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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
September 15, 2011
Singapore

**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

News & Events

The [FIDIC Contracts Total Immersion Programme 2011](#) scheduled for May 20-27, 2011 is full. We had 56 applicants for the available spaces of which 15 made it to the final list and of those 9 were selected as participants. The response was very good and the quality of the applicants was outstanding. We are planning a second FTIP Programme for later in the year and will make the announcement about that programme when the details are firmly in place.

Coming up in June is our [Intensive Dispute Board Training](#) programme which is conducted in conjunction with FIDIC and which will take place in Rome on June 20 & 21, 2011. Registration is open for that programme and if you would like more information or would like to register please contact me directly h.wilson@dbfederation.org.

The DBF held its Members Dinner in London at the Athenaeum Club last month and all those attending had a very enjoyable time - the food was excellent and the networking was even better. Our next Member's Dinner is being planned for Singapore in September and we will have more news of that event over the next few months.

Herbert Wilson
Executive Director



The DBF Programme Committee Report

By: Dr. Götz-Sebastian Hök, Berlin



Since the last Newsletter the DBF Programme Committee has continued working. Meanwhile we have developed the idea of an Assessment & Certification Programme in International Construction. A first detailed information on this very new programme is in the pipeline. Also the Committee is working on a brochure which shall help employers, banks, contractors and not to forget engineers to justify and implement Dispute Boards.

DBF members are already heavily involved in the education and assessment of adjudicators. Our DBF Fellows Cyril Chern and Toshihiko Omoto are sitting on the FIDIC President's List Assessment Panel. Sebastian Hök is a member of the German VBI/FIDIC list Assessment Panel and has also served together with Toshihiko Omoto as a member of the JICA FIDIC Adjudicator's assessment Panel in Tokio 2010.

Hence, the proactive promotion of dispute adjudication throughout the world is the natural future task next to training. Currently the DBF Programme Committee is evaluating past experience and is making a plan on how to promote Dispute Adjudication and best practise. The current emphasis is that the purpose of the DAB process is to promote and facilitate smooth working relationships on site throughout a project so that, typically, differences between the Parties do not evolve into acrimonious contractual conflict. Besides, we do not only want to promote that DBF listed adjudicators who are specifically and professionally qualified to put the DAB process into practice in high-value complex construction disputes but to ensure that our members are continuously trained, sharing knowledge and interest in a sustainable development of alternative dispute resolution.

We look forward, in the coming months, to providing further details on the new way forward for DBF Programmes which will also include propositions for an intensive networking programme.

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