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ACEI Newsletter - 27 February 2023

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ACEI 2023 Directory and Review

The ACEI 2023 Directory & Review was posted to FConsEI and RConsEI members in January. Many thanks to those who provided contributions and to Toni Noonan of the ACEI Secretariat who again successfully co-ordinated this year's publication. We hope you enjoy all the features, particularly those covering the winners of last year's awards. The Directory is also available in pdf format on the [ACEI Website](#).

ACEI Executive Nominations and AGM 24 March 2023

Applications are now being accepted for the ACEI Executive Board 2023-24. FConsEI candidates for election to the Executive Board must be nominated in writing by two ACEI FConsEI members. The completed [nomination form](#) must be provided to info@acei.ie by 3pm, 10 March 2023. Nominations will be presented to the ACEI Annual General Meeting (AGM) planned for: 11:30 – 13:00, Friday 24 March 2023. The AGM will be hybrid – in-person at ACEI 46 Merrion Sq, Dublin 2 and virtually via *Teams*. An invitation to register will follow nearer the time.

ACEI 2023 Project and Future Leader Awards Finalists

Congratulations to the ACEI Member Firms who have been shortlisted in this year's [Engineering Excellence Awards](#) across nine project categories.

Well done also to the two finalists in the ACEI 2023 [Future Leader Awards](#): Michael Minehane, RPS and Patrick Kavanagh, BDP. Michael and Patrick will both send applications to the 2023 EFCA Future Leader Award as ACEI nominees. The winners of the project awards and the Future Leader awardee will be announced at the ACEI Awards Dinner on Friday, 31 March 2023 in the Shelbourne Hotel.

Appointment of Engineer as UCD President

ACEI sends many congratulations to [Professor Orla Feely](#) on her appointment as President of University College Dublin (UCD). Orla is a Professor in Electronic Engineering at UCD and Vice-President for Research, Innovation and Impact, and was a previous President of Engineers Ireland. Under her leadership in recent years, annual research grants, publications, citation impact and innovation success for UCD increased substantially, with major initiatives in areas such as sustainability, food, quantum technologies and personalised medicine.

Professor Feely holds a BE in electronic engineering from University College Dublin (1986) and MS (1990) and PhD (1992) degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, where her PhD thesis won the DJ Sakrisson Memorial Prize for outstanding and innovative research. Orla's area of research is in nonlinear circuits and systems, and she has been awarded funding and prizes for her work from many national, international and industry sources. ACEI wishes Orla very well as she takes up the role of UCD President in May 2023.

FIDIC Board Membership

Members are reminded that FIDIC has opened the call for Board members to be elected at the 2023 General Assembly Meeting (GAM) in Singapore in September. There are two vacancies on the FIDIC Board, to be filled at this year's GAM. Completed nominations must be provided to the ACEI Secretariat no later than 9 March 2023 so they can be reviewed by the ACEI Executive Board. Candidates will be assessed against the Board eligibility criteria set out in the FIDIC Statutes. All the required information including the nomination procedure is available in a recent [FIDIC communication](#).

FIDIC Call for 2023 Project Awards

The call for the FIDIC [2023 Global Infrastructure Project Awards](#) is now open. These awards recognise, highlight and reward the achievements and successes of consulting engineering firms across the globe and the important impact their projects have on the social, economic and environmental quality of life worldwide. Project submissions should demonstrate, in addition to the quality of the design and positive economic impact, how the project addresses sustainability, climate change and social concerns, as well as its benefits to society. Projects of all sizes will be considered in the adjudication process.

ACEI Member Image Download

Members are reminded that a 'MEMBER OF ACEI' image is available on the member administration section of the ACEI Website. This has been designed to use on members' websites, as a signoff on emails, on site hoarding signs, or anywhere where it is deemed appropriate to promote ACEI membership. Thanks to Louise Patterson of the ACEI Secretariat who co-ordinated the development of the image on behalf of members. Enquiries about its use or how to download the image can be directed to Louise at info@acei.ie.



International Women in Engineering 2023

As International Women's Day approaches, members are reminded to consider organising an event for International Women in Engineering Day ([IWED](#)), 23 June 2023. IWED is celebrated internationally to raise awareness about the women pursuing engineering studies and careers that continue to transform the world with their achievements.

World Engineering Day 2023

[World Engineering Day](#) is coming up on 4 March 2023 with many events taking place worldwide.

Recent Good News

- ACEI congratulates member firm **Ethos Engineering**, winner of the SME Sustainability Team of the Year category in the [2023 Green Awards](#). Ethos was the only engineering firm shortlisted for this award, which recognises a team that has come together to work on environmental challenges that demonstrate the power of group work and innovative thinking. Many congratulations are due to all involved in this achievement.
- Congratulations to member firm **PUNCH Consulting Engineers** as it celebrates its 50th anniversary in business. PUNCH was founded in 1973 by Michael Punch in Limerick, originally named Michael Punch & Partners.
- Well done to **Jennings O'Donovan & Partners** on being presented with a Sligo Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award for Net Zero Achievement.
- Congratulations to **RPS** which has achieved the latest UKAS accredited ISO 19650 International Standard Business Certification in recognition of its best practice in BIM for clients.

Irish Green Building Council Report 2022

The Irish Green Building Council (IGBC) recently published its [2022 Activity Report](#). The report provides a comprehensive look at IGBC's achievements as an organisation and community last year. In 2022 there was a huge growth in membership and several major objectives were realised including: the publication of a roadmap to fully decarbonise Ireland's built environment by 2050; the launch of Ireland's new construction technology centre, and the development of innovative tools and training programmes to support the transition to net zero and circularity.

CI Arb Ireland Alternative Dispute Resolution Course

The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Ireland Branch is running an online [Introduction to Alternative Dispute Resolution \(ADR\)](#) course, 9.30am – 1pm on 14th - 15th March 2023. The course will cover a wide range of ADR methods including negotiation, mediation, arbitration, construction adjudication and conciliation. It will be delivered live via Zoom by a panel of speakers across 17 modules and an early bird rate is available. The [course](#) is open to CI Arb members and non-members.

ACEI Secretary General Recruitment

The Executive Board is pleased to advise that PwC Executive Search is managing the recruitment process for ACEI Secretary General Sarah Ingle's successor. The Secretary General job advertisement was published early this month on the [ACEI website](#) and [online](#). It is proposed that first round interviews will take place in March.