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ACESL NEWS

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS, SRI LANKA

COUNCIL MEETING

The new council elected in Jan'04 has been meeting monthly for the committee meetings and in addition have met every fortnight in between in order to finalise the following:

1. Draft new Rules for ACESL
2. Revision of Fees Structure
3. Organise Seminar in Sept'04

The council has sent congratulatory messages for the Prime Minister & a few other Ministers relevant to the Consultancy Industry wishing them success and extending our fullest cooperation in the activities. The Pri Minister & other Ministers have responded with immediate replies .

The Council has taken action to inform the Sri Lanka representatives of the World Bank , Asian Development Bank, JICA & Heads of Departments, Boards, Corporations, ICTAD and IESL with regard to the incorporation of ACESL in order to build up a close liaison & effective dialogue on matters concerning the industry.

A delegation from the ACESL met the IESL Council to discuss our concern with " the registration of the Consultants". ACESL council was of the opinion that engineering consultancy is a matter for the ACESL.

The council wishes to bring to the notice of our members & the Member Firms the ever increasing costs the council has to meet annually. FIDIC Annual subscriptions is costing Rs 10,000.00 more annually in view of the foreign exchange. More than 60% of the Membership fees is spent to pay above & CCI membership. With the incorporation the council has to have our records in order and have decided to build up our assets with the purchase of cupboards etc. One day very soon, we will have to have our own office to manage the affairs. Our efforts to find a convenient and an affordable place have not succeeded as yet.

TCDPAP which have been inviting the ACESL to join as Member, we not been able to meet the costs has prevented us joining in. In spite the TCDPAP have been inviting two of our Members to participate at their AGM's. So the council is planning to explore other means of finances for funding. The council is forced to increase the Membership Fees as from this year and the proposals would be framed & included in the New rules for ratification at a Special General Meeting in August'04. The Council wishes to invite special Donations in this aspect from our highly reputed Members & Member Firms who could afford to join in this venture to build up the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Present Membership of the Council stands as follows :

Members - 56

Member Firms - 14

The following new members have joined the Association.

Mr. Tissa Gunasena
Mr. Ranil G Rajapakse
Mr. R Nihal Perera
Mr D F Mahinda Perera
Mr P M Nandasena
Mr. H P Ranjan Gunawardena
Mr M L Indrajith Abeysinghe
Mr. Gamini A Hettiarachchi
Mr K L S Sahabandu

Member Firms

Mahaweli Consultancy Bureau (Private)
LTD
Engineering Solutions (Pte) Ltd.
Build Consult (Pvt) Ltd
Lan Management development services

EVENTS

Appointment of Standing Committee

The Council has appointed the following to function as the members of the Standing Committee to review the applications for membership. This is to ensure that appropriately qualified individuals of eminence are admitted as members of the Association.

Mr. T. G Perera
Mr. N. G. R. De Silva
Mr. M. Chandrasena

NEWS From FIDIC

FIDIC Annual Conference will be held in Copenhagen from 10th to 16th September 2004 at the Radisson SAS Scandinavia Hotel.

Registration is available at the conference web site <http://www.fidic2004.org>.

CCI NEWS

The AGM of the Chamber of Construction Industry was held on 11th June 2004 at the CCI premises. Hon Ferriel Ashroff, Minister of Housing & Construction Industry, was the Chief Guest.

Mr. John Cooney, Country Director, Asian Development Bank participated as the guest of honor.

TCDPAP News

TCDPAP International Conference will be held from 11th – 14th October 2004 in New Delhi, India

The theme of conference is "Development of Knowledge Infrastructure: Role of Consultants".

The Association has nominated Mr. D.P.T. Munasinghe, Vice President – ACESL and Bhatiya Senaratne, Hony Secretary – ACESL to participate at the above conference as delegates.

Quality Management in Consulting Engineering

The previous issues carried extracts of the following from "The Guide to Quality Management" published by FIDIC 2001.

1). The Concept of Quality Management – Feb'2003

2). FIDIC Policy & Quality Management- Apr'2003

3). The eight Principles of Quality Management – July 2003.

4). Process Approach, Continuous Improvement & Decision Making Process that have to be built in to the process which will carry you to the Development of a Quality Management System in Your Firm.

It is important and we are fully aware of the commitment of the consulting Engineering Industry's Skills and capabilities of the highest order that have to be delivered to the clients in Public & Private sector. In this context, it is interesting to find out how many of our Member Firms have initiated the Quality Management Process to improve business practices.

This issue carries an extract of "**the Guide Lines for Business Integrity Management in the Consulting Industry**" developed by FIDIC. These guide lines would certainly enable our members and in particular the Member firms to build up the image of the consulting industry and in the end to uphold the professional reputation among the business clients.

FIDICS Code of ETHICS

- Responsibility to society and the consulting industry
- Competence
- Integrity
- Impartiality
- Fairness to others
- Corruptions

"**Corruption**" is defined by Transparency International as:

" The abuse of Power to achieve a personal gain"

Integrity means safe business.

In 1999, as a fundamental issue of capacity building, FIDIC proposed to develop a system for managing integrity.

FIDIC recommends that :

Member Firms must have a commitment to integrity through the implementation of an " Integrity Management system" involving all levels of management and every employee.

The Concept of Integrity Management

The Integrity management concept calls for an internal system of the consulting firm, designed as an effective tool to prevent corrupt behavior and to encourage integrity.

The Integrity Management "**check list**"

1. Management Responsibility
2. Organisational responsibility and authority
3. Resources and Personnel
4. Integrity Management Processes
5. Integrity records
6. Feedback

E- Mail addresses of Members

ACESL is gradually migrating towards electronic communication and the E-Mail is heavily featured in this migration. ACESL often cannot reach members by ordinary mail in a hurry. In this age of information and Communication technology (ICT) , the E- Mail has evolved into an important means of communication.

All members are kindly requested to furnish their E- Mail addresses & Fax numbers, so that important notices could be sent to members without delay.

Request for Articles

Members & Member firms are kindly requested to submit short articles (A4 size) for publication in the News letter. The articles could be about projects in progress handled by the Firms, or future investments on matters relating to consulting Industry

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