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Thayanathan Baskaran
Zul Rafique & Partners



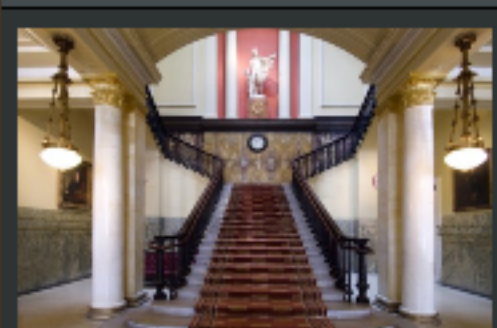
Open to all Members:



Seats are still available for a special DBF event:

Installation and Presentation to Honour Fellows Dinner

Friday, May 22, 2015
The Athenaeum Club
Pall Mall, London



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The Dispute Board Federation will be holding a special event to honour our new and existing Fellows at the **Installation and Presentation of Fellows Dinner** on May 22nd 2015 at the historical Athenaeum Club in London.

There is limited seating so please visit the [Programmes/Events](#) page for more information, or purchase seats directly [here](#) on the DBF website or through the [invitation](#). If you have not received an invitation or have questions, please contact [Lori Fusello](#) for more details.

Latest Press

The DBF is Expanding: New Office Opening in Germany



The DBF is excited to announce plans to open a new office in Germany. Ms. Silke Mittelstaedt is slated to be heading the new office.

Management Committee member Leo Grutters says: "The new office in Germany was deemed necessary to accommodate the increase in members from the German speaking region. Silke has been involved with the DBF for some years now, and we are pleased to see her taking on this new role."

For more information about this new office, please stay tuned for next month's newsletter, or contact [Ms. Mittelstaedt](#) directly.

FTIP Testimonials



FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme
May 28, 2015 - June 3, 2015
Dublin, Ireland

From past participants of the FTIP Programme:

"The FTIP course is an excellent way to obtain a good understanding of the FIDIC suite of contracts, including the mechanisms and possible pitfalls, for the Employer, Contractor and other practitioners."

Robert A Sliwinski,
FRICS, FCIArb, FRSA
SWL Chambers
London, UK

"Teachers and participants interact continuously for several days, and this primary aspect requires both a maximum concentration and a good knowledge of the subject matter. For me, it was the most difficult course I attended in my life. But, at the end, I learned a lot and I made friends. I can certainly say that it was an experience that enriched me professionally and personally."

Av. Francesco Albertelli
Attorney at Law - Arbitrator -
Mediator
Rome, Italy

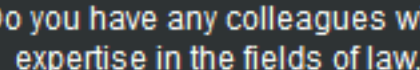
"The FTIP course was very challenging and intensive making it very thorough and in-depth. The course has been very effective in reviewing important principles and providing a deep understanding and knowledge of the FIDIC Suite of Contracts and the Dispute Adjudication process. The course did indeed have many positive outcomes to attribute towards development of my career and enabled me to gain insight and in-depth understanding in the capacity of a Lawyer. Overall the course was a very positive experience and I would highly recommend it to those who wish to gain a deep insight and understanding in FIDIC Contracts."

Soley Erogluer
Senior Legal Counsel at
Siemens Istanbul, Turkey

If you are interested in attending FTIP, please have your most current CV available and contact [Lori Fusello](#) or visit the [website](#) for more information.

Help Expand Membership in The DBF

Do you have any colleagues with expertise in the fields of law, arbitration, construction, engineering, surveying or energy that would be an asset to our membership or perhaps someone who wants to learn more about Dispute Boards? Tell them about the DBF!

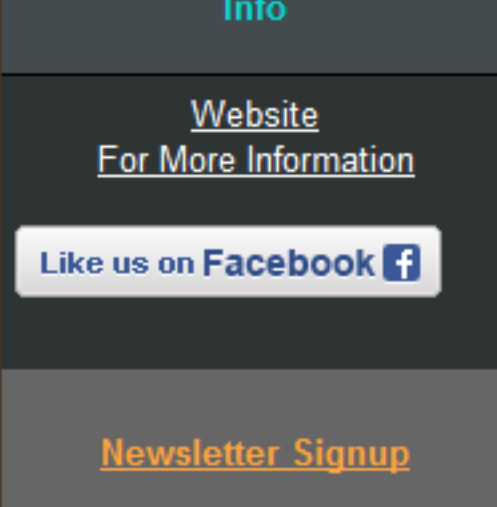


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Upcoming Events:

- 22 May 2015, London: For all members: [Installation and Presentation of New Fellows Dinner](#)
- 28 May-3rd June, 2015, Dublin, Ireland: [FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme \(FTIP\)](#)

Africa is Rapidly Changing, Can Dispute Boards and ADR Keep Up?



Humphrey Harrison

Continuing a DBF series on ADR and Dispute Boards in Africa, this month's article by new fellow member Humphrey Harrison takes a look at the challenges ahead using traditional DB's and DAB's in Africa and whether or not they are growing and evolving enough with the pace of Africa's growth in population and economy.

Mr. Harrison has extensive expertise in cross-cultural mediation and negotiation with particular expertise in dispute avoidance and resolution across Sub-Saharan Africa which gives him a unique and close-up insight into the many facets of the continent of Africa and the use of ADR and DB's in various sectors. Although he does express some concerns about the future of Dispute Boards there, he also says there is good news and opportunity: *"Ironically, the very factors which could marginalise DBs in Africa also offer enormous scope for them to play a much greater role on the continent."* [\(continue\)](#)

Humphrey Harrison is Managing Director of [EEE Mediation Ltd](#) based in London.

Update: Only a Few More Slots Left for FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme (FTIP) Dublin

Register Now For FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme



Grafton Street, Dublin

There are only a few openings left to register for the DBF's highly regarded FTIP to be held this spring in Dublin at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel in Dublin's City Centre.

About FTIP:

Five FIDIC experts in their fields will be your trainers for this fully intensive week-long course on all aspects of FIDIC contracts. Learn from practical real-world scenarios and get expert guidance and advice in a small group setting.

For more information about the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel's services, please visit their [website](#).

Dates for the programme are 28 May - 3rd June 2015. ***Space is limited. Please submit your CV to [Lori Fusello](#)** in Member Services or visit the [website](#) for more information. You can also access the [FTIP Brochure on the Programmes Page](#) of the DBF website.

(Please see sidebar for testimonials from past participants of this programme.)

What Does the Future Hold in Store For the World's Construction & Engineering Mega-Projects?



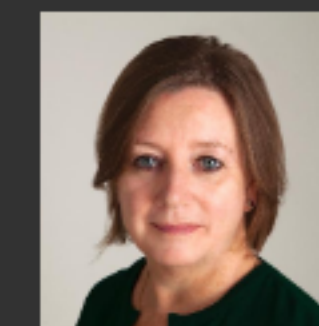
The World's Future Mega-projects for 2015-2030's by TDC

[The Daily Conversation](#), an independent channel on YouTube exploring the world's most interesting topics using documentary-style reporting, posted this awe-inspiring video vision of the international community's next engineering and construction mega-projects to be built from 2015 through the 2030's.

From the Tokyo-Osaka Maglev Train in Japan, to the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), an international nuclear fusion research and engineering megaproject which is endeavouring to create the world's largest experimental tokamak nuclear fusion reactor in France, the future that looks like today's science fiction is almost really here.

For more thought-provoking video, visit [TDC's channel on YouTube](#) where they are "trying to make the world a little more intelligent, one video at a time."

New Member Announcements, Welcome!



Bernadette Barker, FDBF
Fellow
Chartered Architect, Chartered Arbitrator
Barker Consultants
Country: UK

Expertise: Construction Law & Arbitration

Bernadette Barker has been head of Barker Consultants since it was established in 1993. Her firm has undertaken a varied scope of work including:

- Appointments as CDM Coordinator under the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations;
- Contract Management Support/Advice to Architects/contractors;
- Access Audits;
- Development of health and safety documentation to include health and policies, risk assessments, method statements, and fire plans for building sites;
- Health and Safety construction site audits;
- Fire safety risks assessments under the Fire Safety Order;
- Site Waste Management Plans;
- Appointments as Adjudicator;
- Legionella Risk assessments;
- Risk assessment of buildings in occupation; and
- Risk assessments for construction and maintenance work.

Ms Barker is a member of RIBA, the ARB (Architects Registration Board), Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (1994), Chartered Arbitrator (1999), Accredited Adjudicator with Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Accredited Associate Chartered Institute of Environmental Health, SME Member of Fire Protection Association, Affiliate Member of Institution of Fire Engineers, Accredited Auditor for Green Globe Sustainability Accreditation System for Hotels & Resorts.



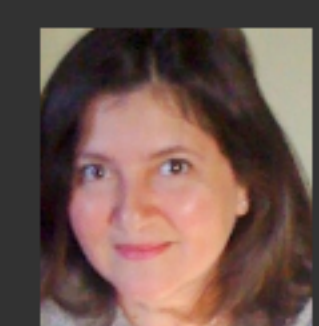
Manfred Mueller, FDBF
Fellow
Construction and Real Estate Lawyer, Arbitrator,
Lecturer
MGR Rechtsanwalte
Country: Germany

Expertise: International Construction Projects

Manfred Mueller is a partner in MGR Rechtsanwalte and specialises in International Construction and Real Estate law. He also has experience in Procurement law, Banking law, Arbitration and Mediation. Mr. Mueller has provided Legal consultancy services during construction, and judicial representation in construction disputes. He is also an Arbitrator in national and international arbitration proceedings.

Mr. Mueller speaks six different languages including German, English, French, Italian, Russian and Arabic. He is also a Lecturer for Construction Law, Commercial Mediator (IHK), and has a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (CIArb, London).

He has written several publications and Corporate courses and training on Construction and Real Property Law, as well as training on issues with employment of subcontractors on large construction projects in the Russian Federation.



Meriem Bestani
Affiliate
International Lawyer
Country: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Expertise: Meriem Bestani is a freelance multi-cultural international lawyer specialising in International Contract Law, Commercial and Franchise Law.

She was the Senior Contracts Manager for the Supply Chain EMS Etudes & Productions SCHLUMBERGER in Paris, France. Ms. Bestani also served for eight years as Legal Manager of Europcar International, a franchise network in over 160 countries.

Her experience has included supply chain contracts negotiation & review, achievement of numerous out of court settlement agreements, contracts auditing (spend leakage assessment) and drafting of standard contracts for Purchase & Service agreements (French and English), Logistics' agreements, Terms & Conditions for Services & Products (French/English), Confidentiality /Non-Disclosure agreements (CDA/NDA), and Letters of intention (LOI).

Meriem Bestani speaks five languages including French, Swedish, Arabic, English and Spanish.

Have Some News For Our Members?



Would you like to highlight any news or events going on in your organisation? We would love to share what's happening with our members. Please contact our publications manager [Lori Fusello](#) at lfusello@dbffederation.org with your news!

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