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CICA PRESIDENT

As decided during the last Paris Board-Council Meeting of the 17th of November 2014, **FIEC Vice President Emre AYKAR** took over the presidency of CICA as of 1st of January, 2015.

[Read more about Emre AYKAR on CICA.NET.](#)

EVENTS SINCE JUNE 2014

■ FIDIC – MDBs conference (Brussels, 2nd June, 2014)

FIDIC asked for CICA and EIC to review and comment the draft of the revised FIDIC White Book. The aim is to adapt the White Book to the relationship between Engineering and Contractors. Please send your comments to cica@cica.net so we can draft a CICA answer to FIDIC.

■ Roundtable on “Benefits of Modern Dispute Avoidance and Alternative Dispute Resolution – Techniques in International Construction and Infrastructure Projects” Hosted by CICA & FNTF in partnership with Gcila and IFEJI (Paris, 10th December, 2014)

The speakers focused on how to negotiate and implement efficient partnering, structured mediation and dispute boards in different legal systems. They presented the different types of modern dispute avoidance and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) techniques and their implementation in Civil Law Countries as well as in a Common Law environment. They also focused on how to optimize the benefits of Dispute Boards and on future trends.



[Download the documents on CICA.NET](#)

- Download the introduction and draft program of the roundtable
- Download J.B. TIEDER presentation on “Best Practices in a Common Law Environment”
- Download M. FRILET presentation on “Operating Dispute Boards in Civil Law Countries”

CICA is liaising with the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation. Do not hesitate to contact us should you wish to organize such an event within your federation.

■ **World Bank (Frankfurt, 12/12/2014)**

CICA, EIC and FIDIC met in Frankfurt. CICA and EIC wrote a **joint Position Paper on the World Bank Procurement Reform**. It was sent to the Bank's Executive Directors.

[Download the related documents on CICA.NET](#)

- Download joint EIC-CICA Cover Letter on WB Procurement Policy Review - Phase II
- Download the joint EIC-CICA Position Paper
- Download the FIDIC complementary submission

[Read more on the World Bank Consultation website.](#)

CICA and SEFI attended a World Bank Social and Environment Safeguard Policies Reform Meeting (Paris, 02/12/2014)

- [Download the Powerpoint presentation on CICA.NET](#)
- Details on the reform are available on the [World Bank dedicated website](#)

■ **UNCITRAL**

CICA and IFEJI liaise with the UNCITRAL Secretariat and participate to the UNCITRAL Working Group on the revision of the PPP Model Law. The revision of the UNCITRAL PPP Model Law was rejected in the agenda of the official works of the commission in July 2014. However it will be evoked again and the aim is to pursue the works for its inscription in the commission official agenda 2015. Point of contact at the UNCITRAL Secretariat is Caroline NICHOLAS.

CICA WORKING GROUPS

■ **Infrastructure Long Term Financing**



The CICA Board meeting in Paris validated the creation of a new working group to take into consideration the increasing recognition of the contribution of infrastructure to development, economic growth and employment and explore new financial tools to better accompany this trend.

This CICA working group main goals will be:

- * To identify precisely the requirements to trigger long term financing;
- * To spread the answers and the proposals of the construction industry;
- * Lobbying actions, at the national and regional level, relieved by CICA and other professional organizations at the world level, to assure the promotion of their analysis and proposals.

[Download the documents on CICA.NET:](#)

- OECD Annual Survey of Large Pension Funds and Public Pension Funds Long-Term investment [read more](#)

- Download the European Association of Paritarian Institutions [Reflection Paper on Pension Funds Insurance and Infrastructure, a complex debate](#)

■ **PPP Working Group**

Team Leader: Vincent PIRON, ex Business Development Director – VINCI Concessions

ISMED – OECD Conference on “Fostering Investment in the MENA region” in Paris on the 4th of December (Paris, 4th December, 2014)

In the framework of the ISMED – OECD works on “Fostering Infrastructure Investment in the MENA region”, CICA and IFEJI presented the recommendations and technical specifications of the Task Force 3 on “PPPs, legal aspects and risk sharing” at the ISMED – OECD conference held in Paris on the 4th of December 2014.

The three leading recommendations developed by Task Force 3 are the following:

- * Develop an accepted methodology to facilitate the choice of the optimal PPP contractual formula by the Public Contracting Authority.
- * Reinforce the technical skills and project governance abilities of the representatives of the Contracting Authority and related administration staff.
- * Aim at a better contractual balance between the parties involved in PPPs.

[Download the documents on CICA.NET](#)

- CICA – IFEJI presentation “Making PPP happen in the MENA region”
- List of participants
- Draft catalogue of the 14 ISMED – OECD recommendations

UNECE

CICA and IFEJI obtained a letter of comfort from the French Government to show its full support to the creation of an International Center of Excellence (ICoE) on PPPs in France under the auspices of UNECE. The Memorandum of Understanding will detail the content of the ICoE. This process is only part of the project of creating regional hubs on PPPs to improve the legal, institutional framework and best practices for the security of investments. The aim is to attract long term investments (insurance, private equity, private pension funds etc.) finance for infrastructure.

■ **Well Prepared Project (WPP) Working Group**

Chairman: Michel DEMARRE, SEFI’s General Delegate and Vice-president FNTF Europe-International commission, EIC Past President.

There are high expectations on WPP especially in the context of the B20 – G20. M. DÉMARRE asked for some contribution from the CICA Members and Friends to come up with something in this regard by collecting some documents to develop an outline to submit to the World Road Association (and FIDIC to a lesser extent) to have the Working Group set up.

■ **Sustainable Business Working Group**

- [Download on CICA.NET the United Nations Report](#) “The Road to Dignity by 2030: Ending Poverty, Transforming All Lives and Protecting the Planet”, December 2014.

[Read more on the UN website.](#)

VARIOUS NEWS ON [CICA.NET](#)

- Download **EFCA** December 2014 Bulletin
- **ICC**: Download the summary of the Brisbane G20 leaders declaration
- **BIAC**: Download the November and December 2014 bulletins
- **UNECE**: Download the Newsletter December 2014
- **International Transport Forum**: Download the Chapter 4 of the ITF Transport Outlook 2015
- Download October 2014 **IMF** Study, Chapter 3: “Is it time for an infrastructure push? The macroeconomic effects of public investment.”

CICA Upcoming Events

- World Bank Procurement Review (Washington DC, tentatively January 2015)
- Forum on Africa (Paris, February 2015)
- IAGP Meeting (Cairo, 17th February 2015)
- Mission at the Head Office of the African Bank (Abidjan, February 2015).
- EIC General Assembly (Florence, 17th April, 2015)
- Next CICA Board-Council Meeting: (Brasilia, 27th and 28th April 2015)
- 6th International Infrastructure Investment & Construction Forum – To be confirmed (Macao, 4th and 5th June 2015)



News from EIC

[Read EIC Newsletter – December 2014](#)

News from FIEC



- [Download the form](#) to order hard copies of “FIEC in a Nutshell” or [read it online](#).
- FIEC and the EFBWW (European Federation of Building and Wood Workers), the EU sectorial social partners for the construction industry, have launched a joint website presenting national initiatives for youth employment. [Visit the website](#).

News from FIIC

29th Inter-American Congress of the Construction Industry

FIIC held with great success its 29th Congress. The event was hosted by the Colombian Chamber of Construction and took place on the 27th and 28th of August, in Medellin, Colombia. It was inaugurated by the President of the Republic of Colombia, Manuel SANTOS. The central theme was Housing, Infrastructure and Urban Development: Latin America a continent in construction. The subtopics were: Housing policy and Environment housing; Transformation of Cities: Planning and Management;



infrastructure: Latin America, a continent of opportunities. Prior to the Congress, took place the Plenary Meeting of the FIIC Infrastructure, Sustainable Construction; Housing and Urban Development; Corporate Social Responsibility committees.



Presea FIIC

The “Presea FIIC”, which is FIIC highest award given to its directors and former directors for their contribution to FIIC prestige at national and international levels, was granted to Engineer Jaime MOLINA for his performance as representative of the Costa Rican Chamber and FIIC President (2003-2005).

2nd Latin American Award for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

Within the framework of the 29th Inter-American Congress of the Construction Industry, FIIC gave the Corporate Social Responsibility Award, in its second edition 2014-2016, to presidents of construction companies: *Cementos Argos SA* (Colombia) Mr. Jorge Mario VELASQUEZ; *COSAPI Inc.* (Peru) Ing. Walter PIAZZA DE LA JARA; and *Y&V Engineering and Construction C.A.* (Venezuela) Ing. Cesar CHACON's. They received the statuette and certificate in recognition of the most successful implementation at Latin American level of the CSR standards in their companies.



FIIC Upcoming Event

FIIC Board-Council Meeting will take place on the 9th and 10th of March, 2015. The Mexican Chamber of Construction Industry will host the event which will take place in Mexico City.

[Read full FIIC news in Spanish](#)