FIDIC MEMBERSHIP

An overview and a must for all

Engineering member Associations

Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs-Conseils
International Federation of Consulting Engineers
Internationale Vereinigung Beratender Ingenieure
Federación Internacional de Ingenieros Consultores

1. Member Association

Member Association is a national association which is the largest association of firms providing technology-driven intellectual consulting services for the built and natural environment in a country.

2. Associate Members

Associate Member is any individual, organisation, association, firm or group of firms, based in a country not having a Member Association, and has a major part of its/their activity in the engineering consulting industry. In many cases, it is appropriate for a representative organisation in such a country to join FIDIC as an Associate Member. This membership category is aimed at organisations that aim to become a FIDIC national Member Association.

3. Affiliate Members

Affiliate Member is any individual, association, organisation, firm or group of firms, based in a country having or not having a Member Association, and which supports the objectives of the Federation. This membership category is aimed at commercial organisations which aim to maintain a close contact with FIDIC and to support the Federation's activities at the local and international level.

Article 4.7 of the FIDIC statutes and by-laws establishes that: "Applications for Affiliate Membership may be submitted to FIDIC, except that candidates in countries where the FIDIC Member Association has an equivalent membership category shall be proposed by that Member Association. Applications for Affiliate Membership shall be decided upon by the Executive Committee, where except for international organisations the Executive Committee has obtained the approval of the Member Association, if any, in whose country the organisation is based".

A. Application

Applications are assessed by the FIDIC Secretariat and forwarded to the FIDIC Membership Committee for review and recommendation to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee submits compliant applications to the General Assembly to be discussed in their meeting during September each year.

B. Documentation

1. Member Associations

A letter from the Association President requesting membership of FIDIC

A copy of the organisation's Statutes, By-Laws and Regulations.

A copy of the organisation's List of Members

A letter from a Government ministry or official of the country in which the organisation is based confirming that the organisation is the largest registered association of firms providing technology based intellectual consulting services for the built and natural environment in the country.

Membership Fees

FIDIC bases the calculation of subscriptions for Member Associations on the number of staff employed by member firms or groups of firms and the currency used is the Swiss Franc. In 2013, the unit rate was 2.65 Swiss Franc/staff member. The minimum membership fee is 1,900 Swiss Francs per year.

2. Associate Members

A letter requesting Associate Membership of FIDIC outlining the expectations for collaboration with FIDIC e.g., promoting and selling FIDIC documents; support for FIDIC training; promoting the consulting engineering industry; details of any planned activities (conferences, seminars, etc).

Letters of recommendation from references that are mentioned on the application form.

Details of the firms in the group (address of head office; principals; ownership; date of registration; activities)

A letter to the FIDIC Executive Committee which indicates that the group of firms shall do its utmost to promote the establishment in their country of an association of consulting engineers which would be eligible for membership of FIDIC in due course, and that the firms shall observe the requirements of the Statutes and By-Laws of FIDIC.

A statement of intention to form a Member Association, or of an intention to form or join at some stage an «umbrella» FIDIC national Member Association, giving the name/of the association/s concerned, or a statement explaining why a Member Association cannot be formed at his stage.

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3. Affiliate Members

Individuals, associations, organisations, firms or groups of firms wishing to apply for Affiliate Membership and that are based in a country where FIDIC has a Member Association (MA) or Associate should submit a letter of approval from the FIDIC MA. This letter must be signed by the President or Director of the association endorsing the applicant and sent to the FIDIC Secretariat. Applicants should provide any information required by the association in order to prepare the approval letter. Only applications accompanied by an approval letter will be reviewed.

A letter stating: the motivation for the application; the main area of activity of the applicant, in particular, activities in fields related to consulting engineering and allied professions; and the relationship of the organisation to the consulting engineering industry and to the FIDIC Member Association in the country of origin.

2 letters of recommendation from any association, clients, partners or similar organisations working in the consulting engineering industry. These letters should normally be from the two references mentioned on the registration form.

Membership Fees

FIDIC Affiliate Membership fee is 1,500 Swiss Francs per year.

C. Membership Benefits

Each category of membership offers benefits to motivate the membership and also to sustain the levels of interest. A comparison chart of Benefits for all three categories of Membership is given below,

With more than 100 years of experience, Fédération Internationale des Ingénieurs Conseils or more commonly, the International Federation of Consulting Engineers constituted on 22nd July 1913 on the principles of Quality, Integrity and Sustainability, has developed gradually over the years into a truly global organisation. The Consulting Engineering Associations from almost hundred countries are enrolled as Member Associations of FIDIC.

FIDIC not only represents the countries where Member Associations are located, it has become the voice of the consulting engineering industry in a globalised world. FIDIC's partnership with the World Bank and other Multinational Development Banks working in different geographical regions ensure the application of international standards designed by engineers for engineers to finance and deliver the worlds infrastructure. FIDIC's promise is to be recognised as a trusted adviser to decision makers involved in the planning and construction of a sustainable infrastructure for future generations, across the globe.

FIDIC is a Forum – a unique one - designed to represent the voice and strength of Consulting Engineers from across the world, that has around 1.5 mil Consulting Engineering professionals (in Sept 2013) and is growing. FIDIC caters to the varied interests of the Global Consulting industry through its tiered membership structure and enhances its presence in various countries by bringing into its membership fold, national associations, individual companies, groups of firms and through a stringent and careful screening.

The current FIDIC Executive Committee comprises of Pablo Bueno (President), Jae-Wan Lee (Vice President), Alain Bentejac (Treasurer) and Members – William Howard, Kiran K. Kapila, Kaj Möller, Exaud Mushi, Chris Newcomb, Moncef Ziani. The Managing Director of FIDIC is Mr. Enrico Vink.

FIDIC's Influence and Leadership

FIDIC represents the Consulting Engineering industry at the global arena through a single window and conveys a unified message. It enjoys a position of influence with the government and decision makers of various countries and enjoys the reputation of a leader representative of the Consulting Engineering community. FIDIC enjoys access to development aid agencies and other international organisations and have a say in their policies and methods of procuring consulting engineering services.

FIDIC offers its members involvement in the Sustainable Development of the World through its consistent and focused efforts. It directly supports its membership in influencing country specific goals.

FIDIC offers Accredited Trainer Development Programmes to its Member Associations.

Standard ContractsFIDIC's extensive work on Contract Documents is well known, and these documents set the global standards promoted for use by the World. The Documents are periodically revised to maintain their dynamism. Such revisions are done with the active participation of FIDIC's members.

Apart from the Contract Documents, there exists a wealth of knowledge and experience resting in its huge collection of books, publications and guides available for sale. FIDIC offers discounts on these publications.

The knowledge base provides access to privileged information such as management procedures, and procurement methods in other markets.

Training and Networking

FIDIC offers training on Contract Documents and other subjects through accredited trainers, and each country can mix and choose the modules that closely match with their country's business environment.

It offers numerous trainings, conferences, seminars around the world which offer immense networking opportunities for the members to understand the potential of new markets as well as interact with other members. Discounted rates are offered to members to participate in these events. These events are a window to latest trends and changes in business practices and client demands around the world.

Young Professionals Development

Specialised training programmes for Young Professionals' for development as future industry leaders are also offered to the members. Scholarship support for such trainings is also extended to promising young professionals.

Young Professionals Forum

Young Professional Forums of a country can join the FIDIC YPF. They can also nominate members to the FIDIC YPF Steering Committee. FIDIC support is available for the development of such forums.

Event Hosting

FIDIC offers to its members the opportunity to host the FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference, General Assembly Meeting, Executive Committee Meetings, Capacity Development Seminars, International Training Events, etc. Such a strategy is adopted by FIDIC to lend its name and support to the host organization to create a positive perception for them to further their relationship with the Government, Financial Institutions and other key stakeholders.

An association with a global organisation of FIDIC's stature has a positive spin off for the host organisation.

Financial Benefits

Members can share the income at a pre-agreed rate from the sale of publications; FIDIC activities, such as, training courses, seminars, etc. and for events hosted/jointly, organised with FIDIC.

Support by the FIDIC Secretariat

FIDIC offers to its members support through its experienced Secretariat led by the Managing Director. In addition to this, a member of the FIDIC Executive Committee will liaise with member associations to convey in person any matters related to the development of associations for discussion during FIDIC Executive Committee Meetings.

		Number of Members	Associate Member	Affiliate Member
Number per country				
Number of Members		X		
Voting				
Vote in General Assembly Meetings (for new members, EC, President, budget, annual accounts, subscription fees, annual conference, auditors, member exclusion, appeals against EC decisions, statutes and by-laws, directions to the Executive Committee, dissolution, liquidators)		X		
Nominate Executive Committee Members		X		
Use of FIDIC logo and designation				
Member's right to use designation "FIDIC" and the FIDIC logo on:	Letter head	X	X	X
	Business cards	X	X	X
	FIDIC endorsed documents	X		
	Media (printed, online)	X	X	X
Member firms' right to use designation "FIDIC" and the FIDIC logo on:	Letter head	X	X	
	Business cards	X	X	X
	Media (printed, online)	X		
Listing in FIDIC media	FIDIC info	X	X	X
	FIDIC Annual Review	X	X	X
	FIDIC Directory	X	X	X
	Special noting in lists of attendees at FIDIC meetings or conferences	X	X	X
Allow members t o use the FIDIC trademark ed management syst ems under licence	Business Integrity Management	X	X	X
	Project Sustainability Management	X	X	X
eNews				
Direct reception		X	X	X
Advertisement		X	X	X
Publications				
Advanced notice of new or revised FIDIC publications		X	X	X
Direct reception, generally by email, of reports of meetings, notably those with the multilateral development agencies		X	X	
Purchase publications at Member rates		X	X	X
Acquire licences to translate FIDIC documents		X	X	
Acquire licences to publish FIDIC documents		X		
Have the right of first refusal on licences to translate and/ or publish FIDIC documents		X		
Acquire licences to modify FIDIC documents		X	X	X
Co-publish documents with FIDIC		X		
Nominate reviewers of FIDIC documents		X		
Support services				
Refer professional issues to FIDIC under the FIDIC Statutes Article 15		X	X	X
Lobbying government or national or international authorities, etc. on a member's behalf		X		
Support for adjustment of a procurement agency decision		X	X	X
Member firm and contact person mailing lists		X	X	X
Put member firms in contact with other firms in other member countries		X	X	
Access to FIDIC online services		X	X	X
Participate in meetings with FIDIC Executive Committee during country visits		X	X	X
Guidance on association management		X	X	
FIDIC endorsement for a product or service		X	X	
Development banks and similar organisations				
Lobbying by FIDIC on a member's behalf		x	x	
Participation in meetings		x		
Propose topics for discussion		x	x	x

Committees and Task Forces			
Nominate members for FIDIC committees and task forces	X	X	X
Receive the minutes of meetings	X	X	
Annual Conference			
Propose speakers and topics for inclusion in the programme	X	X	X
Reduced conference fees for General Assembly Meeting delegates	X		
Young Professionals scholarships	X		
On admission as member, exhibition stand	X	X	
Awards			
Nominate Prangey Award winners	X		
Nominate Honorary Members	X		
Dispute Board Adjudicators			
Designate National Adjudicator Lists as meeting FIDIC guidelines	X		
Nominate adjudicators for assessment to enter the FIDIC President's List	X		
National Adjudicator Lists listed by FIDIC	X		
Membership			
Eligible to form a FIDIC umbrella association with a FIDIC Member Association	X	X	
Eligible to join a FIDIC Regional Group	X	X	
If have a membership category equivalent to Affiliate Members, can require that new FIDIC Affiliate Members join the national association	X		
Change membership category without resubmitting a detailed application	X	X	
Represent / be active in sectors other than consulting engineering		X	X
Event hosting			
Invite FIDIC officers to participate in national events	X	X	
Act as host organisation for a FIDIC Annual Conference	X		
Act as host organisation for a FIDIC General Assembly Meeting	X		
Act as host organisation for a FIDIC Executive Committee meetings	X	X	
Act as host organisation for a FIDIC Seminar that reviews FIDIC products and activities	X	X	
Act as host organisation for a FIDIC Capacity Development Seminars	X	X	
Act as host organisation / partner for FIDIC International Training Programme events	X	X	
Accredited Trainer Development Programme			
Nominate accredited trainers	X		
Receive support for training accredited trainers	X		
Young Professionals Management Training Programme			
Member firms staff can participate in the YPMTP	X	X	X
YPMTP Scholarships	X		
Young Professionals Forum			
National YP Forum can join FIDIC YPF	X	X	
National YP Forum can nominate members of the FIDIC YPF Steering Committee	X		
Surveys			
Participate in formulating FIDIC Surveys and Annual	X	X	
Receive the results of FIDIC Surveys and Annual	X	X	X
Revenues			
Share in agreed revenues from FIDIC activities that are attributed to members	X		
Secretariat			
Host FIDIC regional support staff	X		
Duties and obligations			
Require members to abide by the FIDIC Code of Ethics	X		
Liable for FIDIC debts	X		

Membership Application Form available online at:

http://fidic.org/membership-form

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