

NOVEMBER CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

In this month's issue we are pleased to announce details of our November conference, which is being co-organised with the Hong Kong Institute of Facility Managers. The conference is to be held on Wednesday 24th November at the American Club, overlooking the beautiful inlet at Tai Tam. Further details regarding the conference and the special transport arrangements are included within this newsletter.

We have lined up a great range of speakers from Australia, China, UK and Hong Kong and as with all our previous conferences, tickets will go fast, so be sure to register early! Watch your e-mail box or our website for registration details.

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NEW CHAPTER ADMINISTRATOR

After serving the Chapter for the past couple of years, Serine Li has recently handed over the Chapter's Administration duties to Annabel Ng. Annabel can be contacted at 2888 6345 or via e-mail to annabel.ng@optegy.com

The Board of Directors would like to thank Serine for her dedicated efforts and also to welcome Annabel to the Chapter.

EVENTS

NOVEMBER CONFERENCE – ORGANISED BY IFMA-HK CHAPTER AND HKIFM

Wednesday 24th November, 09:00 – 17:15

American Club, Tai Tam, Hong Kong

The final details for the conference are currently being worked out and a flyer will be sent to all members in the next couple of weeks. Don't be put off by the slightly remote location - special transport arrangements will be made to transport delegates to and from the conference from a convenient location on Hong Kong island.

An outline of speakers and their topics is listed below:

- Steve Barclay, Government of HKSAR, HK - HKSAR Outsourcing: Opportunities for FM
- Steve Gladwin, Director, Tungsten Group PTY Limited, Sydney, Australia: Outsourcing non-core business and the impact on corporate real estate
- Eric KS Chan, Kwong Wah Hospital and Wong Tai Sin Hospital, Hong Kong: Cluster Hospital Facilities Audit – An integrated approach to strategic facility planning and maintenance
- Santa Raymond, Santa Raymond Consultants, London, UK: Dynamic workspace for business performance
- Maria Chen, ICF Consulting in support of e-buildings, Beijing, China : Achieving energy and cost savings in commercial buildings through low-cost and no-cost operational measures

- Hugo Llopis, Government of Western Australia & Henry Stawarz, Clifton Cloney Group, Perth, Australia : Panel Contracts through Partnering – key element for success
- Kok Weng Lee, EC Harris, London, UK : Whole Life Cost Cost Planning – delivering an integrated approach to procuring and managing the built assets
- Yat L. Philip Wong, The HK Polytechnic University : Benchmarking in Facility Management: Application of decision making tools
- Ricky Chan, Senior Engineer, EMSD, Government of HKSAR, HK : Total Facility Management – an integrated engineering approach from planning, operation and maintenance to alteration and improvement.

The day will conclude with a panel discussion between distinguished FM professionals on a “hot topic”, followed by a fantastic networking opportunity with drinks on the terrace overlooking Tai Tam inlet.

Make sure you register early to guarantee your place.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Men and women have different workplace expectations

A new study from Columbia University and Luminari Inc. shows working women experience 40 percent more health problems and

higher stress than men in the workplace—largely because of different expectations. A survey of 1,123 workers showed a wide disparity in the things both genders value about their workplaces, based on weighted answers.

For instance, “pay, money and benefits” scored 150 with men, but only 92 with women. Yet, “friends and relationships” scored 179 with women and only 67 with men. “Recognition and rewards” also ranked high (135) with women, but lower (74) for men.

Other categories included: “teams and collaboration” which scored 88 with women and only 15 with men; “power, status and authority” was scored 79 by men, but only 39 with women; and “communication” which scored a 70 with women, but only 26 with men.

Two out of five women report excessive stress from finding that their expectations are more difficult to achieve, the survey showed.

Source : IFMA Insider (August, 20th)

South Korea moving capital

The South Korean government has controversially confirmed it will create a new capital in one of Asia's largest ever construction projects. The scheme, which will cost an estimated £26bn, will be situated in the region of Gongju-Yongji, 100 miles south of current capital Seoul. It is planned to replace Seoul as the seat of parliament and government by 2020.

www.rics.org/includes/listnewsmoreall.html

Greece divided on Olympics' value

Of interest to Beijing, many Greeks are voicing their concerns over what they feel is an over-hyped and costly event. RICS members Kenny Evangelou and Philippos Nicolaidis, both based in Greece, comment on how the games are being viewed in the home nation. www.rics.org/includes/listnewsforall.html

Survey shows UK workers pay little heed to alarms

Complacency is endangering UK workers and their employers, according to research by London-based Synstar. The survey found 38 percent of UK office workers think that both business risk and security issues are over-inflated by the media. Only 23 percent said they would leave their desks in response to an emergency alarm; 36 percent would wait to see what others do before taking action; and 29 percent said they would finish their work while waiting to see if the alarm stops. Almost half (48 percent) would wait up to five minutes before considering that an alarm might indicate a genuine emergency. And, 27 percent don't even know the emergency exit procedure for their office or building. The survey was cited online July 9 at the Web site for Contingency Planning Management (www.contingencyplanning.com)
Source : IFMA Insider (August, 20th)

PUBLICATIONS

CFM STUDY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE

IFMA is pleased to announce the sale of the CFM Study Guide. This publication consists of more than 200 pages of case studies,

sample questions, core competency summaries, glossary, a detailed outline of the structure of the exam and an explanation of the exam process.

This indispensable guide provides potential certification candidates with useful information regarding what to expect on the exam. The study guide will enhance, not replace, the experience and knowledge you already bring to the Exam as a seasoned practitioner. It was not created to serve as a comprehensive study resource, but as a supplementary handbook to assist candidates in preparing for the CFM Exam. This study guide can be used in a group setting or is effective for the individual.

Logon to the IFMA Web site at www.ifma.org and click on the icon for the New CFM Study Guide.

You should note that at present, Hong Kong based applicants do not need to take an exam to obtain CFM status. The Chapter will run a CFM Workshop later this year. Watch this newsletter for details!

Facilities Management: Legal Update - Special Report
Workplace Law Publishing's latest title, the Facilities Management: Legal Update - Special Report. Whilst UK specific, this publication provides essential up-to-date practical guidance for facilities managers and those influenced by the FM sector. It is the latest addition to the best-selling Special Reports Series.

The Facilities Management: Legal Update - Special Report is priced

at £99.00. Members of IFMA, the Workplace Law Network, BIFM, RIBA and RICS will save 10% - bringing the price down to £89.10! Postage to Hong Kong would cost about GBP25 although the Report is available as a PDF file which would incur no postage cost.

The Facilities Management: Legal Update - Special Report provides a complete update for facilities managers to get to grips with the major legal changes in the UK over the past year and forthcoming 12 months. The report covers health and safety, premises and property management and has been compiled by the UK's top legal experts. It also includes contributions from the leading professional bodies, the BIFM and RICS.

Workplace Law Publishing has continued in its tradition of tackling complex issues with a plain-English, jargon-free approach to cut your research time and take the worry out of complying with your legal obligations. The special report builds on the success of the annual Facilities Management Legal Update conference and the Facilities Management Legal Update Journal.

This special report includes chapters covering:

- Legal Duties of a Facilities Manager
- Disability Discrimination Act - Eliminating Discrimination in Practice
- Building Regulations - What has Changed?
- Fire Safety - A New Regime
- Reviewing Contracts - A Practical Guide
- Working at Height - What's the Latest?

There are further chapters on Asbestos Management, Home Working, TUPE, Corporate Killing and much more

The report is edited by leading FM lawyer Marc Hanson of CMS Cameron McKenna and Linda Faux who is an independent FM consultant and joint editor of Workplace Law's Policies and Procedures Series. The calibre of the contributors is second to none: Martineau Johnson Solicitors, Masons Solicitors, Osborne Clarke Solicitors and many more.

To order copies of this brand new special report call now on 0870 777 8881 quoting ref. 1769 or e-mail sales@workplacelaw.

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