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FIE NEWSLETTER

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FIE COUNCIL NEW MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce and welcome Rupeni Mua and Richard Phelps to the FIE Council. Their wide experience and knowledge we are sure will benefit the FIE. They replace Satish Patel and Mervin Low who both resigned from the Council.

FIE PROMOTION

Below, our President Pratarp Singh is seen giving an address to promote the FIE at the FNU (formerly FIT) in Samabula in early August. As can be seen there was much interest shown, especially following his presentation where we actually ran out of application forms. Thank you Pratarp for another successful FIE promotional event.



President Pratarp Singh giving an FIE promotional presentation at FNU

FNU students receiving FIE application forms from Aarti

DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR HASAWA (Construction)

The FIE was invited to be on a sub-committee and requested at short notice to comment on the Draft Regulations for the Health and Safety at Work Act (Construction). The request was passed to the FIE Council members and some of us spent a very considerable amount of time going through them and writing up comments. Alas all to no avail at present, hardly any people turned up to the meeting, so no meeting was held. Following that non event, our President did lodge a serious complaint.

We are sure that there will be some reaction and hopefully it will all come into place in the not too distant future.

The regulations generally looked good but needed quite a lot of tidying up and a few points were considered as being not a requirement for Fiji. It was quite obvious that most of the regulations were assembled from others overseas. We are sure that there will be some reaction and hopefully it will all come into place in the not too distant future.

ENGINEERS REGISTRATION

Pratarp and Ms Nazhat Shameem have held several discussion on the above issue and Nazhat put forward a very good in depth paper for the FIE Council to discuss. The meeting to discuss the paper was held on 25 August 2010 and in order to keep our members informed of what the FIE and the FIE Council are doing, there follows a brief summary of that meeting. *****

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

This Council of FIE places a strong emphasis on the importance of CPD, and yet another CPD presentation was arranged on 29th September.

This one was given by Sika, and covered waterproofing of structures from foundation to roof.

Some 36 engineers and members of the construction industry attended this very well presented talk.

As ever there were drinks and finger food which on this occasion was provided by Sika. It was a very enjoyable evening to catch up with the latest waterproofing technology and catch up with construction industry colleagues.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that the following candidates having fulfilled the various requirements are now eligible to join the FIE.

Fellow:

Pratarp Singh

Graduates:

Shelvin Singh, Edwin Raj Vans, Ronil Rajnesh Singh,

Diplomates:

Shavin Vikash Chand, Deepesh Vishal Goundar

Affiliate:

Alisi Wong

The following now applies under the FIE Rules Section 7.1 (f) The name of each candidate appearing to the Council to be eligible for the election or transfer shall be notified to each member, published in a Journal or Bulletin of the Institution with an invitation to any member wishing to do so to record his objection. If an objection is received, such objection shall be reviewed and determined by the Council. If no objection to election or transfer is received within one month of the date of publication the candidate's name, together with a précis of the particulars on his/her application form shall be forwarded by email or post to each member of the Council.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Will members please put into your diaries that the Annual Christmas Dinner will be FRIDAY 26th NOVEMBER. This year it will be a sit down occasion with buffet and (limited) free drinks.

Costs will be \$25/ person for members and partners and \$40/ person non members.

Venue will be advised in due course.