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Dear Member,

It is with great joy that we introduce this first edition of the Ghana Consulting Engineers Association (GCEA) Newsletter – “GCEA”.

We intend to make this Newsletter a quarterly publication with the sole objective of informing members of activities, events and developments relating to the Consulting Engineering Industry, primarily, Ghana and elsewhere. It is our fervent belief that the publication of this and future Newsletters would greatly promote the sharing of ideas and help build the capacity of the industry. Each edition of the Newsletter will feature articles, activities at the Secretariat as well as interesting, unusual and one in a lifetime projects being undertaken by member firms.

The GCEA hosted Africa and the rest of world to the GAMA Conference which is an annual event on the FIDIC-

GAMA Calendar in April 2015. The Conference has had very positive reviews from FIDIC as well as individual GAMA members and multilateral funding agencies.

As a result of the impressive organisation of the conference by GCEA, Ghana’s name has become a household word in the industry. As an association we need to build on this goodwill.

This maiden edition features amongst others; GCEA’s first official contact with FIDIC, FIDIC Contracts Training Courses organized recently, FIDIC-GAMA 2015 Conference held in Accra, activities of GCEA Young Professionals Forum (YPF), GCEA Outreach Programme to the Ministry of Roads and Highways, Ghana Highway Authority and Ministry of Communications.

We hope that you enjoy this and each edition of the

Newsletter. As always if there is anything we can do to enhance this publication or if you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact the GCEA Secretariat.

We shall also be glad to receive features and articles from members for future publications. This publication will also be available online at the GCEA [website: www.gcea.org.gh](http://www.gcea.org.gh)

About GCEA

GC EA is the Ghana Consulting Engineers

Association. It was registered in October 17, 1969, and incorporated on February 21, 1973.

GCEA has over 46 members.

GCEA is charged with promoting and implementing the consulting engineering industries in Ghana on behalf of its member firms and to disseminate information and resources of interest to its members.

GCEA OUTREACH PROGRAMME

On July 2 and August 2, 2013 a fifteen member delegation from GCEA visited the Ministries of Roads and Highways and Communications respectively.

The delegation was received at the Ministry of Roads and Highways by the Honourable Minister, A. Amin. Suleiman and his departmental heads whilst Dr. Omane Boamah, the Minister of Communications and his departmental heads engaged the GCEA delegation at the meeting.

The GCEA on July 17, 2013, also met with the management of the Ghana Highway Authority, Departments of Feeder and Urban Roads to press home their concerns.

Issues discussed were;

- a. delay in payments to local Consultants.
- b. the need to grow the Consulting Engineering Industry.
- c. negotiation of a threshold of foreign funded projects for local Consultants.
- d. the need to partner with the various Ministries to do developmental projects.

e. categorization of Consultants.

f. Engineering Council Act.

GCEA delegation was made up of;

1. Ing. K. Asare-Yeboah
2. Ing. A. A. Ogyiri
3. Ing. Ben Aniagyei
4. Ing. Togbi Kporku III
5. Ing. K. Kwakwa
6. Ing. Magnus L. Quashie
7. Ing. Nii Okai Nunoo
8. Ing. Dr. Robert Adjaye
9. Ing. David Sackey
10. Ing. Joseph Ainguah
11. Ing. K. Adu-Gyamfi
12. Ing. William Sam
13. Ing. Dr. K. Boakye
14. Ing. P. Quagraine
15. Ing. Benedicta Acherkoh

OUR FIRST OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH FIDIC -

By Ing. Togbi Kporku III

Ing. Togbi Kporku III of Conterra Ghana Limited was the first member of GCEA to attend the FIDIC Conference after several representations by the FIDIC Secretariat to the Ghana Association of Consultants about the need for the GAC to become a member of FIDIC; He undertook a personal fact finding trip to the 2003 FIDIC Annual Conference in Paris, France in the month of September where he met Ing.

Joseph Nkum Okyere of Comptran, who had also independently travelled to Paris to take part in the Conference. The conference was attended by over 1000 delegates from various consulting firms all over the world, including a 21-member Nigerian delegation, some members of which had been participating in FIDIC Conferences during the previous 25 years. The Ghanaian delegation was

officially introduced to the plenary session of the AGM by the then President of FIDIC, Mr. Eigel S. Pedersen, as the newly admitted representatives from Ghana.

After a brief statement on the consulting engineering practice in Ghana, Ing. Togbi Kporku III then pledged the resolve of Ghana to the regularization of membership in FIDIC and promised that Ghana will become an active participant in future activities of FIDIC.

During the conference, the meeting of the Group of African Member Associations (GAMA) of FIDIC was also

held, and Ing. Togbi again participated in the meeting.

At the end of the meeting Nigeria was elected to host the next Annual General Meeting (AGM) of GAMA in Nigeria in March 2004.

The first official membership

subscription of US\$134.00 was paid by Ing. J. N. Okyere to the Headquarters thereby formalizing the official admission of Ghana into FIDIC.

FIDIC-GAMA 2015 Conference Held in Accra

The FIDIC GAMA Conference was held at the Movenpick Ambassador Hotel in Accra, Ghana from 12th to 15th April, 2015.

The Conference was organized by the Group of African Member Associations (GAMA), the African wing of FIDIC with the Ghana Consulting Engineers Association (GCEA) as the host.

The theme of the conference was “Developing & Sustaining Africa’s Infrastructure; Promoting African Consulting Engineering Partnerships”.

The theme was chosen because consulting firms in Africa have come to the realization that as individual companies they are not able to compete effectively against firms from the developed countries on the criteria set by government bodies and funding agencies to win tenders on large sized and complex projects.

The main objective of the Conference was to bring together great minds across the continent to share knowledge, interact with one another and to develop good working partnerships.

The Conference covered; Welcome Reception, Main Conference, Local Colour Night, Gala Dinner, FIDIC General Assembly and Tours. Plenary sessions were held each day of the Conference.

The Conference afforded all delegates the opportunity to meet with professionals from all over the world.

The GAMA Conference is the biggest Annual networking event for Consulting Engineers in Africa. It provides a forum for consulting engineers, government officials, local administrative authorities, funding agencies, contractors, suppliers of construction equipment and materials, investors and other stakeholders in the built-

environment from the public and private sectors to share ideas and best practices to achieve value for money and provide a sustainable quality of life for people in Africa.

During the Conference, delegates had the opportunity to deliberate on issues pertaining to the state of Africa’s infrastructure; building capacity of indigenous firms and their young professionals; recognition of professional consulting engineers and firms in the Africa region; partnerships, associations and joint ventures within and across countries in Africa; sourcing of funding for infrastructure within Africa, etc.

Technical and commercial exhibitions were also held at the conference venue to provide an excellent



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opportunity for exhibitors to market their products and services and at the same time afford delegates the opportunity to keep abreast with developments in the market.

The 2016 GAMA Conference will be held in Morocco.

The Young Professionals Forum

The Young Professionals Forum (YPF) of the Ghana Consulting Engineers Association is a platform for young professionals in the consulting industry to have a unified voice for young professionals through a variety of forums, events and communication mechanisms.

The Mission is to promote active participation in YPF to all member firms, and ensure that their voice influences the behaviour of society.

The GCEA YPF was inaugurated at the Engineers Centre on 19th February, 2014. This led to the induction of an interim steering

committee which is made of;

1. Ing. Jane Naki Tetteh-Anowie, (Chair).
2. Surv. Abednego Gogo, Vice Chair
3. Ing. Justice Minta
4. Ing. Kwame Ansu-Gyamfi
5. Ing. Mrs. Benedicta Acherekoh
6. Ing. Frederick W. Akuffo-Boafo
7. Ing. Surv. Francis Kofi Yankey
8. Carl Glover Tay
9. Ing. Mrs. Florence Sam Mensah

FIDIC In Collaboration with GCEA Organizes Training Courses



Participants at the FIDIC Contracts Training Course — Modules 1 & 2

The Ghana Consulting Engineers Association (GCEA) in collaboration with the International Federation of Consulting Engineers has since 2014 been organizing FIDIC Training Courses in Ghana.

FIDIC Contracts Training Courses Modules 1 & 2, were held from 24th to 27th June 2014, at the Engineers Centre.

The purpose of the training was for participants to have a better understanding and practical approach on the FIDIC type of contracts and management of claims and resolution of disputes.

The two courses attracted 103 participants from the Ministries, Government Agencies and private institutions.

Mr. Bogdan Oprea, a FIDIC Accredited Trainer from

Romania took participants through the Modules 1 & 2.

The Procurement and Module 0 course in October 2014 was handled by Dr. Sebastian Hoek, a FIDIC Accredited Trainer from Germany.

From June 29-20 and July 2-3, 2015, there was a repeat of the training in the FIDIC Contracts Training Modules 1 & 2 which was patronized by 22 participants.

APPOINTMENTS

1. Ing. K. Asare-Yeboah

During the GAMA 2015 Conference Awards Night in Accra, Ing. K. Asare-Yeboah, the Chairman of the Ghana Consulting Engineers Association was elected the new Chairman Elect of GAMA. His appointment as the new Chair takes effect from 2016.

2. Ing. Dr. Kwame Boakye

Ing. Dr. Kwame Boakye of Ecolnformatics is the President Elect of the Ghana Institution of Engineers. He takes over from Ing. Kwaku Boampong in 2016.

3. Ing K. Yankey

Ing K. Yankey of ABP Consult

has been elected the new Chair of GAMA Young Professionals (YP).

4. Ing Mrs. Jane Naki Tetteh-Anowie

Ing Mrs. Jane Naki Tetteh-Anowie has been elected to the FIDIC Membership Committee.

AWARD

The Chair, Ing. F. Asare-Yeboah, received a meritorious service award on 9th October 2015 from the Chief Justice, Her Ladyship Mrs. Georgina Theodora Wood for his *"Invaluable Contribution towards the successful completion of the Law Court Complex"*.

FIDIC AFRICA CONTRACT USERS' CONFERENCE

The FIDIC Africa Contract Users' Conference was held in Zambia from 12th to 15th October 2015. It was attended by Ing. K. Asare-Yeboah and Ing. David Sackey, of Associated Consultants. Also in attendance were Messieurs Hammond and Korankye

Adjei of Ghana Highway Authority.

Membership

Engineering Services Provision Co. Ltd. has just joined the GCEA. The Managing Director is Ing. W.D. Viala, formerly of Strescon Engineering.

OBITUARY

Ing Dr. Isaac Allotey, Managing Director of Africa Design Center, passed away on August 1, 2015. Ing Allotey was an active member of GCEA. GCEA was represented at his funeral, held at Asofa a suburb of Accra.