ICEC 8th World Congress Update

23 - 27 June 2012 - Durban, South Africa
www.icec2012.org.au

Organisation of the 8th World Congress in Durban is proceeding well. The event will be held at the International Conference Centre (ICC) – a state-of-the-art venue which has hosted some significant events, including the International AIDS Conference; the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting; the Non-Aligned Movement; the preliminary draw for the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the COP17 meeting in 2011.

Centrally located and just 30 minutes away from the airport, Durban’s International Convention Centre is adjacent to the Hilton Hotel and within walking distance of a range of good hotels along the beachfront. During the main Congress sessions, shuttle buses will also be available to transport attendees between these hotels and the conference centre.

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The AIQS host the ICEC Secretariat and have recently moved their head office from Canberra to Sydney.

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On the weekend preceding the congress, a range of activities, including the ICEC Council meeting will take place, together with a series of ‘workshops’ on subjects as diverse as Facilities Management in Practice, Doing Business in Africa, and Cost Scheduling Integration. Those arriving in Durban over the weekend will be able to register for the main events throughout this period at the ICC. A welcome reception for all delegates is scheduled for the late afternoon on the Sunday.

The conference starts officially on the morning of Monday, 25th June with entertainment displaying the multi-cultural nature of this vibrant African city. The keynote address will be given by the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Mr See Lian Ong who will address participants on the subject “Responding to Challenges – The need for professional standards”.

Each day has been split into 3 sessions. Each session in turn will begin with a plenary address by an ICEC Regional representative, dealing with issues that are particularly pertinent to their region. The speakers who have agreed to participate in this manner are: Alexia Nalewaik, Gianluca di Castro, Agele Alufohai and Teoh Wooi Sin.

After each address, the attendees will have a choice of 4 concurrent breakaway sessions to attend. A total of 84 peer-reviewed papers will be presented in this manner over 3 days, with additional papers being made available in poster sessions in the main exhibition hall. Each presenter will be given a 30-minute slot for their presentation.

Ample time has been made available for the important socialisation aspect of the event during tea and lunch breaks. Relaxation areas within the exhibition hall have been set aside for those who need an intimate place to meet, or simply to ‘chill out’. Internet facilities are available, both wi-fi and a dedicated internet café for those with the need to communicate with the ‘outside world’.

A highlight of the event is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, 26th June. A Gala Dinner will be held in the main auditorium of the ICC, with local entertainers providing the exciting backdrop to this glittering occasion.

The final day (Wednesday, 26th June) will start with a plenary address by the ICEC Technical Director, Adesh Jain, who has an impressive reputation for delivering thought-provoking talks. The wrap-up of the conference and closing ceremony will be conducted by the ICEC President, Murtala Oladapo, immediately before the ‘departure lunch’.

Most international delegates (other than those flying from Dubai on direct flights to Durban) will enter the country and depart through Johannesburg – a flight of approximately 1 hour. For those flying to some European and American destinations, it may be more practicable to enter / depart via Cape Town (a 2 hour flight from Durban). The mid-day closure should assist delegates in spending the least possible time in transit.

Alternatively, why not take some time off to discover the pleasures of this part of Africa, with its nearby game reserves, towering mountain resorts and sparkling beaches? Although the event is held during the South African Winter, Durban boasts 320 sunny days annually and pleasant outdoor conditions normally prevail at this time. Should you have any enquiries about the event or associated activities, or in order to book your attendance at this not-to be-missed event, visit the congress website at www.icec2012.org.za.

Robert Pearl
International Roundup News

ICEC Chair Report

My very best wishes to you all, your families and friends for a prosperous 2012.

Within the last year, I undertook visits to all ICEC Regions to participate in Regional meetings. This was to enable me to assemble and evaluate grassroots membership opinions on how ICEC is progressing, discuss and obtain further information for developing the ICEC strategic work/action plans for implementation along with the ICEC Executive and Directors in the Regions.

On the basis of the interest of ICEC members, programmes and projects have been generated and these provide a basis for the sustainability of ICEC. These include the establishment and concurrence of the focus points of the strategic plan, UN strategy, Central Product Classification (CPC) Scheme for recognition of QS/CE in the UN system, Regional Economic bodies and other leading international professional organisations.

Every two years, ICEC Congresses are hosted by member organisations. This year, the ICEC 8th World Congress is hosted by the ASAQS at International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa from 23rd to 27th June 2012. All indications confirm a carefully planned professional event. I encourage all member association presidents, delegates and members to participate in the congress. During the congress, the ICEC Council, the highest policy making body will meet to address issues for the development and the sustainability of the organisation and profession.

The 16th PAQS Congress hosted by PUJA takes place on 7th to 10th July 2012 at the Empire Hotel and Country Club in Brunei, Darussalam while the AACE International’s 56th Annual meeting will be held on July 8 to 11 2012 at Marriott Rivercenter Hotel, San Antonio, USA. ICEC Region 1 and 4 meeting are to be held during the two events, respectively.

The international congress at Durban, the Regional and local congresses and meetings provide a lot of opportunity to network, share and gain knowledge with peers in the profession. I encourage members to participate fully in the events.

The strength and knowledge of ICEC lay in member associations, the regions and regional partners (such as PAQS and AAQS) and individual members. The ICEC Executive seeks your support in putting in place an appropriate structures and systems as well as the recruitment and involvement of volunteers in ICEC activities. This will provide the platform for achieving ICEC’s full potential, greater visibility and adding value to its members and the entire Cost Management profession worldwide.

Murtala Oladapo
ICEC Chair
Welcome to the March 2012 ICEC International Roundup Newsletter. This newsletter is published twice a year in March and October. I would like to encourage all member associations and their individual members to contribute articles and other relevant information for each newsletter. It provides a good opportunity to promote congresses, seminars, forums, projects and other activities of your association.

ICEC Secretariat Moved to Sydney

The ICEC Secretariat has been hosted by the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS) since 2004. The AIQS has recently moved their headquarters from Canberra to Sydney. This is an exciting move for the AIQS that has also involved the appointment of a new CEO – Michael Manikas.

Accordingly the Secretariat address has moved to the AIQS Sydney headquarters. The new official ICEC Secretariat address and contact details are:

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The AIQS manage the ICEC accounts and other financial and legal matters. However the ICEC administration is undertaken by the ICEC Administrative Manager Ms. Anna Pappalardo from the Andrews Group.

Anna is based in Melbourne and all correspondence should be directed to Anna in the first instance. Her contact details are:

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8th ICEC World Congress

It is now only 3 months till the 8th ICEC World Congress in Durban, South Africa. The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), the Congress Organising Committee and the Professional Conference Organiser (Turners Conferences & Conventions) have been doing a tremendous job in preparing for the event to be held from 23-27 June 2012. The organisation and planning has been highly professional and augers well for a highly successful event.

A feature of the event will be keynote presentations for each of the four ICEC regions to provide perspectives on key issues relating to these regions. These presentations will be given by: Region 1 (The Americas) - Alexia Nalewaik, Region 2 (Europe & Near East) – Gianluca di Castri, Region 3 (Africa) –Agele Alufohai and Region 4 (Asia Pacific) – Mr. Teoh Wooi Sin. We are also very fortunate to have keynote presentations by the RICS Global President, Ong See Lian, and past IPMA President Adesh Jain.

2012 ICEC Council Meeting
24 June 2012

The 2012 ICEC Council Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 24 June 2012 at the International Convention Centre in Durban, South Africa. The meeting will be held from 9am-5pm. A pre-Council meeting will also be held the day before (Saturday 23 June 2012) for the ICEC Executive Officers and Regional Directors/Assistant Secretaries. The time frame for this meeting has been tentatively planned from 9am-12pm.

Launch of ICEC Discussion Forum on AACE Website

The ICEC Discussion Forum on the AACE website has now been launched.

Steve Revay, Immediate Past President of the Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International
(AACE) in the United States has initiated this forum. Steve is also the ICEC delegate for the AACE.

This is a very positive development and will help to raise awareness of ICEC amongst AACE individual members. The Discussion Forums on the AACE website are very extensive covering a large number of topics relevant to the cost engineering field. They are generally very active and well supported. ICEC members are able to join and participate in most of these forums.

The following provides instructions regarding access to the Forum:

1. Register for a forum account at www.aacei.org/forums then click “register” in the top right-hand corner

2. Send an e-mail to Christian Heller (cheller@aacei.org) requesting access to the ICEC forum.

Everyone who registers on that Forum will receive an email alert each time someone posts to the ICEC Forum. We expect that as people start to communicate they will learn more about the other associations that are ICEC members. As this private Forum will only be accessible to ICEC members it should be of great benefit to the ICEC membership.

LinkedIn – ICEC Discussion Forum

The other ICEC discussion forum available to ICEC members is the ‘LinkedIn’ ICEC discussion forum. This forum is now well established with over 250 members. It was formed and continues to be moderated by Professor Gianluca di Castri, President of the ICEC member association AICE (Italian Association of Cost Management). It is titled:

Total Cost Management – Project Controls - ICEC 2014

If you would like to become a member of this discussion forum please email Professor di Castri at gdc@ideaconsult.it

ACostE – New ICEC Accredited Program

The Association of Cost Engineers in the UK (ACostE) has recently received ICEC Accreditation of their new Tiered Accreditation program. This is in addition to the existing ICEC accreditation of their Certified Cost Engineer program. Details about the programs can be found on the ACostE website at: http://www.acoste.org.uk

Members are encouraged to submit their Certification and Continuing Professional Development programs for ICEC accreditation. ICEC accreditation provides international recognition of your program and also entitles members who have completed the relevant program to use the ICEC logo on their business cards and letterheads and ICEC post nominals.

Further details can be found on the ICEC website at: http://www.icoste.org/category/accreditation.

2012 ICEC Regional Meetings

ICEC Regional Meetings are held on an annual basis. The meetings for Region 1 and 4 will be as follows:

Region 1 (North & South America)
Region 1 Meeting in conjunction with the AACE International’s 56th Annual Meeting: 8-11 July 2012, San Antonio, TX, USA

Region 4 (Asia Pacific)
Region 4 Meeting in conjunction with the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) 16th Congress: 7-10 July 2012, Brunei Darussalam

The meetings for Region 2 (Europe & Near East) and Region 3 (Africa) are to be confirmed.

Peter Smith
ICEC Secretary General
8th ICEC World Congress
23 - 27 June 2012 in Durban, South Africa

INVITATION TO DURBAN

We are delighted that the International Cost Engineers Council decided to select South Africa as the host country for the 8th World Congress of Quantity Surveying. The Association of South African quantity surveyors will ensure that this congress lives up to the best traditions of previous congresses, incorporating an interesting and topical scientific program, fascinating accompanying persons tours and an excellent social program, allowing delegates the opportunity to network with their overseas colleagues.

South Africa is a magnificent and beautiful country, and offers attractions unknown for money. Their pre and post congress tours will be a major attraction for delegates to come to South Africa. Durban, in Kwazulu Natal, is a vibrant multi-cultural city with magnificent beaches, easily accessible game parks, theme villages and a moderate winter climate making it an ideal tourist destination.

We urge our colleagues throughout the world to use this opportunity to get a glimpse of the continent’s rich and fascinating wonders and to enjoy the hospitality of their African Islands.

We look forward to welcoming you in Durban in 2012 and will provide more detailed information on the official website as our planning develops further.

Your sincerely,

Bob Powell
Congress Director ICEC 2012

www.icec2012.org.za

ASAZAS

The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAZAS) was inaugurated in 1908 and recently celebrated its centenary year. The ASAZAS is formed to achieve and maintain the following goals and aims for the profession and to:

- Advance and promote the science and practice of the quantity surveying, cost engineering and project management professions and cognate matters
- Uphold the dignity of these professions
- Watch over, promote and protect the interest of its members
- Afford opportunity for the interchange and recording of the body of knowledge and experience of those professions
- Promote the highest standards of professional competence and integrity

From its earliest beginnings, ASAZAS has grown to include professionals from every sector of the construction industry, from private practice, government and quasi-government to construction companies.

The ASAZAS, like other professional associations, provides a platform to discuss current trends and developments and to network with other professionals.

The ASAZAS will be the hosts for the ICEC World Congress 2012 in Durban and we look forward to extending our warmest South African hospitality to all participants.

Academic Programme

The Academic Programme will take place over two and a half days and will highlight the latest advances in:

- Quantity Surveying
- Cost Engineering
- Project Management

Professional speakers from around the world will address the meetings on relevant topics that will provide exceptional content for all participants.

South Africa

GETTING THERE: There are numerous direct flights from all parts of the world to South Africa and Durban boasts the brand new King Shaka International Airport.

Durban, South Africa’s warmest place has much to offer the visitor to the country. The city has beautiful beaches, parks and gardens, museums, theatres, excellent sports facilities and world-class shopping malls. Modern hotels are located in close proximity to the International Convention Centre and a superb airport and land infrastructure exists.

A variety of organized tours will allow visitors to view our rich and diverse cultural, historical, geographical and natural attractions. Outstanding wildlife game reserves, mountains and amazing world heritage sites are within easy reach of the city centre.

The accompanying person’s programme will provide exciting activities and excursions. You and your companion will be given a taste of Africa’s warm and wonderful hospitality.

Register Your Interest

Yes, please keep me informed by placing my name on the mailing list.

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Name

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or email to info@icec2012.org.za

This form is also available online

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The ICEC Council meeting will be held in conjunction with the ICEC 8th World Congress being held from 23-27 June 2012 at the same venue in Durban, South Africa. Further details including the preliminary program can be obtained from the Congress website at: www.icec2012.org.za

It is very important that all ICEC members be represented in the ICEC Council meeting.

The full Council meets only once every two years and it is at this meeting that major decisions are made for the coming two year period. The agenda for the meeting will include written reports from member associations. It would be greatly appreciated if member associations could email their reports to the ICEC Secretariat (secretariat@icoste.org) by 31 May 2012 so that they can be included in the formal Agenda Book.

Congress Programme at a glance

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Mr See Lian Ong KMN, BSc (Hons), PPRISM, FRISM, FRICS, ICECA, RICS Global President (2011 – 2012)

See Lian Ong was inaugurated as the 130th President of RICS on 4th July 2011. His inauguration is a historic event as he is the first non-British passport holding President in the 143 year history of RICS. Prior to his election as President he has served in the International Governing Council as Vice-President and President-Elect. He has also served as Chair of RICS Asia World Regional Board for over 5 years (July 2005 – November 2010).

See Lian has an illustrious career spanning more than 38 years in both the public and private sectors of the construction industry. He has recently retired as Executive Director / Partner of Davis Langdon & Seah (Malaysia) Pte. Ltd. and Managing Director of DLS Management (Malaysia) Pte. Ltd. He is an active board member of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) and he had served as Chairman of PAQS from 2003 to 2005. He is also a Past President of the Royal Institution of Surveyors Malaysia, RISM (2003 - 2004). He is a Fellow member RICS and RISM, a Registered Quantity Surveyor with the Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia and an Accredited Mediator with the Construction Industry Development Board Malaysia (CIDB).

See Lian is a much sought after speaker and he has presented numerous papers at various international conferences around the world. In recognition of his vast contributions to the profession and the property and construction industry, he was awarded the KMN (2003) by the King of Malaysia, PAQS Medal (2007), “Malaysian Surveyor of the Year” Award (2008), ICEC Award of Appreciation (2008), and the Construction Industry’s“Prominent Player of the Year” Award (2011). His keynote address is titled:

**RESPONDING TO CHALLENGES - The need for professional standards**

Land, property and the built environment are fundamental to the world around us. Global economic and political realignment, technological innovation, corporate influence, ever more complex regulation coupled with growing social, ecological and cultural consciousness among peoples are some of the major trends which are having a greater effect than ever before on land use, construction, and subsequent the ownership and occupation of real estate.

How these trends will affect the advice needed from property and construction professionals and how can they adapt their skills and services to tackle the challenges and opportunities of a changing world are critical challenges confronting the professionals. However more than ever, especially after the financial tsunami, countries across the world including the developed and emerging countries, need professional standards and integrity. Amidst these challenges professionals and professional organisations must seize the opportunity to uphold professional standards and best practices to remain relevant and effective.

Mr Adesh Jain

Adesh Jain is a visionary shaping the project management profession globally. He is well known thought leader. Recently, he presented a paper at the NASA PM Challenge 2012 in Orlando, USA.

He is Chairman of International Institute of Projects and Program Management (I2P2M). I2P2M is setting up a new benchmark in executive education. Adesh is an avid golfer and lives in Delhi. He is married with two children. His keynote topic is:

**Improving Coefficient of Harmony (CoH) by aligning stakeholders**

Projects are undertaken to build the future. Future is not known hence probability of not meeting the totality scope exists.

The main challenge amongst the practicing managers is to maximize the probability of success. This can be achieved if we enhance the Coefficient of Harmony (CoH). CoH is inversely proportional to conflict between various stakeholders and a project and amongst stakeholders.

The presentation will deal with the strategies of improving CoH by aligning stakeholders on 14 major strategic interventions.

Ms Alexia Nalewaik

Region 1

Alexia is owner of QS Requin Corporation, with over 20 years of experience in cost engineering. Her voluntary and professional roles outside her own business encompass positions with RICS Americas, ACE International, and ICEC. She is a fellow of both AACE and RICS, and a Certified Cost Engineer. Alexia regularly presents papers on the international project management and cost engineering conference circuits, and her first book will be forthcoming in 2013.

Her keynote topic will be:

**Intersection and Divergence in CE, QS, and PM: Competencies, Qualifications, and Professional Recognition**

Understanding the role of the CE, QS, and PM on projects can assist professional associations in serving their members, students in choosing a career path, and organizations in marketing their services. The paper also draws attention to needed curriculum at university level and continuing education for practitioners, thus maximizing career opportunities for this skilled population.
Gianluca di Castri (1947), Chartered Mechanical Engineer (1972), Master in Business Administration (Bocconi, 1979), Certified Cost Engineer (EIE / ICEC A, 1992) has a wide professional experience in Total Cost Management as well as in Project Management and Controls for Engineering and Construction Projects, achieved as project manager, member of the general management team and then director of international Engineering and Construction Companies.

In recent years, Gianluca’s consulting activity has been mainly relevant to Cost Management, Project Management and Controls, Contract and Claim Management; furthermore he is lecturing in the said disciplines at Bocconi University in Milano as well as at LUISS University in Roma. He is author of more than 50 papers as well as of two books: “Project Management per l’Edilizia (2009)” and “Lineamenti di Ingegneria Economica (1999)”.

In 2005 he was elected President of the AICE (Italian Association for Cost Engineering), after having been a member of the Directive Board of the AICE as well as ICEC Delegate for more than 10 years.

Gianluca was re-elected in 2008 and his term expired at the end of 2011 and he now continues to serve ICEC as a Delegate in charge of the international affairs of the association as well as for some assignments within ICEC.

Mr. Agele Alufohai
President,
Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors,
Region 3

Agele J. Alufohai is a fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyor or United Kingdom and Ireland. He is a graduate of Yaba College of Technology, he has a Post Graduate Diploma in Project Management from the College of Estate Management, University of Reading U.K

Agele attended the Masterclass Program in Management at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He has a Masters Degree in Project Management from the University of Lagos. Agele retired in 1997, after spending almost two decades in G.Cappa Pic, a foremost construction company.

His topic for the Congress will be:

Doing Business In Africa: Problems and Prospects of Infrastructure Policy.

Since retirement, Agele has co-authored a number of text books, including:

1) Installation and Measurement of Electrical Works in Building (1997)
4) Building and Engineering Price Book (periodicals).

Mr Alufohai is the 21st President of the Nigerian Institute of Quantity Surveyors and the immediate past Vice President of Quantity Surveyors Registration Board of Nigeria.

He is also the Managing Partner of Costec Consultants.

Mr Teoh Wooi Sin
Region 4

Mr Teoh Wooi Sin is currently an Executive Director in Davis Langdon & Seah Singapore Pte Ltd. He has close to 25 years of experience in the construction industry and has completed a wide range and variety of projects in both the quantity surveying and project management fields.

He is currently the Project Director for the S$700 million Ng Teng Fong General Hospital Project. Before his current appointment in DLS, he was the Principal Project Control Manager in CPG Consultants Pte Ltd and was involved in project controls and project management of various mega sized projects including the SGD 2 billion Changi Water Reclamation Plant project.

Before that, he was with the Public Works Department of Singapore where he had acquired a very unique and widespread experience in the fields of quantity surveying, building controls, legislative controls on building maintenance and management of strata titled developments, land use planning, and development control.

He has a BSc in Buildings and an MSc in Project Management from the National University of Singapore. He is the current President of the QS Division of Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV). He is also the immediate past Chairman of Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors (PAQS) and the Director of International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) Region 4.

He is an Adjudicator for Security of Payment Act and a member of Singapore Institute of Arbitration. He sits in the Singapore Institute of Architects Expert Determination Panel and Expert Witness Panel. He also sits in the SISV Expert Witness Panel.

His keynote topic will be:

Alternative Dispute Resolutions and Expert Determinations

Alternative Dispute Resolution Methods such as Mediation, Neutral Evaluation, Expert Determination, Adjudication and Arbitration have been gaining ground against Litigation in settling disputes in construction industries in the Asia Pacific Region.

The inclusion of Mediation and Arbitration in the standard conditions of contract in this region as alternative dispute resolution methods has existed for many years. Recently, the Singapore Institute of Architects introduced Expert Determination as yet another dispute resolution method in their standard Conditions of Contract for construction works.

This paper traces the trend in alternative dispute resolutions in the Asia Pacific region and explains in detail the scheme of expert determination recently introduced by the Singapore Institute of Architects.
It is said that in life an important quality is to attend important events. So it is with professional associations that we attend local, regional and national meetings. I attended my first ICEC meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico in 1996 and although Murtala was not there I saw him at all meetings I attended since then. I was always impressed with his ability to attend the far flung ICEC meetings we have had around the globe. It is a tribute to his commitment because he supports these activities from his own company.

Much has been written about Murtala in the ICEC publications. Some of the highlights include higher education in Nigeria and England. He has had a challenging business providing project management services in Nigeria while contributing to the local and national professional development. He is a regular presenter at workshops and conferences on project and cost management. He has six professional memberships, two fellowships (Nigeria and ICEC) and a number of professional qualifications.

He has held national and international positions with associations such as NIQS, ICEC, the UN and FIG. He has been involved in Human Settlement matters for both the UN and FIG. He has been a member of the ICEC executive since June 2000. In this work he has received national and international awards for contributions to project and cost management. It was an honor for me to present to Murtala the ICEC Chairs Special Recognition Certificate at the ICEC meeting in Rotterdam in 1998.

I was also endeared with his engaging and friendly manner with myself and all of the ICEC delegates. His hearty laugh could always put a group at ease.

As we all plan to travel to Durban for the next meeting I want to congratulate Murtala on his term as Chair of ICEC. It has been a term of successful and positive development for the organization. Some of the main achievements during his term include: development of the ICEC strategic plan to help ICEC become more relevant and of greater value to member associations, further development of ICEC’s United Nations strategy to build on its recognition as an NGO with roster consultative status with ECOSOC, collaboration with the RICS, AACE and PAQS on the development of a CPC (Central Product Classification) of the World Trade Organisation /UN-ECOSOC for QS/CE and the development of an ISO cost management standard, development of plans for a CE/CM Certification program and commencement of an initiative to gain recognition/registration of the QS/CE in the European Union.

I can speak from personal experience that coordinating such a diverse and far flung group can be a challenge.

Murtala very kindest regards and I look forward to seeing you in Durban.
ACostE Accreditation Process

The ACostE Tiered Accreditation journey started with the recognition that not all of our community have an engineering background; this led us to believe we need some sort of accreditation framework against which practitioners can develop and accredit their skills.

It was also recognised that our profession is made up of an amalgam of at least three professions, and probably more e.g. there is an element of financial management in the role.

The diagram below shows how initial direct entry can be at the most suitable level and Professional status can be gained progressively from there, by undertaking bridging requirements, as experience is gained.

The framework also accommodates the engineers with suitable background to achieve professional status through ACostE affiliations with the Engineering Council or ICEC (International Cost Engineering Council).

After attaining the appropriate professional level, there is subsequent programme of Continued Professional Development (CPD), which is a matter of maintaining an annual record of Professional experience and development.

ACostE Tiered Accreditation

Tiered Accreditation is a Professional Status framework for Project Control, Estimating, Planning and Cost Engineering practitioners.

The framework is based on the National Occupational standards created for the UK under the sponsorship of the UK’s Qualification Authority to underpin the Qualification Credit Framework Diplomas for Project Controllers, Cost Engineers and Analysts, Estimators, Planning Engineers, Contract & Commercial Support Personnel.

The ACostE framework also maps into the UK’s Engineering Council Requirements for Chartered Engineer, Incorporated Engineer and Engineering Technician, but is adapted to reflect the skills used in the above disciplines.

The Framework Allows practitioners from all academic and non-academic backgrounds to register and progress through the professional levels of Enrolled Registered Incorporated and Certified Professional, all mapped back to the Engineering Council requirements. This enables the ACostE to demonstrate equivalence to those requirements, with the Certified Professional having equivalence to the Chartered status and Enrolled status to the Engineering Technician.

Overall this novel approach enables the above group of disciplines, who could never meet the requirements of the main professional bodies for engineering work experience, to demonstrate their professional level in their own practice skills. The process is heavily dependant on what a person has done and supporting evidence.

Candidates are expected to complete a number of units of assessment to get to their target level, under guidance of an assessor from ACostE’s assessment Centre TASC. The higher levels of Incorporated and Certified Professional require Professional Interviews before award.

As part of this programme ACostE is also introducing College Course Accreditation and Company Skills frameworks and development Accreditation. One company is currently undergoing Company Accreditation of its skills framework.
How to make best use of AACE’s Discussion Forums
by Christian Heller

www.aacei.org/forums

AACE’s forums are online learning communities accessible to both AACE members and the general public. In addition to detailed and sometimes lively technical discussions related to all areas of cost engineering, these web-based discussion tools also facilitate internal communications within various AACE boards and task forces. They are organized by topical area. The General, Technical Committee, and Special Interest Group areas are public forums open to all; while the Boards and Specialty areas are private forums with restricted access to facilitate the working of the Association.

The forums are designed to encourage user participation through posting questions and discussing topics, and they provide a great means for networking and professional development.

“In today’s fast paced business world, internal and external customers demand quick and exacting answers to technically challenging questions. I have found AACE’s forums to be a valuable resource for posing questions, having my peers technically challenge my thinking, and expanding my horizons as a cost engineer by following issue threads of problems and suggested solutions by subject matter experts. All in a matter of hours, if not minutes, you can be assured to receive multiple quality answers to your ‘Gordian Knot’ problem through AACE’s forums. Of the half-dozen technical web sites I frequent, AACE’s technical discussion forums is at the top of ‘must use’ resources.” – Donald McDonald, Executive Director, Fluor Enterprises, Inc.

In order to use the AACE International Forums, you must register. This is as simple as visiting www.aacei.org/forums and clicking on “Register” in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

After you have registered, it is recommended that you edit your profile so that you get e-mail alerts of new forum messages in your areas of interest. Under “E-mail Notification” select those item(s) for which you wish to receive an automatic e-mail message from this discussion board. It is also recommended that under “Additional E-mail Notification Settings” you have “My own posts” and “Replies to my posts” checked, and “Send e-mail notification as HTML text rather than plain text” unchecked.

Be sure to save your profile changes after you are finished editing…

“I like the forums because it is easy to find information and it keeps the communication thread clear. I like the notification feature best because it tells me when there is something of interest posted. I couldn’t perform my duties without the forums.” – Jim Whiteside, Benchmarking Team Supervisor, ConocoPhillips.

If you are concerned about getting too much mail directly to your inbox, you can in most cases configure your software to automatically route forum messages into dedicated folders through the use of filters, and in this way keep your e-mail organized nicely.
The Dollar Sign - Ken Humphreys

Bohemia
British North Born
Canada
Cook Islands
Germany
Hong Kong
Liberia
Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Slovenia
Spain
Strait Settlements
Surinam
Switzerland

These countries, and others, use or have used the symbol to denote their currency:
Azores (when a Portuguese colony)
Malaysia
Mexico
Mozambique (when a Portuguese colony)
Portugal (in the early 1900’s)
Tonga
Uruguay

As can be seen, the $ and the word "dollar" are clearly widely used throughout the world and the symbol was indeed appropriate for multiple use in the ICEC logo to reflect this fact.
--- Kenneth Humphreys, PE CCE DIF

This article is based in great part on “The Dollar Sign” by Gene Hessler, Numismatist,

ACostE Conference 2011 - ‘50 years of Cost Engineering and Beyond
Report by Dr John A. Erkoyuncu and Mohamed Badawy

The 2011 Annual Conference of the Association of Cost Engineers was held in November at the Ricoh Stadium in Coventry. With over 80 attendees, the Conference provided a meaningful opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ACostE.

Attendees from the USA, Australia, Finland, Russia, and Hong Kong, among others, fostered an international presence. The Conference ran over two days; the initial day included a number of presentations and the second day focused on workshops. The wide range of industries represented at the Conference made the event highly memorable.

DAY ONE
The Conference was opened by ACostE President, Alan Barltrop. In his address he briefly presented ACostE’s history, while reflecting that the ACostE is the only professional body in the UK for cost engineering and it runs through voluntary work. He emphasised that, with over 1,800 members, the Association holds an important responsibility to promote cost engineering and to offer a means to develop individuals.

His presentation was followed by the Prestige Lecture by Tim Banfield from the National Audit Office.
The presentation was titled ‘Estimating and Decision Makers – a Marriage Made in Heaven?’ In his presentation Tim Banfield highlighted a number of success factors that influence project delivery.

He emphasised the importance of taking account of optimistic behaviour with cost and schedule estimation.

Next, Martin Rhodes from Rolls-Royce presented an overview of the results captured from the ACostE survey that attracted 303 responses. It was highlighted that the survey was developed by the Company Members Committee and the results would feed into improving ACostE’s strategy in delivering value to its members.

Galina Fadeeva, from the Siberian Cost Estimating Centre in Construction, Industry and Power Industry, presented ‘Formation of Cost Normative Base’. She included norms for the electrical power sector in Russia, which covered the cost estimation of repairs. The norms were approved and the Approval Certificate, by ACostE, was handed to Galina.

Brian Glauser, from Galorath, presented ‘More Successful Projects on Schedule and Costs’. In his presentation he referred to the importance of adopting repeatable estimation processes. His presentation also highlighted the benefits of quantifying affordability requirements in planning and executing projects.

The purpose of his presentation was to discuss the application and use of life-cycle cost forecasting from an early conceptual stage to the disposal stage, using examples from NATO. He recommended life-cycle analysis to offer improved decision-making.

Graham Gilmer, from Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., presented ‘Integrated Cost and Schedule Risk Analysis’. He highlighted that cost, schedule and risk activities are not usually analysed in an integrated manner, which causes tangible consequences.

Arthur Griffiths, from SCAF, presented ‘Life Cycle Cost Forecasting for International Defence Programmes’.

He finished by giving some valuable advice to companies regarding estimators’ training and proprietary software choice. Ken Phillips, from Halef Partnership, presented ‘Project Control and Schedule Maturity in Project Delivery’. He emphasised the importance of scope in project control where the focus has traditionally been on cost, time and quality.

ACostE President - Alan Barltrop (left), being presented with a certificate of recognition for 50 years of promoting excellence in cost engineering, by Murtala Oladapo, Chairman of the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC)
Track Two

A number of presentations were covered in Track Two. Martin van Vliet, from the Dutch Association of Cost Engineers, presented ‘DACE Labour Norms – the new Gulf Coast?’ He highlighted that DACE had achieved reduction of misunderstandings and disputes between clients and suppliers by creating a common understanding of practices and standards for labour in the construction industry. Chin Ying Wong, from Davis Langdon & Seah Hong Kong, presented ‘Project Tendering – The Chinese Way’. Martin included background information about China and its history in cost engineering. He then provided an insight into the tendering and bidding system in China. He also shed light onto the opportunities that are arising in the Chinese market.

Nigel Hibberd, from the ACostE, presented ‘A Tiered Approach to Professional Accreditation’.

He provided background information on the tiered accreditation process in ACostE and how it works.

John Ward, from TASCI, presented ‘NVQs are dead! So what are QCF Diplomas in Project Control?’ He explained the changes in the NVQ, which resulted in the introduction of the QCF. John emphasised the potential that the QCF offers for development of industrials in project control.

Lucy Bolton, from Leeds University, presented ‘The Role of the Cost Engineer during the Early Stages of Design within the Aerospace Industry: an Organisational Behaviour Perspective’. She discussed the social-technical systems theory within the context of organisational change. Lucy also talked about the issues that cost engineers face.

Stuart Jinks, from Southampton University, presented ‘Integration Supply Chain Simulation, Component Geometry and Unit Cost’. He demonstrated a framework that combines a dynamic, discrete, event-simulation capability with component geometry.

At the Conference Dinner a number of awards were presented. For their published articles in Project Control Professional, the ACostE journal, the John Christensen Award went to Julie Cheung and Stuart Jinks.

For his article published in Project Control Professional the Tony Jarvis Award went to Peter Ho.

In recognition of his dedication to the development of the Accreditation Programme, the Pates Prize went to Nigel Hibberd.

The prestigious Terry Bishop Award went to David Parr from Waters Corporation (Micromass, UK) for his continuous contributions to cost engineering (see article on page 10).

DAY TWO

The second day of the Conference included a number of workshops.

Track One

In Track One, Alan Jones, from BAE Systems, conducted a workshop titled ‘Project Team Sizing and Cost Forecasting using Norden-Rayleigh Curves’.

Kate Boothroyd, from KB Risk Consulting, shifted the discussion onto risk assessment, while presenting a number of approaches to qualitatively assessing risk.
Phil Robbins, from the University of Birmingham, held a workshop on Communication.

Track Two
In the second track, Richard Geer, from Jaguar Land Rover, delivered a workshop titled ‘Rate Development in the Context of “Should Cost” within the Automotive Supply Chain’.

Dave Lewis, from Astrium Satellites UK, on behalf of the EACE, discussed how the supply chain estimates costs and made associated suggestions.

James Fielder, from BMT Hi-Q Sigma, on behalf of SCAF, discussed how enterprise architecture can be used to support and underpin strategic investment.

The Conference was supported by trade stands from: aPriori, ARES Corporation, Cranfield University, Dutton Simulation, Galorath Inter-national, PRICE Systems Limited, The IET/ACostE Project Controls Network, ACostE, and TASC. Experts from all these organisations were able to demonstrate or shed light on cost engineering and its problems.

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Ayubowan (Welcome) to the Pearl of the Indian Ocean!

The 15th PAQS Congress incorporating the ICEC Region 4 Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 22 to 27 July 2011, hosted by the Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL) at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo with the congress theme “Cost management in a world emerging from adversity”.

The PAQS Board Meeting was held on 24th July 2011. This year, we witnessed handing over of the PAQS Chairmanship from Mr Teoh Wooi Sin of the Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV) to Mr Gordon Cairney of the New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors (NZIQS). It was a splendid occasion for all fellow professional members of the Pacific Association of Quantity Surveyors meeting for a time of networking and fellowship. Following the Board meeting, its members were led to a heart warming session of souvenirs exchange and photo taking.

The 15th PAQS Congress was officially opened on 25th July 2011 by Mr Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development, Sri Lanka, representing His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka who extended his apologies for his inability to be present. Mr Patali Champika Ranawaka, Minister of Power and Energy and Mr Gitanjana Gunawardena, Minister of Finance and Planning also graced the opening ceremony.

The topics encapsulated under the conference theme included Cost Planning and Control, Contract and Procurement Strategies, Global Challenges in Construction, Crisis Management, Project Financing and Risk Management, Best Practices, Quality and Productivity as well as Knowledge, Learning and Innovative Management.

We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr Goh Ngan Hong of SISV who was presented with the Distinguished International Fellowship (DIF) Award by ICEC in recognition of his contribution to the profession of quantity surveying and cost engineering. We would also like to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr Eugene Seah of SISV and Dr Leung Mei Yung of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) who were presented the PAQS Academic Excellence Award in recognition of their outstanding excellence in academic and research performance that had application and benefits transcending national boundaries.

Being a debut for the Institute of Quantity Surveyors Sri Lanka (IQSSL) playing host for this event, IQSSL showcased one of the best and most successful PAQS congresses ever organised. With the diverse activities lined up throughout our stay in Sri Lanka, all of us in the PAQS family had a whale of a time, not forgetting the warm hospitality and friendship extended to us.

Last but not least, we would like to congratulate IQSSL, in particular Professor Chitra Weddikkara, the President of IQSSL and Mr Hemantha Aponso, the Organising Chairman for a remarkable 15th PAQS Congress that must go down as a significant event in the PAQS history.
Pertubuhan Ukur Jurutera dan Arkitek, Brunei, Surveyor Division is honoured to be hosting PAQS 2012 conference in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei on 7th July to 10th July 2012.

PAQS, through its member organizations and individual memberships, strives to provide better services to their customers who run across various industries and countries by setting standards for best practices and maintaining superior performances.

PAQS, therefore, promotes product and service innovations that focus on the use of technologies, methodologies and systems efficiently, effectively and economically.

The theme INNOVATING AND SUSTAINING: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES has been selected in this conference to provide an excellent platform for the PAQS practitioners and other stakeholders to present, to discuss, to share and get up to date with the best practices and the latest trends in the profession. It will also be an opportune time to look at the QS profession as a whole in a critical manner and look into ways of overcoming challenges and increasing demands including awareness on the need to expand our capacities to take up the opportunities that will come with all these challenges."

Visit the PAQS 2012 web site at http://www.paqs2012.com to register attendance or to submit abstracts for presentation at the Congress.
Previously headquartered in Canberra, the AIQS now has a brand new home in the heart of Sydney.

A fantastic looking office space, the new premises reflects a fresh new direction for AIQS.

One month on and with inspiration on the walls, the new CEO Michael Manikas and staff have now settled in nicely.

The crew held their official launch party at Bar 100 in Sydney on Friday 17th February, where members celebrated the beginning of a new era for the Institute.

Further information about the new location can be found at www.aiqs.com.au

**INDIA - 19th Global Symposium 2011 - Festival of Thinkers and Doers**

The historic three-day 19th Global Symposium with the theme “Festival of Thinkers and Doers” began in New Delhi on 5th December 2011. The Symposium was inaugurated by Dr. Nitish Sengupta, Chairman, Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) - With the Status of Union Minister of State (GOI), and a well known management expert. He also gave a talk on ‘Metamorphosis: turnaround stories of Central Public Sector Enterprises’.

World-class Speakers shared their knowledge and experiences with the 500+ participants of the Symposium. All the sessions generated a great deal of interest with many questions and comments, thanks to the enthusiastic participants.

Dr. G S Krishnan, Program Executive, Office of Chief Engineer, NASA, gave the Special Invited Address. He shared his expertise in managing projects and programs and spoke on the topic ‘Capture and implementation of lessons learnt’.

The three-day event covered a wide range of topics from sound project management practices through presentation of Case Studies and Panel Discussions, which received active participation from the delegates through the Q&As. ‘Evolving Integrated Energy Resource Plan’, ‘IPMA Project Excellence Award Winners 2011 – the best projects globally’, ‘Assessment tool for PM Knowledge Quotient (PMKQ)TM’, ‘Education, Qualification & Competencies’ were some of the Panel discussions that were covered in the Symposium.

The highlight of the GS 2011 was the very much appreciated Special Address by the Former President of India and Eminent Scientist, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, on 7th December 2011. His address was attended by more than 600 people, which included special invitees. His address received an overwhelming response amongst all the participants.

A set of seven books on Project Management, published by ‘CEPM Publications’ was released by Dr. Kalam.
India

**NASA's PM Challenge 2012**

Adesh Jain, Honorary President of PMA, India spoke on 'Awakening project consciousness through stakeholders buy in' on February 22, 2012 at Orlando, USA. His main theme of the talk was summarized as below:-

Projects are undertaken to build future. As future is not an extension of the past, we must take decisions consciously as part of the strategic map without letting the past haunting us. Too much dependence on ‘engraved or past memories’ impacts our ability to be innovative in evolving and following innovative strategies. ‘People’ are at the center stage of innovative strategies.

Projects are managed by ‘people’. People have consciousness. It is therefore, a logical extension that projects have consciousness. The challenge is to formulate the strategy to awaken project consciousness.

The most effective way of awakening project consciousness is to maximize the buying in of various stakeholders of a project / program. The correlation between various stakeholders (n in number) and the undertaking of a project in a two dimensional plane can be calculated as $S_1 \times P \cos (\Theta_1)$ where $\Theta$ represents the degree of conflict. $\Theta$ angle increases with increase in conflicts. Second type of conflict exists amongst the Stakeholders ($S$) which can be calculated as $S_1 \times S_2 \cos (\Phi_1, 2)$. The correlation can be carried out for ‘n’ stakeholders. The sum of the totality of two types of correlation between stakeholders and stakeholders and a project determines the ‘Coefficient of Harmony’.

In his paper, he laid emphasis that the ‘Coefficient of Harmony’ is inversely proportional to two types of conflicts.

**USA - AACE International**

**Save the date...**

AACE’s 56th Annual Meeting
A Fiesta for Total Cost Management

at the
Marriott Rivercenter Hotel
San Antonio, TX, USA

Sunday, July 8, 2012
thru
Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Don’t miss out on this excellent opportunity to network with your peers, earn CEUs/PDHs and attend the latest papers on cost, schedule and management at AACE’s 56th Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, USA.

For information about the Schedule of Events, please

http://www.aacei.org/am/currentAM/schedule.shtml

**First International Total Cost Management Conference**

AACE International has announced that the first International Total Cost Management Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dubai and Galleria Dubai, UAE on November 14-15, 2012.

For any more information, visit the AACE International website www.aacei.org
The AICE continues to work on the preliminary actions that are needed to meet the organization requirements for the ICEC World Congress in Milano, October 2014.

We are currently conducting research to determine the costings for potential venues in which to hold the Congress and anticipate that more in-depth planning will take place after this year’s Congress in Durban.

A call for papers will be made at Durban and we will also provide a detailed proposal on the proposed 2014 Congress location, activities and a preliminary calendar and a proposal for title and congress topics.

A section dedicated to the congress shall be active on AICE website by the end of March, 2012 while a website dedicated to the congress shall be created in 2013.

Gianluca di Castri
AICE - Past President & ICEC Delegate

The group on LinkedIn called TOTAL COST MANAGEMENT - PROJECT CONTROLS - ICEC 2014 has been set up by Gianluca di Castri, immediate past president and delegate of the Italian association AICE, in October 2010, with the aim of opening a discussion on issues related to project management and project controls, in order to be prepared on this topic for the ICEC world Congress, which will be held in Milan, in October 2014.

Today the group has 249 members from many nationalities, including many members of ICEC associations as well other professionals and interested persons.

What emerges so far is not so much a clarification of the difference between project management and project controls, as the awareness that the total cost management (ingegneria economica; ingeniera economica, financiera y de costos) covers a wider field. In fact about half the profession, and the related body of knowledge, refers to the management of capital goods and the management of the life cycle of investments from the point of view of the owner.

It follows from this that the center of the TCM is investment decisions, rather than the management and control of projects. This is in reference only to continental Europe.

Gianluca di Castri
International Roundup News

**Project Management International Standards**

ISO 21.500  Paris, France

A gathering of international Project Management Professionals took place in Paris at the office of AFNOR - Association Française de Normalization.

This was the final meeting of Project Committee PC-236 effectively achieving the official International Project Management Standard known as ISO 21.500.

ICEC Region 1 Director Professor Angelo Valle represented the Brazilian Association of Standards.

**PMG - Greece**

IPMA annually awards the most successful project teams, young researchers and project managers. The purpose of these awards is to recognise both the work done in projects and stimulating continuous improvement by project teams, researchers and new project managers.

The next (2012) International Award of Excellence at (IPMA Project Excellence Award) will be awarded the 26th IPMA World Congress in Greece. This is a prestigious event and an opportunity for improvement and sharing experiences for companies to implement and manage projects.

For more information and details visit the website. http://ipma.ch/events/26th-ipma-congress/

**Rome 6 - 10 May 2012**

FIG Working Week, to be held 6–10 May brings Surveyors, Quantity Surveyors, project managers and Cost Engineers from around the globe to Rome to discuss issues affecting the profession.

The theme, ‘Knowing to manage the territory, protect the environment and evaluate the cultural heritage’, will open with a ceremony held at the Parco della Musica, followed by a concert.

Three plenary sessions will address three main sub-themes, being:

- Managing Territory;
- Protecting the Environment; and
- Evaluating the Cultural Heritage from Surveyors’ perspective.

And link them to the latest technological industry developments, including land administration, land tenure, geospatial information, urbanisation and sustainable cities and how they relate to cultural heritage.

In addition, the First FIG Young Surveyors Conference will be held as part of the Working Week 4-5 May 2012.

For more information, visit the web site http://www.fig.net/fig2012/index.htm
ICEC’s International Network

Founded in 1976, the International Cost Engineering Council (ICEC) is a not for profit organisation that promotes cooperation between national and multinational cost engineering, quantity surveying and project management organisations around the globe.

ICEC member organisations or “societies” are located in more than 40 countries, and have chapters or sections in other countries. Collectively, ICEC members total 120,000 in more than 120 different nations.

Delegates from each member society attend regular meetings where subjects of common interests are discussed and explored. Each member society has one vote on the Council.

International Framework

ICEC is a global group of cost engineering, quantity surveying and project management societies which acts to promote worldwide exchange of project cost management information and experiences. The organisation is divided into geographical regions, namely:

Region 1 North and South America;
Region 2 Europe and the Near East;
Region 3 Africa; and
Region 4 Asia Pacific.

A Region Director is appointed to oversee ICEC’s activities within each region. Through our regional structure, and as an organisation as a whole, ICEC endeavours to:

- Encourage the conduct of regional and worldwide congresses, meetings, forums, and seminars;
- Promote co-operative research and technical activities among the member societies;
- Promote development of standards for accreditation and recognition of cost engineering (CE), quantity surveying (QS) and project management certification programs offered by the member societies;
- Encourage national and international networking among the members of all ICEC societies; and
- Develop international standards for terminology in CE, QS and project management of regional and worldwide congresses, meetings, forums, and seminars;
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- Develop international standards for terminology in CE, QS and project management.

ICEC’s Accredited Certification & CPD Program

ICEC Member Associations may seek ICEC accreditation of Cost Engineering, Quantity Surveying, and Project Management certification and continuing professional development programs (CPD), provided that these programs meet ICEC’s standards for recognition.

People qualified under any of these accredited programs are entitled to use the International Cost Engineering Council name and logo and the post-nominals ICECA to designate their achievement.

In order to obtain ICEC accreditation for Project Management programs, the applicant organization must demonstrate that their programs fully meet the standards adopted by the International Project Management Association (IPMA).

For further details please refer to the ICEC website at:

http://www.icoste.org/accred.htm

ICEC Member associations desiring accreditation of certification and continuing professional development programs may apply on-line. Member association should address any questions to Peter Smith, ICEC Secretary-General.

ICEC member associations are invited to submit contributions to the next issue of the International Roundup News.

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