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Featured Events

Future combined FIDIC -DBF and International Finance Corporation related programmes and events include:

Hanoi

Introduction to Procurement and Claims Preparation
16 -24 January 2010

Luxembourg

Total Immersion Programme FIDIC Contracts
19 - 27 February 2010

London

Professional Members Dinner
25 March 2010

Singapore

Claims Preparation
22 & 23 April 2010

Singapore

Decision Writing
26 & 27 April 2010

Toronto

Total Immersion Programme FIDIC Contracts
22 - 29 May 2010

London

"Getting to Maybe..."
Negotiation Leadership Programme
15 & 16 June 2010
For a full listing of programmes and events, brochures and more information and/or to register please go to:

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New Directions

The Winter Symposium was a success and as 2009 comes to a close the Dispute Board Federation is charting new directions. Our newest office in Singapore will open next month, our Middle East & North Africa (MENA) Regional Advisory Council has been formed with emphasis on the U.A.E., Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Morocco, and we are re-designing our website and adding the names and CV's of both our Professional Dispute Board Members as well as those of our Fellows so that we can more effectively market their services and the use of Dispute Boards and ADR worldwide.

The DBF is grateful for all the help and assistance given it in 2009 and wishes all of our members the best for the New Year.

Herbert Wilson
Executive Director

The Winter Symposium



The Winter Symposium 2009 was held from the November 12-15 at Koç University in Istanbul. Initiated by the Dispute Board Federation this special event gathered together some of the world's finest experts in the field of ADR and the use of Dispute Boards such as Lada Busevac from the IFC/World Bank Group and Dr Dennis Long from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.



The delegates came from more than 23 countries including Kazakhstan, Bahrain, Turkey, United States, France, Thailand, Vietnam and Japan and the Opening Cocktail Reception took place on the 12th of November at the University's Founder's

Hall.

The Symposium focused on "The Role of ADR & Dispute Boards in the Effective Rebuilding of Immediate Post-Conflict Countries" and the programme commenced with noted international economist Prof Dr Bahri Yilmaz from Sabanci University, Istanbul who addressed the participants on the subject of Turkey and the European Union.



Pro Dr Yilmaz was followed by Lada Busevac of the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) speaking of the IFC/World Bank Group's experiences in dispute resolution from a worldwide context and specifically in the Balkan region and the successes there.

During the Symposium, worldwide experts conveyed information about their experience of ADR and Dispute Boards in various countries as varied as Vietnam, U.A.E., France, and Thailand and spoke of critical success factors within the framework of ADR and Dispute Boards.



The DBF is grateful for the assistance and co-hosting by Koç University of this Symposium and to our members and speakers for their time, effort and valuable presentations during the Symposium and we look forward to our Summer Symposium which will be held in June 2010 in Singapore when the topic for debate and discussion will be "Is Arbitration Dead?"

We look forward to seeing you in Singapore!

Jonathan Varoqui
Director of Programmes

New Fellows

The title Fellow of the Dispute Board Federation is reserved for those individuals who have reached the top level of membership in the DBF. It is awarded based upon experience, knowledge of the ADR and Dispute Board Process as well as in-depth knowledge of the FIDIC forms of Contract, construction, procurement and claims as they relate to construction of infrastructure projects worldwide.



In the New Year the names and CV's of all of the Fellows will be shown and highlighted on our website and the DBF was particularly proud to personally award the Fellows lapel pin to four of our Professional Members during the Professional Member's Dinner held in Istanbul on the 13th November 2009.

The new Fellows who were received into the Fellowship by Dr Cyril Chern the Secretary (Hon) of the DBF at the dinner were Murray Armes, John Papworth, Brian Barr, and John Wright.

Other Fellows who could not be present for the Fellows Ceremony in Istanbul were Richard Appuhn, Peer Dalland, Gordon Jaynes, Igor Leto, Hamish Macdonald, Toshihiko Omoto, Brian Totterdill, Chris Miers, and Peter Collie.



Total Immersion

The DBF has expanded the range of programmes that will be offered as separate Total Immersion Programmes. The new courses include Procurement, Claims Management, and Presentation & Advocacy.

These programmes are geared to the busy upper level construction executive who wants the maximum amount of information in the minimum amount of time and is willing to take on an in-depth and difficult programme.

These truly intensive 6-day programmes vary in size from 6 to a maximum of 9 people with 3-4 trainers per day thus allowing the participant to maximise their learning experience in a relaxed environment. These six day courses include all instruction, materials, room, board, and transportation from the nearest international airport closest to the programmes hotel venue.