommodate the suggestions (read dictates) of the owner or others, even if they conflict with the engineers judgment or requirements of codes or sound engineering practice. The owner's interest is invariably to get the maximum (may not always be the most appropriate) at the least initial cost. At times even the functional requirements are compromised. The question again arises. Should or can the engineer be a party to that? Ethics! Ethics! Ethics! The bell rings loud and clear. The owner may not be answerable to posterity, but the engineer most certainly will be. The ownership can change hands, as it does now days, but the engineer who was a part of the project remains as an inalienable part of it for eternity. Taking from Shakespeare - the errors that engineers do, live after them, the good is interned with their work. The engineers thus need to be doubly sure of what they do. The discussions on this can go on *ad nauseam* till some judgments are pronounced.

It is to enable the engineers to perform their task without any fear that the Engineers Bill is a must. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has been requested a number of times by





the engineering fraternity to process and finalise the draft Engineers Bill and submit it to the Cabinet and follow it through till it is issued as an Act. The engineering profession has been asking for it for years but the Bill is still waiting to be put up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

The Prime Minister has also been approached to have the same expedited so that the nation's investment in the projects, be they mega or minor is properly done by well engineered projects. Besides, systematising and ensuring that only persons with the requisite qualification and experience can then use the title and style of "engineer" and it cannot be used by any wayside individual or organization. It will also help Indian engineers to work in other countries under the WTO regime.

An engineer's shibboleth should be

"Engineer to Build Sustainably"

With best regards

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NOTE FOR ENGINEERS - ISSUES AFFECTING THE ENGINEERING FRATERNITY

The names of the association and individuals, working in capitals of States and Union Territories, who are have expressed their willingness to be on the panel of the Engineering Associations who are willing and ready to locally take up issues relating to the engineering fraternity are given below.

Presidents/ Chairmen of associations or individuals in Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Bihar, Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Goa, Andaman & Nicobar Islands who are volunteering to join the panel for fronting the issues affecting the engineering fraternity may please get in touch so that their names and contact could be added in the list.

The Note for Engineers Rev July 2014, Successfully Meeting Challenges Facing the Engineering Profession and the Record Note of Meeting of Engineering Associations held on 25th July 2014 can be seen on the link provided in CEAI's new web site. See section on Announcements in this Newsletter.

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	Mr. Amal Biswas, Chairman	

CEAI EVENTS

FIDIC TRAINING COURSE ON "PRACTICAL USE, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF FIDIC CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT"

CEAI in association with CEAI-Western Region Centre, successfully conducted FIDIC Training Courses on "*Practical Use, Management and Administration of FIDIC Conditions of Contract*" at New Delhi and Mumbai on the following dates:

New Delhi 4th& 5th August 2014 Mumbai 7th& 8th August 2014

During the inaugural session at New Delhi, Mr. Sudhir Dhawan, Vice President CEAI accorded a warm welcome to all the dignitaries and the participants while inaugurated the training course. Mr. Jeffrey Nambiar, Hon. Secretary cum Treasurer, CEAI Western Region Centre, briefed the participants about the training course.

In Mumbai, Mr. A P Mull, President CEAI inaugurated the training course. Dr. H Subbarao and Mr. Uttam Sengupta introduced the subject and stressed on the need in view of new terminologies being used in contracts.

Around 70 delegates from around 30 different organisations comprising Consulting firms/individuals, Government Departments, Public Sector Undertakings and Manufacturers of Plant & Equipment attended the courses at each venue.

Mr. Bogdan Oprea, a FIDIC accredited trainer was the main faculty. He very lucidly explained the basic provisions and how to use the FIDIC Conditions of Contract, Administer and Manage





them so that the risks are properly defined, addressed and monitored. The course dealt with practical issues on the FIDIC 1999 Conditions of Contract as per the new Red Book but also compared it with the Yellow Book, Silver Book and the Pink Book where necessary.

Special issues and topics based on Indian Case Studies and also International contracts were aptly covered by Mr. O P Goel, Dr. P V Amarnadha Prasad and Mr. Uttam Sengupta.

All the sessions generated intense discussions and the interactions carried on during the tea and lunch breaks. The feedback received from the participants is very encouraging and they have suggested that such training courses be organised at regular intervals.

The feedback as summarised based on weighted ratings is given in the chart below. It reports on 5 parameters -

Quality of Course Material,

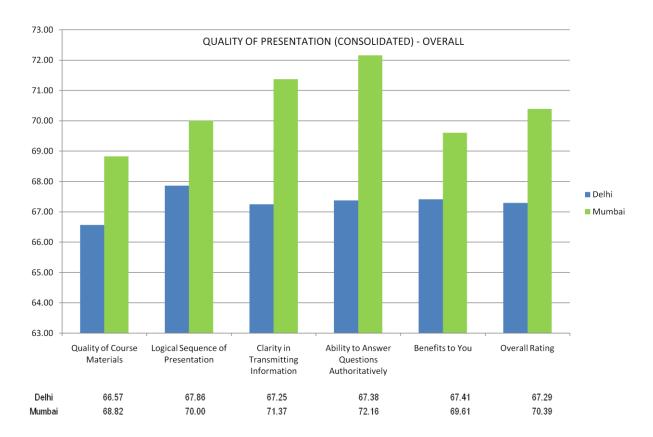
Logical Sequence of Presentation,

Clarity in Transmitting Information,

Ability to Answer Questions Authoritatively,

Benefits to You, plus the

Overall Rating.



Many of the participants in Mumbai have been using the FIDIC conditions of contract or were aware of them and hence they have shown a better appreciation of the course.

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FIDIC Training Course - 4th & 5th August 2014, New Delhi



Mr. Sudhir Dhawan, Vice President CEAI addressing the participants. L to R: Mr. Bogdan Oprea, Mr. Sudhir Dhawan, Mr. Jeffrey Nambiar and Mr. L D Gupta





Mr. Bogdan Oprea conducting the FIDIC Training Course and interacting with the participants



Ms. Sheena Gladstone & Mr. T A Benny of CEAI helping participants with registration



View of the participants absorbed in the course







Mr. Uttam Sengupta making his presentation on current contractual issues



Mr. Sudhir Dhawan & Mr. Jeffrey Nambiar awarding the FIDIC Training Course Certificates



Faculty Members, Participants & Organisers of the FIDIC Training Course, New Delhi

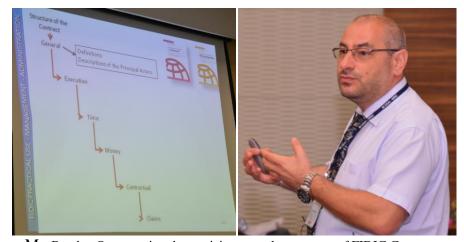




FIDIC Training Course - 7th & 8thAugust 2014, Mumbai



Mr. A P Mull, President, CEAI welcoming the faculty and participants. L to R: Mr. Jeffrey Nambiar, Mr. A P Mull, Mr. Bogdan Oprea, Mr. Uttam Sengupta & Dr. H Subbarao



Mr. Bogdan Oprea tuning the participants to the structure of FIDIC Contracts



Participants engrossed in the lecture.

Mr. Bogdan Oprea clarifying the issues of risks in contracts





ANNOUNCEMENTS

CEAI Website

The new website of CEAI is here. Please visit <u>www.ceai.org.in</u> to explore the features of this dynamic website which we can modify as we go along and when we desire a change.

Members Portal: A dedicated space has been created for members called "Members Portal". The Organisational members can upload their company's profile, while the Individual members can give a description of their professional background and interests and their track record, all of which can be updated periodically.

It is important to note that this space is for the members and is to be managed by the member. The member can display their professional profile and achievements, post photographs of projects, upload news about recent activities, blog on topics of interest and interact with other co-professionals.

To enable a member to access the personal page in the Member Portal, the CEAI Secretariat has intimated the necessary details and instructions as to how to update/edit the profile. In case any member has not received the details or requires assistance in updating the profile, please contact CEAI staff at the Secretariat at support@ceai.org.in, or call Mr. Benny at Tel: +91-11-26139658.

All Members – Individuals and Organisations are requested to please assist in populating the site and update their profiles periodically.

Display of Photographs of Projects on CEAI's Home Page

Members are requested to send high resolution, clear and bright photographs (in JPEG format) of the projects executed by them. Each photograph must be accompanied by Name of Project, Owner of the Project, Location of Project, Caption for the photograph, Year of Completion or Commencement (if project is in progress). Members should obtain the necessary approval from the owner for putting the photograph in the public domain.

New email addresses:

In consonance with the new website CEAI has also activated new email ids as given below:

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director@ceai.org.in	for sending messages to the Director, CEAI
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Engineer's Bill

The CEAI website has a section dedicated to the Engineer's Bill to inform the large community of engineers of the initiatives taken by the leaders in our profession in the past 3 to 4 decades in pursuit of the enactment of the Bill. The need for the Bill has never been felt more acutely as of now, as the country embarks on even more ambitious plans for investment in mega projects - infrastructure, power, steel, nuclear, etc. Only those complying with the appropriate credentials should be able to use the title "Éngineer".

This is a platform to reach out to members of all Associations of Engineers to inform and sensitise them of the urgency and to seek their support in signing a petition for the enactment of the Engineer's Bill.

Matters relating to Council of Architecture, et al

A note on the issues created by the COA and others is given in a link in the website. The various court judgments issued on the subject are also listed for the benefit of all engineers.

Please visit the website and also keep us informed of any judgment (together with a full copy of it) which may not have been included.



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Association of Japanese Consulting Engineers, Japan



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AJCE 40th Year Celebration Seminar Role of Consulting Engineers

The AJCE 40th Year Celebration Seminar was held on 9th July, 2014 in Tokyo under the theme "Role of Consulting Engineers" in which about 140 participants from national government, financing institutions, related organizations in CE industry, ambassadors in Japan, etc. were gathered. The seminar program was composed of

- AJCE's 40 years history and prospect of CE, Konomu Uchimura, AJCE President,
- 2. The Strategic Role of Consulting Engineers, Pablo Bueno, FDIC President,
- JICA's Approach with Consulting Engineers toward Development, Toshiyuki Kuroyanagi, Vice-president, JICA,
- Recent Trend in International Development and Development Cooperation of Japan in new Era, Prof. Izumi Ohno, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies,
- MLIT Initiatives to Promote Overseas Development, Toru Shimizu, Deputy Director General of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism(MLIT).

Presentations are briefly summarized in the following.

1. AJCE's 40 years history and prospect of CE

AJCE was established in 1974 and was approved as a member of FIDIC in the same year. Since its establishment, AJCE expanded membership and strengthened its organizational management. In 1991, AJCE held FIDIC Conference in Tokyo by the theme "Harmony between Man and Nature- Role of Consulting Engineers" in which about 460 people participated, largest scale in that period. Peter Morimura, Yumio Ishii and Aki Hirotani served as FIDIC EC member in 1987-1991, 2001-2005 and 2009-2013 respectively.

In 1997, FIDIC president, Bill Lewis held seminar on QBS in Tokyo after which it was introduced in procurement of public works based on technical proposal in Japan.

CE associations in Japan were established under the ministry in charge mainly after World War II, therefore, it is difficult to unify our voice at present and to become stakeholder to our client and society. However, it is expected that new CE association representing CE industry in Japan shall be established in future. Mr. Uchimura expressed thanks to those who contributed for 40 years of AJCE development and stressed that we will pioneer new path in the new generations to come.

2. The Strategic Role of Consulting Engineers

FIDIC president presented the history of FIDIC and fundamental policy on QBS, Integrity and Sustainability in relation to business practice and FIDIC Conditions of Contract which are sold about 40,000 copies every year.

To stress importance of QBS, he introduced EU's Public Procurement Directive in which selection of CE by cost in intellectual service is prohibited and QBS is allowed. In this context, FIDIC president stressed the importance of QBS to secure best practice which leads to most economical outcomes in life cycle period.

3. JICA's Approach with Consulting Engineers toward Development

Mr. Kuroyanagi introduced outline of current Official Development Assistance (ODA) and importance of collaboration between CEs and JICA. He reported that self-supporting effort is prerequisite for human security which has not been changed for the last 60 years in international cooperation and assistance. On the other hand, diversity, change in ODA role, and competition have changed substantially.

Diversity includes assistance to developing countries and expansion of discipline not only to technical assistance but also global scale climate change. Change in ODA role responds to increase in ODA and further contribution to the world. Competition reflects emerging power of China and Korea. Following this, he explained that JICA introduced FIDIC Red Book MDB edition in JICA's standard bidding document. He mentioned need of balanced selection of QBS and QCBS. He further stressed need of capacity development of young JICA staffs by support of CE firms.

Recent Trend in International Development and Development Cooperation of Japan in new Era

Prof. Izumi presented recent international development assistance and involvement of Japanese in new era, and role that Japanese should play and ways to participate and contribute in international development assistance. Assistance has shifted from poverty alleviation to the aspect of combination of business and development. Diversity, complexity and widespread assistance made development countries into economic growth center.

After introducing examples of infrastructure development and capacity building in Africa, she underlined important key words to be strategy and cooperation that is linked to activate money, human resources and knowledge.

MLIT Initiatives to Promote Overseas Development

Mr. Shimizu introduced current development in overseas projects, assistance by government, implementation projects in disaster prevention, sewerage, road, and map. In this context, MLIT has been conducting various seminars in development, road, risk management, and construction supervision, map, etc. to share technical experience with foreign governments such as Myanmar, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Turkey, Philippines.



Mr. Bueno, FIDIC President



Mr. Uchimura, AJCE President



Mr. Kuroyanagi, JICA Vice- President



Mr. Shimizu, Deputy Director General, MLIT



Conference Venue



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The changes our industry is experiencing were highlighted at our recent successful Tripartite Conference in Rotorua which focused on Achieving Results Together. It was particularly pleasing that the AGM confirmed the expansion of our membership rules to include firms that operate in the natural and built environment, reflecting the nature of our industry and many of our member firms. I look forward to the benefits to ACENZ and our members that this greater diversity will bring. This was particularly evident with the range of disciplines and backgrounds of the finalists in the ACENZ Future Leader award.

The Board welcomes new members and area representatives and we acknowledge the efforts of those who have recently completed their terms. We are particularly indebted to Lyall Green for his tremendous contribution as President over the last two years, including his focus on leader-

ship in the industry.

With the increase in area activities and functions, I encourage you to seek out the benefits of becoming actively involved. Our industry needs to positively respond to a range of changes including Workplace Safety, Professional Recognition and Building Regulations. We also need to foster an environment for renewal through positive encouragement of our Young Professionals. Please actively encourage their participation at our regional meetings and functions.

A further change confirmed at Conference was the merging of the NZ Contractors Federation and Roading NZ into Civil Contractors NZ. ACENZ looks forward to a constructive and collaborative working relationship with them.

At my first function as President it was good to see ACENZ continue to expand its leadership role with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Education. The commencement of regular liaison meetings should bring benefits to both our member firms and to outcomes for the Education Sector. ACENZ activities such as these are central to our leadership effectiveness which can only be enhanced with your active involvement.

Keryn Kliskey

President



ACENZ ACTIVITY UPDATES

Auckland Council

A Liaison meeting was held in June covering:

- CCCS; AC are keen to be involved in the next review and have various suggestions already.
 AC Operations are moving back to CCCS insurance provisions for lower risk projects. AC suggested that ACENZ run courses on CCCS after it is updated next.
- Auckland Procurement Group; ACENZ is providing representatives for 3 procurement workstreams.
- Codes of Practice; these codes are being progressively updated and released including Watercare with Storm-water to follow.

Christchurch City Council

Southland District Council Chief Executive David Adamson has been appointed as the Christ-church City Council's Director of Facilities and Infrastructure Rebuild. This new role at the Council will involve the rebuild of Council Facilities, the city led Anchor projects, other rebuild programmes, and the horizontal infrastructure rebuild including SCIRT. It is part of the new Executive Leadership Team.

David has been the Chief Executive of the Southland District Council since 2004. He originally joined the organisation 19 years ago as the District Engineer. He was then appointed as the Group Manager for Services and Assets before becoming the Chief Executive. As one of the local government sector's most respected and experienced professional engineers, his career has included engineering positions at the Rotorua District Council, the Taupo County Council and the New Plymouth City Council. David Adamson says it was not an easy decision to leave his current role as a Chief Executive, but "when an opportunity like this presented itself I had to take it. I am ready for a new challenge and feel like I am going back to my engineering roots." David Adamson started at CCC in July and KS is positive about this appointment and will be having a meeting with Dave after returning from the September FIDIC Conference.

Waikato LASS

There have been no further issues raised about this matter since the meetings between Waikato councils and Lyall Green/KS in June. The councils have committed themselves to full collaboration and communication with our members and six-monthly meetings with ACENZ. KS has been asked to address Waipa DC Infrastructure and Operations Division managers and staff in matters relating to contracts, risk and liability. This and a HCC follow-up meeting will be undertaken in November.

Ministry of Education

There has been ongoing discussion and negotiation between KS and MoEd representatives (Ursula Cardiff and Alison Murray) regarding CCCS and SFA conditions of engagement. Former Board Member Alison Swan (Company Secretary Opus) and Beca legal representatives have been involved in review and input to the ministry drafts.

In August the ministry entered into a MoU with ACENZ to create a more robust commitment to engagement and communication in the ongoing future relationship. The signing ceremony was attended by senior ministry representatives, CEAS board members and President Keryn Kliskey and CEO KS for ACENZ. A copy of the MoU has been uploaded into the Document Library, accessible in the Members Only area of the website.

BoP DHB

A Bay of Plenty member brought to our attention unlimited liability contract conditions being used by BoP DHB. Paul Barton (ACENZ BoP Area Rep) has interfaced with the DHB. Unfortunately, the client has resisted any significant change other than some minor amendments and indicated that they had enough interest from firms in bidding for the work. So again ACENZ efforts and pressure are compromised by undiscerning members taking commercial risks.

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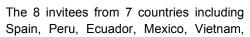
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International Engineering Business Forum

KENCA (Korea Engineering & Consulting Association) held International Engineering Business Forum at Seoul Palace Hotel for three days from 15 to17 October 2014 sponsored by MOTIE (Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy). It was the international event to exchange the latest information concerning the engineering industrial trend of many countries.





Bangladesh, etc. and approximately 120 people participated in this Forum, and the invited guests did a special presentation of the industrial condition and project of each country. Especially, FIDIC president, Mr. Pablo Bueno Tomas came to this Forum and emphasized the importance of using QBS

in his speech.



Following the International Forum, Business Meeting was organized for more in-depth discussions between the domestic engineering firms and the invitees. Thanks to their active participation, the forum ended in great success.

A welcome dinner (15th) was held to promote interchanges and understanding of the organizer and participants, and a farewell dinner (16th)

was hosted to thank all participants for their efforts to make the international forum successful.



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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FORUM

Report by

Atasi Das, FIDIC-ASPAC YPFSC (Member)





FIDIC 2014 CONFERENCE @ RIO de JANEIRO, BRAZIL



Every year, umpteen professionals meet at the illustrious FIDIC conference held at a coveted city anywhere in the world, to discuss and exchange on the best practices, challenges and opportunities in the global consulting engineering industry. Be it a maiden visit or one of the regular ones, everyone taking part at the conference finds new means to benefit their consulting businesses.

This year, the conference highlighted on the importance of Innovative Infrastructure Solutions for the years to come. It was attended by more than six hundred delegates representing more than seventy countries. The Keynote speakers came from different industries, giving delegates a unique and very different way to look at the Civil Engineering Consulting Industry.



The YPs (Young Professionals) found a sound platform to voice their ideas, concerns, and eventually offer appropriate solutions. Mr. Jakub Bialachowski, former VP of Polish FIDIC MA SIDIR gave a presentation on boosting capacity building and creativity by freeing up time and providing inspiring working environments. The presentation highlighted as to how a major part of a professionals' time is spent in doing activities viz. tedious desk-work, unproductive meetings, commuting to workplace & emphasized about flexible working hours and implementing remote work as likely ways to improve employee productivity.

'Women in Engineering', an article penned by Ms. Atasi Das has been published in the FIDIC ASPAC YPF Newsletter for September 2014. Apart from the role of Women Fraternity in Engineering, the article also illustrates a presentation made by Ms. Mandana Cont from Iran, dealing with the perception, challenges, position and contribution of Iranian Women Engineers and elsewhere globally. FIDIC YPF had selected the above topic to be presented at the FIDIC 2014 Conference at Rio.

Women in Engineering



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2014 YOUNG PROFESSIONAL (YP) PROGRAM



On Sunday (28th September, 2014), the YP Program started with "YP Meet and Greet" event where all young professional delegates gathered for the first time. This was a great opportunity for those participating in the YPMTP to meet with all the other YP delegates and also the FIDIC and ASPAC YPF Steering Committee (YPFSC), Ms. Selena Wilson, Chair of FIDIC YPFSC gave an introduction speech and YPs mingled before leaving for the Welcome Reception held at the beautiful Costa Brava Club, an astonishing location situated on top of a peninsula at the beginning of the exclusive Barra da Tijuca neighbourhood, Rio de Janeiro. All the YPs got the opportunity to discuss and exchange deliberations with the hundreds of delegates.

For the first business day (29th September, 2014), YPs attended the Opening Ceremony, the plenary session and seminars followed by finishing the day with the Local Color Night at the iconic Rio Scenarium, one of the most important and famous Samba Clubs in the world. One of the city's most photogenic nightspots, Rio Scenarium retains its authenticity and magic.





On Tuesday (30th September, 2014) morning, YP Steering Committee members of FIDIC and ASPAC had the opportunity to have a working breakfast with FIDIC's Executive Committee. They discussed the 2014 accomplishments and new opportunities and presented the 2015 YPFSC program. Positive feedbacks and comments were given ensuring that this year's program will be of high quality and focus toward strengthening our industry.





The second business day (30th September, 2014) ended at the Gala Dinner at the Belmond Copacabana Palace, a landmark in Rio de Janeiro and one of the most glamorous hotels in South America. This special evening gave a unique opportunity for YPs to discuss and exchange on the content that was presented during the past two days. New business relations were created but more importantly new friendships were ushered. During the Gala Dinner, the Annual FIDIC Awards were celebrated by recognizing the contribution of individuals toward building a better quality of life. Awards of Excellence and Merit were given for major building projects, major civil projects and individual/firm nomination.







On the last business day (01st October, 2014), the YPs had a full day program. Sessions covered the conclusion of the Young Professional Management Training Program. Throughout those sessions, YPs had the opportunity to reflect and exchange on the actual trends in our industry but more significantly to express openly to all the delegates and today's leaders their point of view of the consulting engineering future.









After the day's events, late afternoon started with two technical tours, first visiting Rio's Metro Transit System, and other was visiting Rio's Olympic Stadium under construction for the upcoming Olympic 2016. Both tours showcased the integration of high technology developed by consulting firms to benefit and sustain the Rio population and also Rio's preparedness to host a world event. Following the technical tour, YPs gathered at the Victoria Restaurant for a final dinner, where they not only had the opportunity to strengthen the cordial association but also to express their intent in taking part in the process of benefiting the quality of life in their respective global regions.





WHAT'S NEXT IN 2015?

- FIDIC-ASPAC Conference in Tehran, Iran in May 2015
- > FIDIC 2015 in DUBAI



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Calendar Events of Interest to ASPAC Member Associations

FIDIC-ASPAC Conference

ASPAC Conference 2015 at Tehran, Iran in May 2015 ASPAC CEO Conference in Sydney: 30April and 1st May 2015

CEAI INDIA

Annual Seminar – Role of consulting Engineers, Contractors, Developers and Authorities in Infrastructure Development: 28-29 November 2014

ACENZ New Zealand

Annual Conference in Hanmer Springs – July 30-1 August 2015

CNAEC China

CNAEC Annual Conference in Beijing, 4-5 November, 2014