FIDIC Young Professionals Management Training Programme

2016 = WHAT A YEAR!

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During 2016 I was fortunate enough to experience multiple opportunities and adventures: Participating in the FIDIC and CESA Young Professional Programs, Receiving awards and commendations... these all contributed to a truly blessed year!

In September 2016 came the opportunity to participate in the FIDIC Young Professional Training Program (YPMTP). Without knowing what to expect, the rest of the international team and I went head first into a new adventure, and what an adventure it turned out to be.

The online training kicked off in early March this year, and the learning continued into late August. It then all culminated in Marrakesh, Morocco, with a 5-day training course. During those five days we covered the main principles that need to be mastered when supporting, running and operating a successful consulting firm. The mentors’ team and the main guru, Mr Steen Frederiksen, surpassed our expectations: what all of us learned during this year and in those five days will stay with us for years and years to come.

The final icing on the cake was presenting to the whole FIDIC Executive Committee and the larger FIDIC community. While the presentation fortunately went swimmingly, we will cherish forever that we got to also know some of the key names in our industry and created friendships with our fellow Young Professionals (YPs) and senior personnel from across the world. Achieving Top 3 in the Class was, of course, an added bonus.