



Good morning conference



John Armitt, chairman, Olympic Delivery Authority, UK

Featured Speaker

John Dionisio

Industry Perspective

In 2005 John Dionisio became the Chief Executive Officer and President of Aecom Technology Corporation in 2005 following a thirty-plus year career including senior management positions on AECOM's corporate staff, including executive vice president and chief operating officer. His credentials further include Director of Corinthian Colleges Inc. since April 29, 2008.

Mr. Dionisio's educative history includes a Master of Science degree in civil engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of New York, and a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from The City College of New York.

John's speech is set to discuss:

- Definition of Sustainable Design in Infrastructure
- Transportation, Water, Environment, Facilities, Energy Efficiency, Environmentally Friendly
- Global Needs and Trends in Emerging and Developed Markets around the world.
- Aging Infrastructure, Urbanization, Sustainability, Budget Cuts, Low Carbon, Economic Cycles & Competition, Global Capital Markets
- The future of government's role in funding infrastructure. Can government afford to pay?
- The future role of the private sector in funding infrastructure. How much will the private sector participate?
- Industry strategy to emerge stronger under new financing and government paradigm.

At the table or on the menu?

As we reach the final day of the conference, ideas and opinions are coming thick and fast as we look to emerge from FIDIC with a fresh view of how to meet the challenge of sustainability.

The opening session gave a client's perspective on the issues and the first set of seminars of the day, **Seminars 4, 5 and 6** looked to tackle the 'geographic and sector hotspots' theme.

Following lunch, **Seminar 7**, discussed 'a place at the political table and a voice for the industry', while **Seminar 8** looked at 'promoting skills and raising standards'. **The final seminar** of the day tackled 'a co-ordinated unified approach'.

Morning seminar actions

- Clients and consultants must act ethically.
- Solutions must be integrated to deal with interconnecting issues.
- Focus on investing in R&D and training.
- Sustainability must be integral to business culture of consultancies, clients, suppliers, contractors and asset users.
- Provide manageable, practical tools for designers to integrate sustainability into projects.
- Member Associations should aim for a working set of commonly used sustainability standards.

Afternoon seminar actions

- FIDIC should provide a global advocacy policy statement for Member Associations to use.
- Engineers should engage proactively with the political process. Strong advocacy delivers results and should be invested in.
- Training for employees and clients must be invested in.
- Young professionals must be included and engaged with.
- FIDIC and Member Associations should produce more industry insights and evidence.
- The UK Chief Construction Adviser model could be useful in other nations.

Conference Diary

09.00 – 10.30	Plenary Session Industry Perspective Gregs Thomopoulos, CEO and chairman, Stanley Consultants, US (chair), John Dionisio, president and CEO, Aecom, US, Flemming Pederson, CEO, Ramboll, Denmark, Paul J Zofnass, president, EFCG, US
11.00 – 12.30	Action Seminars FIDIC Peter Gammie, chief executive, Halcrow, UK Member Associations Dave Raymond, ACEC, US Member firms Hugh Blackwood, group chief executive, Scott Wilson
14.00 – 15.30	Plenary Session Gregs Thomopoulos, FIDIC president-elect
16.00 – 17.30	FIDIC General Assembly Meeting



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Working in the GCC:

Addressing the Legacy of the Credit Crunch



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Gavin English, Managing Director, WSP
Michael Earp, Executive Director and Major Client Advocate, Finex Global (a Willis Group Holdings division)
Neil Broadhead, Head of Forensic Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Roger Button, Construction and Engineering, Projects and International Arbitration Partner, Shadbolt LLP
Gurjit Singh, Chief Property Development Officer, Sorouh Real Estates

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“The impact of the global credit crisis on the respective GCC economies has been a wake up call for developers, consultants, contractors and governments in the region. Over the past ten months nearly US\$2 trillion worth of construction projects have been suspended across the region, which has had a catastrophic impact on some parts of the industry.

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