Establishment of AJCE YPF and YPF SC

In Japan, the YP activity is lead by a YPG (Young Professional Group) organized by volunteer members from the Association of Japanese Consulting Engineers (AJCE).

From this established group, a Young Professionals Steering Committee has been formally established within AJCE under the Engineering Development Committee in October 2009 to act as a core group to promote YP activities. The three goals of YP Sub-Committee are set: 1) To support training and networking of young engineers through participation in FIDIC/ASPAC activities, 2) To promote young consulting engineer’s skills to be active in the international market, 3) To make the consulting industry more interesting to youth, including the students. This year, we are preparing to carry out new event plans in addition to the current activities such as YPEP, round-table discussion for university students, and translation support.

YPEP (Young Professionals Exchange Program)

The YPEP continues to grow. It has been operating for nearly ten years between Japan and Australia. The graduates from YPEP are now taking major roles in the YP Sub-Committee. (One of our activities is to translate this FIDIC YPF News letter and distribute to YPs!). We have recently hosted Australian companies participated and enjoyed communication with their peers. This opportunity allowed YPs to know more about AJCE and the YPF.

Contribution to FIDIC YPF and ASPAC YPF

A member of AJCE YPF SC joined the FIDIC YPF SC and ASPAC YPF SC. We would like to continue positive contributions to FIDIC YPF activities by sending representatives from AJCE.

Young Professionals Sub-Committee Takashi NAKAJIMA

South Africa CESA Young Professionals Forum

Background

The YPF structure consists of seven branch committees and one National Steering Committee.

The need for the YPF was identified at the FIDIC conference in 2003, where CESA became excited about the concept. Objectives of the Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) YPF:

- Promotion and creating an awareness of the Consulting Engineering Industry and CESA
- Retention of young professionals within the industry
- Building capacity and knowledge amongst members of the YPF
- Information sharing and networking
- Provide a platform for engineers to support each other with registration, training, mentoring and CPD
- Host young professional business and social events
- Visit schools and becoming vocal about engineering as a career of choice
- Visit universities to market the profession of consulting engineering to engineering undergraduates.

The CESA Job Shadow Month took place in July this year. 14 of our member firms took part this year.

The CESA Relay, once again afforded the YPF the opportunity to present a charity of their choice, being Nkosi’s Haven, with a cheque for R17 600.

Branch Activities

Gauteng North arranged site visits to the Rietvlei Water Treatment Works and the Villa Mall Construction Site for their members. The Gauteng South branch ran a Saturday tutoring programme for boys at the Salokop Boys Home. The branch also arranged for 78 primary school learners to visit to Soccer City.

The Western Cape branch held a workshop which showcased presentations on various World Cup projects in May and a very successful and well-attended Professional Registration Workshop in July.

The Kwazulu-Natal branch again took part in the Youth in Construction event and the SAICE Bridge Building Competition this year.

The Border/Kei branch arranged a Job Shadow Initiative for Job Shadow month where they reached 15 learners from five schools in the area.

Kieren Brown

Outgoing YPF Chair

FIDIC YPFSC 2010 Young Professional Activity Report

On behalf of the FIDIC Young Professionals Forum Steering Committee (YPFSC), welcome to the FIDIC 2010 New Delhi Conference!

We hope you enjoy this year’s YPFSC Activity Report. We have included six Young Professional Group Member Association updates from across the globe to inform delegates about Young Professional Group activities and the impact they are making in the consulting industry.

FIDIC YPFSC Background

The FIDIC YPFSC was first proposed at the FIDIC 2000 Hawaii Conference Young Professional Round Table. By 2004, the first YP Open Forum and Young Professional Management Training Program (YPMTP) began, and the FIDIC YPF Steering Committee was established in 2005 in Beijing.

Our Vision

A. Provide leadership and a unified voice for the Young Professionals within the FIDIC community through conference events, internet forums and interaction between FIDIC YP Member Associations.
B. Provide worldwide networking opportunities for Young Professionals through a platform of online resources and annual FIDIC conference activities.

Our Goals and Activities

Our core program consists of three initiatives:

1. Organize YP professional activities for FIDIC conferences.
2. Encourage communication within the Young Professional community, individuals, and YP Member Associations.
3. Publish a quarterly e-Newsletter that provides information to the YPF community on FIDIC activities, initiatives, and the activities of YP MA groups within FIDIC.

Through this program, we provide networking opportunities and useful resources to YPs such as our YPF webpage, conference activities, YP online forum, and quarterly e-Newsletter of YP contributions worldwide.
Canada

ACEC Young Professional Groups

Background
The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC) is structured as a federation of 12 provincial and territorial member organizations. In 2005, Consulting Engineers of Alberta (CEA), a member organization of the ACEC, established the Alberta Young Professional Group. Since then, YP groups have spread across Canada with Consulting Engineers of British Columbia establishing its own YPG in 2006, followed by Saskatchewan in 2008, Manitoba in 2009, and as recent as the Association des ingénieurs-conseils du Québec in 2010.

Provincial Activities
The focus of Young Professional Groups in Canada is to promote and encourage the development of Young Professionals’ careers in the Consulting Engineering Business. Regional YPG chapters provide many local services and events to enrich the careers of young professionals. Typical activities include:

- Monthly steering committee meetings
- Breakfast business training seminars
- Networking sessions
- University and business group outreach
- Participation with the Board and provincial mainline committees

National Activities
ACEC facilitates communication among YPGs across Canada and offers business sessions designed specifically for young professionals at its annual summit and convention.

ACEC first offered YP sessions at the Whistler, British Columbia Summit in 2009. Using FIDIC’s YP program as a model, ACEC provides separate sessions for each province from Young Professionals from across the country. The Summit this year, held in St. Andrews, New Brunswick included the first official Young Professional Groups from each province.

Also at this year’s summit, YP delegates were given the opportunity to share their professional experiences. The themes of the YP Summit included “Roles of YPs in Sustainable Development” (2009), “Engineering, Our Future” (2007), and “The Challenge of Finance Crisis, Provide Sustainable Solutions” (2009). CYPF also promotes the professional development of young professionals, including organizing YPs from China to attend FIDIC YPMTP training (around ten attendees yearly since 2007), and other professional training programs.

In 2008, CYPF, together with CNAEC and FIDIC, held the “1st FIDIC-China Young Professionals Excellence Award”, which recognized 400 candidates were recognized and formed the group of engineers receiving such an honor in the history of FIDIC. The 2nd FIDIC-China Young Professionals Excellence Award will be held at CNAEC’s 2010 annual conference later this year.

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China

CNAEC China Young Professionals Forum (CYPF)

Background
China Young Professional Forum (CYPF) was established in March 2005 under the leadership of the China National Association of Engineering Consultants (CNAEC). It consists of young professional engineers coming from member firms of CNAEC. The number of the members of CYPF increased from 200 in 2005 to approximately 400 in 2010. CYPF aims to gather all promising young professionals in the engineering consulting industry, and to provide professional development training to its members. Furthermore, CYPF also offers a platform for communications and co-operations between young professionals not only within the country but also around the world. CYPF is responsible for creating opportunities for its members to exchange information, establish connections with FIDIC and other international engineering consulting organizations, and encouraging young engineers to participate in national and international academic conferences and training.

Since the establishment of CYPF, the group has held a great number of events and participated in several FIDIC activities. The annual conferences of CNAEC has formed a YP Forum for Young Professionals. The YP Forum has generally 100 attendants and around ten young speakers who are willing to share their ideas and views with other professionals in the field. The themes of the YP Forum include “Roles of YPs in Sustainable Development” (2005), “Engineering, Our Future” (2007), and “The Challenge of Finance Crisis, Provide Sustainable Solutions” (2009). CYPF also promotes the professional development of young professionals, including organizing YPs from China to attend FIDIC YPMTP training (around ten attendants yearly since 2007), and other professional training programs.

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Turkey

ATCEA TURKISH YOUNG ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTURES (GEM PLATFORM)

Background
GEM Platform was established as a result of an EU funded project conducted by Association of Turkish Consulting Engineers and Architect (ATCEA) and Turkish Association of Consulting Engineers (ONRP) on 29 May 2009.

Mission:
To improve the knowledge and skills of young professionals in the field of engineering and architecture by enhancing their authority and responsibilities in view of contributing to the development of all stakeholders in the engineering consultancy sector.

Goals (Summary):
- Organize trainings for GEM Members in coordination with ATCEA for professional development.
- Improve the declining interest in the profession of Engineering and Architecture, so that these professions are seen as attractive careers.
- Organize technical seminars, technical visits etc.
- Discuss the sector problems and solutions with participations from various professionals.
- Provide technical recognition to strengthen the GEM platform in coordination with international platforms such as FIDIC, EFCA, etc.
- Provide networking with GEM Members
- Introduce GEM Platform to all stakeholders using communication channels and planned presentations
- Organize social activities

Activities & News
Conference:
A GEM conference was held with 150 participants on October 22, 2010 to provide information to young participants to raise awareness about the consultancy field and mutual generation expectations.

Training:
Two training sessions were organized about Project Management and LEED in December 2010 and January 2011 by 25 participants.

ATCEA Congress - GEM Parallel Session:
During the ATCEA Congress, GEM took part in a parallel session about “How young generations could be improved”. Presentations and teamwork were organized in accordance with this main theme.

GEM Development Project:
A new project has been launched in June 2010 among GEM members in order to improve information sharing. It is aimed to increase technology and personal competence and to build bridges among members. GEM coordination meetings include a presentation by a member on their professional experiences.

EFCA YP Competition:
GEM Member Engin Yakup Kahveci was awarded third place in the competition held by EFCA amongst the young professionals. He received his award in EFCA Conference / Rome.

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Iran

Young Professional Forum of Iranian Society of engineering consultants

Background
ISCE YPF was established in late 2004 and now is in its 6th year of activity. During these years, ISCE YPF has grown from a small group that was originally focused only on YP related matters to now becoming an integral part of ISCE that is involved in most of the activities of ISCE. ISCE YPF has about 200 members who are all managers or shareholders in their respective companies.

ISCE YPF is organized through an executive committee that sits on the committee for two years. EC has prepared a business plan, an action plan, and a financial plan for its period of work.

The current annual budget of ISCE YPF is 15000 US$. ISCE YPF performs its activities through its sub committees, and YPF members are currently active in the following sub committees:

- Management and resource planning
- Capacity building
- Information Technology
- Publications
- FIDIC and international relations
- Business integrity
- Strategic planning
- Sustainable development

We have also started a structural design subcommittee that has started its activities within the past few months.

ISCE YPF has had four general meetings during the past year and a general assembly meeting. Two of the general meetings were accompanied by a live music concert. The group also organized two seminars on sustainable development and a seminar on Business Integrity.

ISCE YPF sub committees has helped ISCE in:
- Organizing a series of capacity building programs based on FIDIC guidelines.
- Revising ISCE website
- Initiating a Sustainable development committee
- Planning a Crisis strategy to help companies during economic crises
- Publishing several articles in ISCE seasonal journal
- Translating Some of FIDIC documents including GPIMS, FIDIC Policies and FIDIC Contracts

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ISCE YPF Chair