





## *Let's keep in touch...*

### ❖ *Main actions*

#### ⇒ **FIDIC**

- ✓  issued to FIDIC its Proposal for CICA-FIDIC "Joint Statement on Fighting the Financial Crisis"  
Draft sent to John BOYD, FIDIC President, on January 26, 2009.
- ✓ **FIDIC Proposal of FIDIC-CICA Joint Statement on Fighting the Corruption**  
 should have received it on Jan. 15. Deep silence.

#### ⇒ participated in the following meetings

- ✓ Jan. 19: **Marc FRILET**, Barrister, **Co-Chair of the PPP Task Force**, International Bar Association
- ✓ Jan. 20: Participation to **Working Group on PPPs** at French Bar Association
- ✓ Jan. 22: **Bertrand MARCHAIS**, Representative in Europe of  
"Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency" (**MIGA – a WB Group subsidiary**)
- ✓ Jan. 23: **Jamal SAGHIR, WB Director** Energy, Transport and Water, at the French Business Confederation – Paris

#### ⇒ held a **Restricted Working Group** on Jan. 30 in Paris H/O. Agenda : Preparation of the Feb. 02 meeting with **Marc JUHEL, WB Sector Manager**, Transport, Energy, with the following AGENDA : Sustainable Infrastructure Action Plan (SIAP).

### ❖ *Take a at*

- ✓ Conclusions of CICA-IFI08 Meeting – Washington Dec. 10-11, 2008, sent to WB Jan. 22

### ❖ *Regional Federations homework*



- ✓ **Correspondents: TO DO LIST ! ! ! ! !** A reminder will be sent on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## *News from the Regional Federations*



The Federation of Arab Contractors (FAC) succeeded in getting the consensus of the Public Work and Housing Ministers of the Arab countries to use the FIDIC General Conditions of Contract for their domestic projects which apply to their domestic contractors as well as expatriate contractors.

<http://www.arabcont.com/>



National economic recovery plans are being put into practice. The EU Council of Ministers will take stock of progress in March. FIEC will deal with the issue in its June General Assembly.

FIEC and some of its Member Federations will attend the ILO "Global Dialogue Forum on Construction" in Geneva, 17-18/2/2009, in which ILO Convention 94 and MDB procurement will be on the agenda.

FIEC is actively involved in the preparations of the "International Symposium of ISSA-Construction" in Brussels, 22-25/11/2009 on health and safety issues.

The EU has adopted the "Energy and Climate Package" dealing with renewable energy, emissions trading schemes etc. which is of major importance for the construction industry in Europe.

The EU-Commission has proposed the "2<sup>nd</sup> Strategic Energy Review", including strengthening the "Energy Performance of Buildings" directive.

<http://www.fiec.org/>



In January, FIIC concentrated their activities in gathering and disseminating measures that Member Countries are taking for managing the global economic crisis, pushing counter-cyclical actions involving investment in the construction sector. This strengthens the measures planned. FIIC have information on eight countries and will continue to update. Available at [http://www.fic.org.mx/Estrategias\\_FIIC/index.htm](http://www.fic.org.mx/Estrategias_FIIC/index.htm)



**CCA** - The Government of Canada released its Budget on January 27<sup>th</sup> that included its stimulus package for dealing with the current economic slowdown. That package contains some \$11 billion in new federal infrastructure investment over the next two years in addition to the \$33 billion infrastructure program the Federal Government is currently delivering. Of that \$11 billion, some \$9 billion will be matched by provincial governments for a total infrastructure stimulus of over \$20 billion. <http://www.cca-acc.com/>

**AGC** - AGC of America has been singularly focused on promoting infrastructure investment and targeted tax provisions to stimulate the US Economy. The U.S. House of Representatives passed their version of stimulus legislation on January 28, 2009 and action is expected in the U.S. Senate in early February 2009. For more information on AGC of America's activities including Congressional Testimony and advocacy campaigns please visit [http://www.agc.org/cs/rebuild\\_americas\\_future](http://www.agc.org/cs/rebuild_americas_future)