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### Programmes & Courses



Petronas Towers, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

If you've never seen the marvel of the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in person, now is your chance! There will be a [Claims Presentation Course](#) in Malaysia's capital city on

19 September 2014. If you're interested in attending, contact [Lori Fusello](#) for more information.



West Bay skyline as seen from the courtyard of the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar.

The DBF's recent Intensive Training and Decision Writing Programmes held in Dublin were a resounding success! Don't miss the next opportunity to enroll in the fall session of these structured & specialised programmes being held 8-11 September 2014 in Doha, Qatar.

Participant comments include the following:

*"I attended the DBF Intensive Training and Decision Writing Programmes in Dublin, and the*



### Upcoming Events

- 8-11 September 2014, Doha, Qatar, Dispute Board Intensive Training Programme & Decision Writing Programme
- 19 September 2014, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Claims Presentation Course
- 15 October 2014, Abuja, Nigeria, Member's Dinner
- 6-7 November 2014, Cartagena, Colombia, International Construction Contracts & Drafting (Presentation and Workshop)

## Techno Engineering & Associates Group Wins Prestigious World Quality Commitment Award



Giovanni Di Folco with Eugenia Dunca accepting the World Quality Commitment Award on behalf of Techno Engineering & Associates Group.

The DBF is pleased to announce that Techno Engineering & Associates Group (TE&A), one of the sponsors of the DBF has been awarded the prestigious Business Initiative Directions (BID) World Quality

*FIDIC Contract Form Programme last autumn because I am interested in contributing to solutions in often difficult situations in large construction projects. I found all Programmes absolutely worth their prices. The trainers were top level and were complementary to each other, and conveyed their readiness to share their knowledge for the best of the trade. Small classes with only two to three participants per trainer, and full immersion courses, lunch and dinner (and after dinner) with an interesting mix of people from different professional backgrounds and different geographical and political contexts did the rest to create a professionally and personally really enriching experience."*

Matthias Neuenschwander  
Neuenschwander Consulting  
Engineers, Ltd.,  
Bellinzona, Switzerland

For additional comments by participants about this programme, [click here](#).

[Download](#) a program brochure for more information on course content, or [send us an email](#) with your questions.



Charming architecture in the port city of Cartagena, Colombia

We are pleased to announce a special two day presentation and workshop on International Construction Contracts & Drafting. This two day course will take place in the beautiful old city of Cartagena, Colombia. Tentative dates are set for November 5-6, 2014. Interested in attending? Contact [Lori Fusello](#) for more information.



Design for new Abuja City Gate, Nigeria

Don't forget about our Member's Dinner this year in Abuja, Nigeria 22 October 2014. Spend an evening with your fellow DBF members, network, meet new friends and colleagues and enjoy a wonderful dinner!

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Commitment Award at a ceremony held in Paris. The Business Initiative Directions award is presented annually to honor the performance of companies, organizations and entrepreneurs who excel in the areas of consulting, customer satisfaction, leadership and results in the international business community.

Giovanni Di Folco, President of Techno Engineering & Associates Group and a Fellow of the DBF accepted the award on behalf of the company and had this to say:

*"Achieving and maintaining quality in Construction Engineering is our constant goal and our duty of care to our clientele and to our profession. This contributes to shaping a frame of mind, whereby we continually strive to implement quality assurance and quality control daily, and in respect of all facets and aspects of our profession."*

Techno Engineering (TE&A) opened its doors in 2004 and today is the largest consulting firm in Romania specializing in Contracts/Claims Management and Dispute Resolution in the construction and engineering fields. They are the latest recipient of the award in large part due to its success in consulting engineering, as well as its expansion from Bucharest, Romania to branch offices in Sofia, Bulgaria; Doha, Qatar; and Kuwait City, Kuwait. TE&A is now poised to continue their substantial growth and experience in the international construction market worldwide, starting in Europe and the Middle East.

Helping to solidify the BID win, in 2013 TE&A achieved greater heights by being awarded two substantial international arbitration wins for two construction cases. One in joint venture (successfully claiming wrongful termination of their contract); and another effective Bifurcation Award, where a significant amount was awarded under a continuing ICC arbitration case. Regarding their success, Di Folco also said:

*"Implementing a culture about quality and maintaining the quality standards required by industry and good engineering practice is difficult and costly. Yet it is our duty and a must to do so and to strive for more quality awareness at all times. The rewards for striving for quality are never easily visible or tangible and it takes years before one can take stock and satisfactorily assess and conclude that high level quality has been achieved and maintained in any profession."*

As part of its broad array of engineering consultancy services, TE&A has successfully assisted major international contractors in pursuing a wide variety of claims and disputes through Dispute Boards, International Arbitration and Litigation using various forms of contract, predominantly under the FIDIC's (The International Federation of Consulting Engineers) conditions of contract. This resulted in establishing TE&A's client's entitlement to extensions of time, as well as additional entitlements. This was made possible by carefully selecting international and local personnel who have extensive experience and skills in contract management and interpretation of contracts; planning and delay analysis expertise; quantum analysis; and quantity surveying abilities. Equally important to their success, was the use of local legal expertise to ensure that claims not only have merit under the respective contract, but those merits are secure and robust under the applicable law.

The engineers and experts at TE&A come from an extensive variety of disciplines and specialties, and they usually work in teams. Their roles may range from purely scientific or technical, to coordinating and managerial, or any combination of the above depending on the type and scope of the client's project. In other words, TE&A's success comes down to its ability to provide a one-stop-shop of packages, enabling it to provide contractors with contract management assistance, planning engineering support, quantity surveying, claims preparation,

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Training Programmes



*"The Intensive Training Programme greatly expanded my knowledge. It was very well organized and prepared, with a high level of professional presentation thanks to Dr. Chern, Leo Grutters and Ben Beaumont. I strongly recommend this course."*

Zdenek Jurik  
ABC Engineering P.E.  
Prague, Czech Republic

*"I attended the DAB Intensive Training in Dublin-Ireland, April 7-9, 2014. My compliments to the great team of trainers, and to everybody who participated in the organization of the training!*

*As an employee of a construction company, I gained valuable knowledge that every Contractor needs to know when it comes to disputes and DAB decisions in large construction projects.*

*The trainers shared with us not only their huge knowledge and experience regarding DAB matters, but we were also able to learn more about very important related issues of claims and contract management.*

adjudication referrals counsel services and representation in formal adjudication, arbitration and litigation proceedings.

The projects that primarily benefit from these services are mainly Eastern European, North African and Middle East major infrastructure developments in the transportation sector; national road renewal and motorway projects (as well as regional road developments); buildings and waste-water treatment, and extensive major new and renewal rail programmes.

For continued success in the future and to keep up with their success and growth, TE&A is rapidly expanding and has opened offices in Sofia which enable it to further develop business in Bulgaria, and after winning several projects in North Africa (Algeria) and the Middle East (Oman, Qatar and Dubai), the company has opened regional headquarters in Qatar to localize its services in those regions. In closing, Mr. Di Folco had this to say:

*"TE&A receiving an award for quality of our services to our industry from such reputable organizations has meant a lot, and it is indeed difficult to describe fully with words what it means to us, other than saying that we believe to be on the right path to establish in our company a culture about quality that will make us all proud about what we do."*

## Dispute Board Federation Partners With French Government and World Bank on PPP Projects



The Dispute Board Federation has joined the international partnership on PPP Projects established by the French Government Conseil d'état and the World Bank's IFC. The goal of the committee is to review and work on the underlying basis of Public Private Partnerships in developing countries worldwide and to ultimately expand the scope of the research into practical solutions. This corresponds to the DBF's new sector on PPPs and their use in international infrastructure projects, and the DBF's new database and standard form contracts for use in such projects which will be added to our [website](#) in June 2014.

## Welcome to Our Newest Country Partners



Welcome!

New member countries partnering with the Dispute Board Federation now include:

- Mexico
- Columbia
- Nicaragua
- Peru
- Nigeria

The DBF is committed to assisting ADR services and especially the development of Dispute Boards in all countries where a collaborative effort will be of assistance. We welcome these new partners in our joint efforts.

**Have Some News For Our Members?**

*I am grateful for having a privilege to participate."*

Sead Dizdarevic  
Euro-Asfalt  
Sarajevo, Bosnia i Hercegovina



Would you like to highlight any news or events going on in your organization? We would love to share what's happening with our members. Please contact our new publications manager Lori Fusello at [l.fusello@dbfederation.org](mailto:l.fusello@dbfederation.org) with your news!

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