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PRESIDENT'S DESK



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ISSUE

Dear Members,

In last issue we had mentioned that, your GC had appointed number of committees, for addressing the priority needs, in order to strengthen the Association, under experienced Chairpersons in each specialized field. You will be happy to know that most of the committees have taken up the assigned task in all sincerity. They have formulated their Terms of Reference and started having deliberations on the Action Plan. The spurt of activities, so far, exude confidence on our future.

We seek your personal involvement in the International Conference of MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS of the Asia- Pacific countries, details of which appear under the item on FIDIC - ASPAC conference 2019 at New Delhi. There will be presence of many eminent speakers from across the Globe, and it will be a good opportunity for Indian engineers to attend an International event without spending on costly foreign travel.

The conference registration fees, even if they appear higher than ordinary local seminars, are very cost effective for an International event, made possible by contributions by our sponsors.

A report appears in this issue on the long term agreement between WORLD BANK and FIDIC, that has ensured that all World Bank funded projects will be using FIDIC standard contracts.

One of our members have become the first Indian FIDIC accredited trainer and other members are sure to follow his example. There will be increased need of various public authorities to have FIDIC training, and CEAI being the authorized agency of FIDIC, stands to benefit from this opportunity.

Wishing all of you Happy Spring festivities and seeking your indulgence for the delayed publication of this February newsletter,

Thanks and Regards,

Amitabha Ghoshal

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FIDIC-ASPAC CONFERENCE 2019

CEAI is organizing an International Conference involving ASIA – PACIFIC Countries along with FIDIC, an International Association of Consulting Engineers.

The theme of the Conference is **"QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CLEAN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT"**. The Conference will be held at Le-Meridien Hotel, New Delhi from 7-9 July 2019.

ASPAC represents the consulting engineering industry in Asia and Pacific Region as the regional grouping of FIDIC Member Associations. ASPAC has 22 member countries. The main objective is to encourage regional cooperation amongst the member associations by sharing and enhancing knowledge on the different infrastructure requirements of each country.

The Conference Theme is **"Quality Infrastructure for Clean and Sustainable Development"**. Many of the member associations of ASPAC are investing significantly in infrastructure development not only with their own financial resources but also with funding from MDBs. This conference will provide Member Associations (MAs) of FIDIC a platform to share and interact for mutual benefit.

We are expecting players from across the world to come for exploring business opportunities and building partnerships.

The objective of the Conference is to encourage regional cooperation by sharing and enhancing knowledge on the different infrastructure requirements of each country.

In response to the requests from Indian and foreign participants, the Conference Committee has decided to extend the last date for availing the Early Bird Discount to 31st March 2019. Members are requested to register as early as possible to avail the discount on registration fee.

For more details please visit conference website <http://www.aspacdelhi2019.com/>

CO-OPTED MEMBERS TO GOVERNING COUNCIL

As per Memorandum and Rules of CEAI, the Governing Council at its meeting held on 30 January 2019, Co-opted the following members :

Mr R S Sharma
Managing Director
Sugam Technocrats Pvt Ltd

Mr Somenath Ghosh
Former CMD, NIRDC & Advisor ICT

Mr O P Goel
Former Director General, CPWD

Mr Sudhir Mital
Executive Vice President
Stup Consultants Pvt Ltd

PERMANENT INVITEES

Considering their active involvement in CEAI activities, the Governing Council decided to invite the following members to the Governing Council meetings as permanent invitees:

Mr A P Mull
Former CEO & MD, TCE Consulting Engineers Ltd

Mr Srikumar Ghosh
Founder & Former MD, CES India Pvt Ltd

Mr Umesh Shrivastava
Executive Chairman
Holtec Consulting Pvt Ltd

Mr Manmohan Rawat
Vice President -Transportation
AECOM India

Mr Sitaram Aggarwal
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NEW MEMBERS OF CEAI

The following members have joined CEAI since December 2018:

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CEAI extend a warm welcome to the new members and look forward to their active participation in the activities of CEAI.

ACCREDITATION OF DR DHAVAL PARIKH AS FIDIC TRAINER

Taking note of the vast knowledge and experience of Dr Dhaval Parikh on the FIDIC Contract Documents, FIDIC has signed an agreement with him as a FIDIC Accredited trainer. Dr Parikh is the first Indian to become a FIDIC accredited trainer.

CEAI AGREEMENT WITH TAYLOR & FRANCIS GROUP FOR PUBLICATION OF WORKS BY CEAI MEMBERS

Taylor & Francis Group (T&F) is an INTERNATIONAL publisher of academic and scholarly books and journals under various imprints including Taylor & Francis and Routledge

Internationally, it is amongst the top four STEM publishers.

CRC Press is the imprint for its publishing in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

T&F desired to expand its reach and hence approached CEAI to introduce T&F to our members who can write scientific, technical and academic works with a view to T&F potentially publishing those works.

GC formed a committee to get the views from members and potential authors and to study the benefits of the venture to CEAI, in enhancing its branding and visibility.

After due diligence and several rounds of discussions with Taylor and Francis representatives in India, the Committee signed the MOU between CEAI and T&F in December 2018.

The highlights of the MOU entered into with T&F is available at the CEAI website <https://ceai.org.in/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/CRC-Press-Agreement-for-CEAI-Website.pdf>

We encourage CEAI members to intimate their willingness to write books, monographs, textbooks, short form and handbooks of interest, as per MoU.

Organisations can use this opportunity to encourage their 'Experts' to turn 'Authors'.

WORLD BANK SIGNS FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT TO USE FIDIC STANDARD CONTRACTS

International engineering federation FIDIC (the International Federation of Consulting Engineers) has secured a major agreement with the World Bank that will see the international funding organisation adopt the use of six FIDIC standard contracts for the next five years.



Under the terms of the agreement, FIDIC has granted the World Bank a non-exclusive licence to refer to the six major FIDIC contracts (see list in notes below) for projects they finance and the documents will be used as part of the bank's standard bidding documents. The contracts mainly include the 2017 Second edition FIDIC contracts, which cover a wide range of international construction and infrastructure work, and the World Bank's move represents a major endorsement for the contracts from a major international funding organisation. FIDIC also expects to announce a similar agreement with the other multilateral development banks.

FIDIC chief executive Dr Nelson Ogunshakin said: "This is a major development for FIDIC and we are delighted that the World Bank has agreed to adopt our 2017 editions of the Rainbow suite of contracts and use them as a key part of their standard bidding documents. This will create more certainty in the market as by adopting the FIDIC contacts on major projects. The World Bank is saying that they endorse the fair and balanced approach that these documents offer to parties on major construction contracts. The familiarity that the FIDIC contracts bring make it easier to get projects underway as many of the typical commercial risks are clearly addressed in the contracts and all the parties understand their obligations and responsibilities.

“Endorsement by the World Bank should provide additional comfort to the financial, institutional and private equity investors operating in the global market to adopt the use of FIDIC standard procurement contracts as an effective tool to mitigate the risk associated with investable infrastructure asset class. Over the coming months, we will be working with our member associations and strategic partners to ensure that the FIDIC 2017 contract editions are translated into five major languages - Arabic, Chinese, French, Portuguese and Spanish - to aid effective use across the World Bank and other multilateral development banks’ operating countries.”

Commenting on the signing of the agreement, Enzo De Laurentiis, chief procurement officer at the World Bank, said: “We are very pleased to continue to build on our long collaboration with FIDIC by adopting the standard conditions of contracts in the 2017 suite for use in projects financed by the World Bank, as appropriate and complemented by our Conditions of Particular Application (COPA). Together, the 2017 FIDIC standard conditions and our COPA, will ensure that infrastructure contracts financed by the World Bank continue to be based on an internationally recognised standard and reflect key aspects of our policies and practice related, among others, to managing environmental, social and integrity risks.”

FIDIC president Alain Bentéjac said: “This move by the World Bank represents major international market buy-in for our FIDIC 2017 Second edition contracts and one that we hope will also influence the supply chain to adopt FIDIC contracts thereby creating even more certainty in the planning and delivery of major international construction and infrastructure projects. We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with the World Bank and the other multilateral development banks (MDBs) over the coming years.”

Notes

The six FIDIC contract documents covered by the FIDIC/World Bank agreement are as follows:

- Conditions of Contract for Construction for Building and Engineering Works Designed by the Employer (“Red book”), Second edition 2017;
- Conditions of Contract for Plant & Design-Build for Electrical & Mechanical Plant & for Building & Engineering Works Designed by the Contractor (“Yellow book”), Second edition 2017;
- Conditions of Contract for EPC Turnkey Projects (“Silver book”), Second Edition, 2017);
- Client/Consultant Model Services Agreement (“White book”), Fifth Edition 2017;
- Conditions of Contract for Design, Build and Operate Projects (“Gold book”) First Edition 2008; and
- The Short Form of Contract (“Green book”), First Edition 1999.

ASPAC AWARDS 2019 – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ASPAC Secretariat has invited nominations for ASPAC Awards 2019. Award documents were circulated to all members. The nominations should reach ASPAC Secretariat before 3rd May 2019. Results will be announced and presented during ASPAC Conference scheduled to be held in Delhi in July 2019.

For more details please contact CEAI Secretariat.

BREAKING NEWS

The Southern Regional Committee of CEAI has just been formed with the initiative of Dr.Rajashekhar Malur, Chief Technology Officer, TCE, Mr Anbu Thomas Samuel, Director, STUP Consultants Pvt Ltd., Bangalore and Dr. M. S. Sudarshan, MD, STEDRANT Technoclinic Pvt Ltd.

VIEW POINT

The next issue of the View Point is due for publication in **March 2019**, the theme for which ***“Remote Sensing & Remote Monitoring for Engineering Projects”***.

Considering the experience of CEAI members and various stakeholders in the subject, CEAI would be happy to receive articles on the above theme.

Authors could share their knowledge enriched by the works executed, first hand accounts of the challenges faced, practical issues experienced and the solutions to those, etc.

Photographs would benefit our readers for better appreciation of the issues encountered and addressed.

The articles for March issue need to reach CEAI by 15 March 2019. Articles need to be in Times New Roman 12 with single line spacing on A4 size.

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