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### Training Opportunities:



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#### Exzell in Dispute Resolution:

Standards and Needs- Limits to and opportunities of customised dispute resolution schemes.

A joint conference and workshop with the Forum for International Conciliation & Arbitration (FICA) to be and to ski at:

**14-17 January 2015**

Boutiquehotel Steinerwirt,  
Zell am See, Austria

For more information and to register visit the [conference website](#) or the [Programmes](#) page on the DBF website.



### Upcoming Events

- 14-17 January 2015, Zell am See, Salzburg, Austria: [ExZell in Dispute Resolution: "Standards and Needs"](#), Customised Dispute Resolution Schemes - A joint conference/workshop of the DBF and The Forum for International Conciliation and Arbitration (FICA)

### Only 3 Slots Left for "Exzell In Dispute Resolution" Workshop & Conference!



Time is running out to register for this joint programme being held in Zell Am See, Austria on January 14-17, 2014.

Ski while you learn! For more information on this workshop see the sidebar on the left, or visit the [conference website](#).

### Profile on: Matthew E. Smith from K&L Gates



**Matthew Smith**  
Partner, K&L Gates

Matthew Smith has been a lawyer with K&L Gates since 2000 and focuses on advising on UK and international transport, energy and infrastructure projects and disputes. He has more than 18 years experience in advising on construction and infrastructure projects and has acted for owners, contractors and consultants on many different disputes utilising many different forms of dispute resolution including litigation, arbitration, adjudication and mediation. He also has significant experience of insurance matters

## 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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*"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*

relating to construction and energy projects and advises owners, contractors and consultants on various forms of insurance.

Mr. Smith regularly advises on procurement strategy and contractual arrangements for major infrastructure projects, particularly those utilising the New Engineering Contract. He is frequently requested to lecture on the subject and holds one day workshops on the use of the NEC.

Matthew also has extensive experience drafting bespoke contracts for owners, consultants and contractors and amending standard forms of contract, including FIDIC, JCT, ICE, IChemE, LOGIC and AIPN and the RIBA appointments, GC Works and the PSC and ACE conditions, to suit particular projects and negotiating contract terms.

In addition to speaking widely on many subjects Mr. Smith has published several articles including papers for Arbitration World and others.

Achievements: Selected as a 2013 London Super Lawyer and is recommended in Chambers for his "enthusiasm, attention to detail and plain speaking."

To read more about Matthew Smith and his firm K&L Gates, [click here](#).

## The DBF Signs Collaboration Agreement With GAIN



The Dispute Board Federation is pleased to announce a recently signed collaboration agreement with the Guild of Adjudicators in Nigeria (GAIN) to establish, promote and strengthen the practice of Dispute Boards in Nigeria and worldwide.

Both organizations are committed to providing accredited training and assessment for Dispute Board Members, stating that satisfying this need is an efficient and effective way to contribute to the resolution of disputes and provide security and stability to the infrastructure projects being developed worldwide.

The DBF and GAIN will be working together in establishing, propagating and fostering the use of DB's as an effective alternative dispute resolution mechanism for infrastructure and related projects in Nigeria, and to organize events, conferences, seminars, and academic programs for the utilization of DB's in the construction industry and infrastructural projects as well.

Additional goals include an agreement to assist in capacity building and developing outstanding professionals capable of being appointed as members of a Dispute Board in Nigeria and worldwide, and to exchange information, ideas, innovations, data, and publications related to Dispute Boards.

For further information, please contact [info@dbfederation.org](mailto:info@dbfederation.org).

**Reminder: Update Your Member Listing on The DBF Website; New Categories Added to Expert Panel Page**

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

Sead Dizdarevic  
Euro-Asfalt  
Sarajevo, Bosnia i Hercegovina



For those members who haven't updated their CV and email address in a while on the DBF website, now is a good opportunity to do so. You could be missing out on new opportunities! Please visit the [member login](#) page to update your information, or contact [Lori Fusello](#) in Member Services if you need assistance.

For those who have been approved as Expert Panel Members, there have been some new categories added to the [Expert Panel](#) page in Heavy Engineering Fabrication, Oil & Gas and Subsea Construction. If any of these categories are applicable to you, please contact [Member Services](#) to request an update of your listing as additions must be approved prior to any changes.

## Project of the Month: The Panama Canal Expansion



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Not only is it the 100 year anniversary of the building of the Panama Canal, it is also a time of expansion. According to the official website of the Panama Canal Authority [pancanal.com](http://pancanal.com), the Expansion Program will build a new lane of traffic along the Panama Canal through the construction of a new set of locks, which will double the waterway's capacity. The Expansion will allow the Panama Canal to satisfy the increasing demand of world maritime trade. For more information on the canal's fascinating 100 year history, visit their website at <http://www.pancanal.com>.

## Welcome To Our Newest Members



**Thayananthan  
Baskaran**

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Membership: Fellow  
Partner, Zul Rafique & Partners  
Country: Malaysia

Expertise: Thayananthan Baskaran has 14 years of specialised experience in construction law. He drafts various building and engineering contracts, advises on disputes arising from such contracts and appears as Counsel in adjudication, arbitration, mediation and litigation to resolve these disputes. Mr. Baskaran also sits as a commercial arbitrator

and is a certified adjudicator.

He was involved in drafting the bespoke contracts for the Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit, which is the largest project to date in Malaysia and

is valued at over USD 16 billion. The contracts for this project provide for a dispute adjudication board to be selected from a pre-agreed list of adjudicators.

Mr. Baskaran has appeared as Counsel in several domestic and international arbitrations governed by the ICC, KLRCA, PAM and UNCITRAL rules. He also appears as Counsel in the High Court and appellate courts of Malaysia in relation to construction disputes. The judgements in some of the cases he has appeared in have been published. He has also appeared as Counsel in court annexed and private mediations.

He is the Vice President of the Society of Construction Law Malaysia and is an Editor of the Construction Law Digest and Construction Law International. Mr. Baskaran is also the author of the Malaysian chapter of several books on international arbitration, including Asia Arbitration Handbook published by Oxford University Press in 2011.

Mr. Baskaran is a Tutor for the KLRCA Adjudication Practical Course and regularly speaks at domestic and international conferences on construction law and dispute resolution.



**Jonathan Prudhoe**

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Membership: Corporate Panel Member  
Managing Director  
Navigant Consulting (APAC), Pte. Ltd.  
Country: Singapore

Expertise: Jon Prudhoe is a Managing Director in the Global Construction Practice of Navigant in Asia. He has over 25 years of experience in On-Offshore Oil & Gas, Marine, Ship Building, Petrochemical, Infrastructure, Transportation, Utility, Building and Engineering Projects throughout Asia, the Middle East, Europe, USA, South America and Africa. He specialises in the resolution of complex contract disputes including over 50 appointments as an Expert Witness on matters of Delay, Planning, Acceleration and Quantum. He is well versed in giving oral evidence under cross-examination in litigation and arbitration proceedings including expert witness conferencing.

Mr. Prudhoe has given evidence in arbitration hearings under ICC, SIAC, SCMA, DIAC, HKIAC, SCC, KLRCA and LCIA rules; and court proceedings in Singapore, UK, Hong Kong, Australia, Malaysia and Sweden.

Previous roles have been held on both sides of the construction industry, having worked for contracting and consulting organisations. Contractual and commercial work involves preparing claims, and negotiating and settling problematic final accounts. He is a qualified mediator and adjudicator in several jurisdictions. Experience also includes several appointments as Expert Determiner, Dispute Board appointments and acting as Single Joint Expert.

**Have Some News For Our Members?**



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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