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News & Events

Our first calendar quarter has ended on a very positive note. Membership continues to grow worldwide, the [FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme 2011](#) scheduled for May 20-29, 2011 in Luxembourg has only two spaces left, and registration for our joint programme with FIDIC entitled [DAB Intensive Training](#) which will take place in Rome on June 20 & 21, 2011 has opened. Additionally our Members Dinner scheduled for this coming Friday in London is almost full and registration closes for that on Wednesday April 13, 2011- if you would like to attend please contact Anne Eve anne.eve@dbfederation.org.

The Members Dinner will feature Ben Beaumont Chair of our Appointments Committee speaking on the current state of Dispute Board Appointments through the DBF and our new efforts to increase DB appointments worldwide.

On another note our Programmes Committee, headed by Dr. Götz-Sebastian Hök is moving ahead with new plans and programmes and the Newsletter will now have a monthly report about its activities - please see below .

As to our FTIP programme if you would like to be considered for one of the two remaining spaces in this Programme please send me your CV and a short note on what you hope to attain from taking this Programme. You may send this to me at h.wilson@dbfederation.org.

Herbert Wilson
Executive Director

Featured Events and Continuing Professional Development Units

2011

There are several new programmes and events which are shown on our website and these include:

DBF Members Dinner
April 15, 2011
London

**The 2011 FIDIC Contracts
Total Immersion
Programme**
May 20 - 27, 2011
Luxembourg

**The DBF - FIDIC Intensive
DAB Training Programme**
June 20 - 21, 2011
Rome

For further information on any of these please contact Anne Eve our Programme Administrator at anne.eve@dbfederation.org

For a full listing please go to our website www.dbfederation.org



The DBF Programme Committee Report

By: Dr. Götz-Sebastian Hök, Berlin



Since March 2011 a new DBF Programme Committee is in place. Current members are Axel Jaeger (Germany), Siobhan Fahey (Ireland), Cyril Chern (UK) *ex officio* as Secretary of the DBF) and myself Sebastian Hök (Germany) as Chair. The Committee thanks the DBF for the broad freedom of scope, responsibility and confidence it has been given.

The good news is that the Committee has already started working. At first it has raised an inventory. The Committee has checked the DBF resources and what the DBF currently does and what it could do. Then it has established its policies and developed a working plan. In line with the founding principles of the DBF best practise policies shall be developed in particular in respect of procurement, risk assessment and risk allocation, contract administration and claims as well as alternative dispute resolution practise, all this closely together with FIDIC, financial institutions and other project stakeholders since contract administration should be transparent, contractually reasoned and with due regard to best engineering practise.

On the practical level the Committee has already suggested to the DBF an ambitious plan: Improving the existing training modules, developing a new sustainable training and assessment programme, discussing further activities in order to develop the DBF brand and DBF policies. The goal is to establish a training and assessment kit which if passed through by stakeholders' representatives ensures best practise on Site in the procurement and administration of FIDIC contracts. In short terms the DBF intends to create a valuable training programme with a high creditability throughout the whole industry.

We look forward, in the coming months, providing futher details on this new way forward for DBF Programmes.

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