

# Working in Dubai : An ACE Conference on Contracts and Risk Management

28 – 29 October 2007 Novotel World Trade Centre, Dubai

## DAY ONE - 28 OCTOBER 2007

9.00 – 9.30

Registration and coffee

9.30 – 9.35

Welcome and Introduction

Speaker: Neil Sandberg, Vice-Chairman, ACE

9.35 – 10.00

Role of ACE

Speakers: Nelson Ogunshakin, Chief Executive, ACE  
Nora Fung, Legal Director, ACE

10.00 – 10.45

Legal issues

Speaker: Paul D. Taylor, Berrymans Lace Mawer

- Legislative/jurisdictional issues
- Legislative Framework
- Civil Code
- Contract laws
- Muqawala laws
- Acts Causing Harm

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee Break

11.15 – 12.00

Contractual documentation

Speaker: Roger Button, Shadbolt & Co.

- Common standard forms – FIDIC
- Explanation of different types of FIDIC forms: benefits/limitations/suitability/choice of agreement/version
- Other 'standard' forms/bespoke forms – examples and pitfalls
- Overheads and materials increases
- Inflation and currency issues

12.00 – 12.45

Contractual risk management

Speakers: Roger Button, Shadbolt & Co.  
Kelvin Ralfs, Griffiths & Armour

- Common issues
- Implications of challenges and the importance of risk management
- Fitness for purpose/strict liability
- Care and skill
- Caps, limitation and decennial liability
- Dispute resolution – forms and forums

12.45 – 1.00

Questions and Answers/Panel Discussion

1.00 – 2.00

Lunch

2.00 – 3.30

Contractual risk management workshop

Facilitators: Roger Button, Shadbolt & Co.  
Kelvin Ralfs, Griffiths & Armour

3.30 – 4.00

Coffee break

4.00 – 4.45

Staffing issues

Speaker: Dennis Brand, Berrymans Lace Mawer

- Cost, employment laws, working hours, religious issues/local holidays
- Anti-corruption
- Boycott provisions

4.45 – 5.00

Panel discussion

5.00 – 7.00

Drinks/networking

## DAY TWO – 29 OCTOBER 2007

- 9.15 – 9.35 **Health and safety obligations in the UAE**  
Speaker: Mark Warrington, EHS
- 9.35 – 9.55 **Health and safety issues for the Consultant**  
Speaker: Nigel Valvona, Halcrow
- 9.55 – 10.00 **Questions and answers**
- 10.00 – 10.45 **Practical risk management and PI explained**  
Speaker: Michael Earp, Willis
- 10.45 – 11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.00 – 11.45 **Non-PI Insurance**  
Speaker: Marc Slatter, Willis
- Types of insurance – commercial, statutory, etc
  - Who can you insure with
  - Period of insurance
  - Claims handling
  - Cover for sub-consultants
  - Compatibility with 'new' procurement methods
- 11.45 – 1.00 **Insurance Workshop**  
Facilitators: Michael Earp, Willis  
Kelvin Ralfs, Griffiths & Armour
- 1.00 – 2.00 **Lunch**
- 2.00 – 2.45 **Procurement**  
Speakers: Nelson Ogunshakin, ACE  
Richard Kell, Cardno International Pty Ltd
- Common methods
  - Current trends –advantages and disadvantages
  - Proposal for a better way
  - Challenges for proposals
  - How challenges can be overcome
- 2.45 – 3.15 **The FIDIC perspective**  
Speaker: Richard Kell, Cardno International Pty Ltd
- 3.15 – 3.45 **Coffee break**
- 3.45 – 4.30 **Trends in UAE/ The way forward**  
Speaker: Roger Button, Shadbolt & Co.
- 4.30 – 4.45 **Panel discussion**
- 4.45pm **Close**