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Budapest 2006 conference takes shape [\[full item: 78Ac\]](#)

Keynote speakers from Europe, Asia and the Middle East at the action packed 2006 International Consulting Engineering Conference in Budapest on 24-27 September will explore best practice procurement,

trends within the industry that impact on member firms and the key ingredients for delivering quality projects.

The full programme as well as online registration are available at www.consulting2006.org. Please register as soon as possible: the early bird rates end on 15 July, and hotel bookings at conference rates and payment for all tours and optional events must be settled by 15 August.



Several important meetings take place before the conference, including a special meeting for permanent and honorary Member Association managers on Saturday, 23 September, followed by a special meeting for Presidents on Sunday, 24 September. FIDIC Young Professionals management trainees will also be completing their training programme, before participating in the conference. The conference gala dinner is at the world-renowned Gellert Hotel, shown in the photo, on Tuesday evening, and the General Assembly Meetings of both FIDIC and the coorganizing European federation EFCA are on Wednesday, 27 September.

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Young professionals 2006 training programme gets underway [\[full item: 48Ev\]](#)

Some 30 participants from 18 countries "met" online in early-February 2006 to launch the 2006 FIDIC Young Professionals Management Training Programme (the 2005 programme participants are shown in the photo, taken at the FIDIC 2005 Beijing conference). Firms are to be congratulated for supporting these future leaders, who will spend seven months training



online. Issues to be covered include growth and profit strategies, the marketing of consulting services, personnel development and ownership structures. Case studies will be analysed and the many rich experiences shared to enable each participant to add value back into their firms and associations, with FIDIC gaining from the collective expertise. The programme ends at the 2006 International Consulting Engineering Conference (Budapest; 24-27 September) with a special workshop that will be a conference feature.

Among the trainees is Uganda's Sara Senyondo, the first recipient of the newly established FIDIC Past-Presidents Future Leader Scholarship. Sara was thrilled to receive the award, which enables her to participate in the training programme and attend the Budapest conference. The scholarship, aimed at firms from less-developed countries, identifies budding managers who would benefit from exposure to the international benchmarking that is offered by the FIDIC programme. See www.fidic.org/ypmtp for information.

Forthcoming visits and meetings [\[full item: 32Ev\]](#)

GAMA Annual [Conference](#), Bagamoyo, Tanzania, 20 Apr- 5 May2006

FIDIC-ACEA Project Sustainability Management [Workshops](#), Australia, 2-5 Apr 2006

FIDIC Adjudicators Assessment [Workshop](#), UK, 27-29 Apr 2006

FIDIC-Cornerstone Contracts [Workshop](#), Cairo, 25-26 Apr 2006

FIDIC-ECV Contracts [Course](#), Bucharest, 10-11 May 2006

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[International Consulting Engineering Conference](#), Budapest, 24-27 Sep 2006

Contracts

New bank harmonised Construction Contract [full item: 57Co]

The multilateral development banks (MDB) have had the opportunity to test the first version, issued in May 2005, of the MDB Harmonised Edition of the FIDIC Construction Contract for use on bank-financed projects. Further additions and modifications were required for their needs: after full consultation, these have been agreed with FIDIC for a new March 2006 version. The contract's anticorruption clause has been adjusted, with each bank incorporating different wording with a view to a harmonisation of definitions. So, for printed copies, the anticorruption clause is on a separate page for each bank: users need only to remove the pages that do not concern them, thus ensuring the integrity and authenticity of the General Conditions. The General Conditions are incorporated in a bank's Standard Bidding Document for major civil works, or its equivalent. Meanwhile, FIDIC ensures delivery by download from fidic.org/mdb of authentic, fully formatted General Conditions. An electronic version of the full Conditions of Contract that include Particular Conditions' forms are available from the FIDIC Bookshop, with server-controlled access protection to ensure the authenticity of the General Conditions if they are distributed to a third party. FIDIC also ensures that its numerous training courses, workshops and seminars on FIDIC contracts deal with the harmonised contract.

FIDIC says farewell to a trusted adviser [full item: 58Co]

Long-standing FIDIC supporter John Bowcock was recognized at his final meeting with the FIDIC Contracts Committee, on which he has served in various capacities for 12 years. A certificate and plaque were presented by FIDIC Managing Director Enrico Vink on behalf of the FIDIC Executive Committee and all FIDIC members. John, who has provided sage and valued advice on many FIDIC activities, was awarded FIDIC's highest award, the Prangey Award, in 1999, and continued to serve after retirement from consulting work. His expertise is evidenced in all the recent FIDIC contract documents. A committee working group has drafted a Dredgers Contract, the first edition of which (see cover illustration) was published in March 2006. The committee is currently tackling the difficult task of updating FIDIC's widely used *Client-Consultant Model Services Agreement* (The White Book) with its accompanying joint venture and sub-consultancy agreements. Other committee task groups are updating the publication *Tendering Procedures* and drafting a *Construction Contract* subcontract and a new design-build-operate contract (draft General Conditions will be presented at the 2006 International Consulting Engineering Conference, Budapest, 24-27 February; www.consulting2006.org).

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Sweden looks outside the box [full item: 43Re]

Recognizing that in a globalised world some new thinking is required to stay ahead in a fiercely competitive market, Sweden's FIDIC Member Association STD organized a seminar in late-2005 to tease out some of the paradigm shifts in thinking required to capitalize on opportunities. Presentations and discussions highlighted that, whilst the market has tried to standardize the industry, innovation and good communication can still bring success for consulting firms. We live in an ideas world, says STD, and selling ideas is what consulting engineering is all about. The all-important networking between firms after the seminar suggested that the ideas planted were being put to good effect. Follow-up activities will explore how to enhance creativity to enable innovation to flourish and to develop competitive advantages. Among them is Building Smart, which focuses on modeling for improved buildings. STD has also worked with "creativity guru" Richard Florida (see www.creativeclass.org) who has fascinating views on how to "think outside the box".

Business practice

ADB procurement procedures [full item: 66Pr]

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) allocated some \$300 million in 2005 for technical assignments, and opportunities for consultants through ADB funded projects are increasing. Reflecting recommendations from the market, including FIDIC as the consulting engineering industry's global representative, the ADB has adjusted procedures for procuring consulting services for greater transparency and improved efficiencies. Individual and company appointments will both be affected by the changes, and assignments will be bundled for improved economy. Project Administration Instructions (www.adb.org/documents/manuals/PAI/) are new. They outline the procedures to be followed by ADB staff in administering ADB-financed loan and technical assistance projects. Member firms affected by the changes are encouraged to become familiar with the new guidelines before their implementation on 1 April 2006 (see www.adb.org). The key drivers for the changes are streamlining (time reduced from 60 to 40 days), harmonization (some 90% of procedures have now been harmonized with the other major development banks), transparency (more information will be available; debriefing becomes more important), modernization (greater use of internet; performance-based contracting introduced).

FIDIC President Jorge Díaz Padilla, Managing Director Enrico Vink and Executive Committee member Xie Shaozhang were briefed on the new procedures during a visit to the bank in February 2006, and congratulated by senior officials on FIDIC's positive and helpful contributions during the review process. For its part, the FIDIC delegation expressed gratitude for the frank and open exchange of views, and for the tremendous support from the ADB at the hugely successful FIDIC 2005 conference in Beijing.

Complementary studies of scope of service definitions launched

[full item: 67Pr]

For a greater transparency in procurement and to reduce or even remove technical barriers to open competition, FIDIC is working to develop standard definitions for the scope of services offered by consulting engineers. In a complimentary project, FIDIC is also collaborating with the European federation EFCA on an European Union (EU) funded project investigating the possible standardization of consulting services within the Union. Although the EU study is much broader, and includes a survey of current systems in European states, FIDIC's work offers valuable information. In turn, the EU study will help FIDIC identify existing definitions. Progress will be reported at the 2006 International Consulting Engineering Conference (Budapest, 24-27 September, www.consulting2006.org) that is organized by FIDIC and EFCA in association with their Member Association AHCEA-Hungary.

Business development

UNEP's Sustainable Buildings and Construction Initiative launched

[full item: 46De]

Identifying ways to promote energy and resource efficient building and buildings is challenging since activities span several industry sectors and involve a wide range of skills, with few major actors. FIDIC's Project Sustainability Management (PSM) takes a global approach to ensuring that building and buildings are sustainable by putting in place processes to align project goals with global objectives. This contrasts with a regulatory, standards-based approach that aims to specify sustainability requirements for each component, but does not ensure that the end result is sustainable construction. International agencies such as UNEP have an important role to play in defining and piloting strategies that work, so it is heartening that firms including Taiwan's Sinotech have agreed to support UNEP's Sustainable Buildings and Construction Initiative that was launched in early-March 2006. FIDIC, a founding member, looks forward to partnering with several organizations and member firms in the implementation of new approaches, among them PSM. The photo shows a school building in the USA that was used as a case study in FIDIC's publication on PSM guidelines.

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Ethics and integrity

FIDIC participates in anticorruption discussions [full item: 20Et]

FIDIC President Jorge Díaz Padilla participated in an anti-corruption policy roundtable in Brussels in January 2006. Although the meeting, organised by Transparency International (TI) and OLAF, the European Commission's Unit to combat fraud and corruption, focused on an analysis of debarment systems and the blacklisting of firms, FIDIC emphasized the need to consider prevention rather than on sanctioning. In addition to TI, European Commission, OECD, UN, and World Bank representatives, those from the private sector included Robert Couturier who chairs the European federation EFCA Partnership for Development Committee.

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China training centre explores certification [full item: 29Im]

FIDIC has long promoted the concept of a quality standard for consulting engineers. Finding practical ways to move forward has proved challenging. There is strong support for the concept in China, where some form of formal recognition by the industry of a consulting engineer's qualifications and experience is seen to offer major benefits. The FIDIC-Tsinghua Training Centre at Beijing's Tsinghua University has developed, in collaboration with FIDIC, a set of criteria for certification. These include the fundamental range of business skills, plus integrity management and sustainability management (articulated in the *FIDIC Guide to Practice Manual*) together with knowledge of procurement procedures and FIDIC contracts (currently being articulated in a proposed *FIDIC Contracts Manual*). Sponsorship is being sought for a pilot project in China, and proposals for a more global scheme are expected to take some time to develop. Arrangements for a scheme in China, reviewed at the FIDIC Executive Committee when it met in Geneva in mid-January, were discussed during a visit in March 2006 by a FIDIC delegation to the training centre. The photo shows Jorge Díaz Padilla, FIDIC President, on the left, with the centre's Professor Wang Qizheng during an earlier visit in September 2005.



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