

Chairman's Message - May 2015

SCL Council has had a busy time since the AGM last August. Amongst other things, we have set and commenced a yearlong schedule for professional development events; progressed in renewing and forging relationships with valued partner organisations; and contributed to the creation of SCL-International Committee and the international website. We are pleased that Past-president Changaroth has agreed to be our appointed representative in the SCL International Liaisons Sub-committee.

However, for this message, there are two main subjects:

Firstly, 23rd April marked the end of an era. This night saw the last session of the last run of *Engineering 101*. For the last 6 years, Audrey Perez has worked with passion and devotion to conduct the course, an innovation that she created and for which she painstakingly developed the content. For this, I presented her a token of recognition and congratulated her on the success of the course. I did this on behalf of the membership and Council. *Engineering 101* is indeed a noteworthy achievement.

Secondly, Council is pleased to have recently announced the inaugural "Focus on Asia" Construction Law Conference. SCL(Singapore) will host this event in September 2015.

This is an event intended to complement the biennial international construction law conference (the next one being in Brazil in third quarter 2016), by promoting intra-Asia advancement of construction-law development, appreciation and business ties.

The growth of the SCL community throughout Asia is healthy, especially with the recent emergence of Korea, India, Taiwan and China adding to the cornerstone SCLs of Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore. The "Focus on Asia" conference will promote this further with a good spread of speakers and moderators from these and other Asian countries.

We are thankful for our secretariat, Intellitrain, who have signed-on for a further term, and who continue to provide the Society with good support and historical perspective.

In all, the rest of 2015 looks exciting from a construction-law perspective, and I look forward to meeting with both current and new members at our various events throughout this period.

Thank you,

Darren Bengier

