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ACEI Newsletter - 19 January 2023

Information and Advice for ACEI Members

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ACEI Secretary General

Further to a recent member communication, President Brian Kavanagh on behalf of the Executive Board has announced the resignation of ACEI Secretary General, Sarah Ingle. Sarah is taking up an exciting opportunity to live in Portland, Oregon from early April along with her husband, Willo Roe. This US location is also based in the same time zone as their eldest daughter. Sarah has kindly agreed to undertake a transition period while abroad, which is very welcome. In this capacity she will be available to the ACEI for part-time remote-based work and advice. Due to the eight hour time difference, her current meeting and event commitments from the end of March will be reassigned appropriately.

Sarah joined the ACEI from Dublin City University (DCU) in 2015, when she replaced Anne Potter who held the post of Executive Director for over 30 years. In her role as Secretary General, Sarah has transformed the Association and has been the driving force behind many of the initiatives that the ACEI has undertaken in recent times. The ACEI officers have started planning to recruit Sarah's successor with her assistance, and along with the other Executive Board members will work hard to ensure a smooth and effective changeover of leadership. The ACEI Executive and Secretariat staff wish Sarah and Willo all the best in this new adventure in their lives and thank them both for their input to the ACEI over the last eight years.

ACEI MoU with ICEG Ukraine

ACEI was recently contacted by Oleksandr Nepomnyashchyy, President of the Ukraine consulting engineering association, "[Interstate Consultants Engineers Guild](#)" (ICEG), based in Kyiv. ICEG is a professional body in the field of engineering consulting services in Ukraine. Its members include more than 1000 certified specialists, civil engineers, as well as 43 Ukrainian engineering companies, and three self-regulatory organisations. Despite the personal challenges that all Ukrainians are facing during the war, ICEG has continued to work on improving the existing legislative construction framework in Ukraine. Its specialists are actively involved in numerous task groups aimed at facilitating recovery, created under government departments and agencies. ICEG has also been helping member companies to develop an international partnership network to assist in Ukraine's rehabilitation.

ICEG requested ACEI to consider setting up a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish cooperation between the two associations. Since 2017, ICEG has signed more than 20 MoUs with national associations of consulting engineers worldwide. Following discussion at an ACEI Executive Board meeting, it was unanimously decided to sign an [MoU](#) which has been sent to ICEG and copied to EFCA. ACEI Past-President Kevin Rudden is also a member of the EFCA Ukraine Support Group set up to provide assistance to consulting engineering and related firms in Ukraine. ACEI wishes the group very well in its work.

Launch of EFCA Newsletter *Engineering Europe*

EFCA has recently announced the launch of its new bi-weekly newsletter, [Engineering Europe](#). Every second Thursday at 1200 Engineering Europe will be published, with the aim of keeping its subscribers informed about ongoing news within and outside, but relevant to, the EFCA world and community. In the first edition, the handover of the EU Council Presidency from Sweden to the Czech Republic is discussed along with the launch of the 2023 Future Leader Awards and the initial meeting of the EFCA Ukraine Support Group. To subscribe to the EFCA Engineering Europe newsletter, members can email Virginie at vdalle@efca.be.

ACEI Blockwork Webinar

Members will already be aware of the recent publication of an ACEI Advice Note developed by the Structures Committee on [Blockwork](#). Following on from this a Webinar for members is being arranged at 4pm-5pm on 1 February. The purpose of the online event is to assist staff in member firms in further understanding the advice included in the note, address related standards and provide an opportunity for questions. An invitation to register attendance will be provided soon, in the meantime please 'save the date'.

EFCA Future Leader Webinar

Members are invited to attend a free webinar organised by EFCA's Finnish member association Foreningen af Rådgivende Ingeniører (FRI) to learn more about last year's first runner up of EFCA's Future Leader of the Year 2022, Anni Laurila and her project. In the webinar, Finnish architect Anni will present a master plan of Lielähti, which she led and introduced in the EFCA Future Leader competition. The Webinar will take place at 2pm Irish time on 25th January. More information and registration details for the event can be accessed [here](#).

FIDIC Committee and Council Membership

Members are reminded that FIDIC is updating its committee and council membership and is currently recruiting new members. FIDIC requires in particular candidates for the following: Business Practice Leadership; Committee; International Financial Institutions Committee; Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Council; Membership Committee. If you or a colleague are interested in expressing interest in joining any of the above, or FIDIC's other committees, an expression of interest form is available along with further information [here](#). Please let ACEI know at info@acei.ie if your firm sends in an application for any FIDIC committees.

ENFUSE Opportunity for SMEs

ENFUSE is a programme that matches firms with teams of Masters level University/College students. Students can be engaged to help provide insights, propose solutions and ultimately present a bespoke and tangible plan that sets out how the company can innovate, address challenges and develop opportunities. MSc Student teams could assist your enterprise in many areas including: Strategy, Project Management, Marketing, Digital Marketing, Innovation, Design Thinking, Opportunity Identification and Evaluation, Digital Transformation, Tourism / Hospitality / Event Development, New Product / Service Development, Data Analysis, Machine Learning, Social Enterprise Development and more.

During Semester 2 (January - May 2023) as part of an academic module, students work in teams of 4 - 6 with selected firms. More information and a link to the application process is available [HERE](#). The deadline to apply is 22 January 2023.

Recent Good News

- Well done to member firm **OCSC** which has recently announced it is stepping into the new year with the great 'OCSC Step Tour Challenge.' This is a 'virtual walking/step' tour of all OCSC offices to raise funds in support of the Irish and UK mental health charities Aware, AWARE NI and Mind.
- Member firm **JVTierney (JVT)**, is delighted to announce that following the introduction of company-wide information management processes to align with IS EN ISO 19650-2:2018, JVT has now received its Building Information Modelling (BIM) accreditation to IS EN ISO 19650-2:2018 from the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI).

Work Trends in 2023

Peter Cosgrove of Futurewise, has published an article on [potential work trends](#) that will become apparent this year. He notes that: 'with an uncertain economic environment in 2023, the workforce will be in for some turbulence as we have already seen with the technology industry. This coupled with rising inflation and a looming recession may raise tensions between the expectations of employers and employees.'

Climate Worrier by Colm O'Regan

Regular attendees at the ACEI Awards Dinner will be familiar with the stand-up work of comedian and MC Colm O'Regan. Colm is also a well regarded author and his latest book, [Climate Worrier: A Hypocrite's Guide to Saving the Planet](#), has received wide acclaim.

Kennys.ie online bookstore notes that: "Colm is grappling with the biggest worry of all: the whole 'planet being on fire' thing and how exactly we can help." Well worth a read in these climate challenging times, Colm writes with humour and pathos in abundance.

Ten Things to Know about BIM

- The attached short [video](#) from the BIM Coordinators Summit organisers, outlines ten things it is important to understand about Building Information Modelling (BIM):
- You are involved in BIM whether you know it or not.
 - Everyone needs information
 - BIM is NOT just about 3D models and clash detection
 - There are different types and levels of information requirements
 - It is important to understand the structure of buildings and infrastructure
 - The need for a BIM Executive Plan (BEP)
 - The Responsibility Matrix and keeping this updated
 - Information Delivery Plans (TIDPs and MIDP)
 - Common Data Environment (CDE)
 - Why use ISO19650? (Information management process)