

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS NEW ZEALAND

The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand (ACENZ) has evolved from the New Zealand Institution of Engineers (NZIE); the Professional Engineers' Association (PEA) and the Consulting Engineers' Division of the NZIE. A brief summary of the Association's development is outlined below:

- 1914 The New Zealand Society of Civil Engineers is incorporated, embracing civil, mechanical and electrical engineers. Dissatisfaction with this title leads to a change in name.
- 1937 Name changed to The New Zealand Institution of Engineers (NZIE).
- 1943 The Professional Engineers' Association of New Zealand (PEA) is established by a Wellington group of NZIE members to regulate all matters relating to the welfare of engineers, which were not previously covered by NZIE's jurisdiction. From this point onwards, PEA is responsible for administering all issues relating to: salaries, conditions of appointment, appeals, scales of fees, conditions of engagement and the status of engineers.
- 1944 PEA membership totals 500 NZIE members.
- 1947 PEA initiates discussions with the New Zealand Institute of Architects regarding engineers' responsibilities and remuneration for structural work. The Consultants' Division of PEA is formed to manage and oversee issues particular to consultants'. Previously consultant principals were affiliated to the Private Enterprise Division of PEA..
- 1950 PEA elects its 1,000th member.
- 1956 PEA Consultants' Division Conference is held at Hanmer. Chairman: ER Garden. Approximately 25 members attend.
- 1957 PEA Consultants' Division Conference is held at Rotorua. Over recent years, there has been ongoing discussion about restricting Division membership to principals only. Employees would become members of the Private Enterprise Division which would facilitate discussions regarding salary etc. The PEA Fee scale (August 1957) is approved.
- 1958 The Consultants' Division Conference is held at Wairakei and attended only by principals. The Chairman (ER Garden) advises the meetings "informal" status will not be recognised by either PEA or NZIE.
- 1959 The Consultants' Division Conference is again attended only by principals. It is resolved "that this conference of consulting engineers resolve to form a Consulting

Engineers' Division (CED) of NZIE subject to approval by Council of its rules". The NZIE Consulting Engineers' Division is formally constituted on 19 May and its Rules approved on 4 August. The Conference is held at Wairakei and chaired by ER Garden. 90 Members attend. Present: ER Garden (Chairman); Messrs TV Clendon, KP Tapper, HM Payne, AA Babbage, Ian Balch, AG Longley, CM Wheeler, NS Sutherland, GR Milward, RG Brickell, RD Baker, A Brodie, AJ Macdonald, HR Watts, ND Hardie, DA Stock, JJ Booth, EP Hambleton, CR Newton-King, PC Marks, GS Beca, L Mandeno, G Vamos, HJ Costley, BH Thompson, ET Smith, JC North, DA Thom, AS Miller, RL Sanders, WB Kerr-Hislop, R Maxted, SA Vincze, RL James, BH Falconer, LR Clapp, AB Muir, DG Downey, WG Morrison, and JV Kean (Executive Officer).

Principal topics: Independence versus Division; Engineers Registration Act; Incorporation of Practices; Professional Indemnity Insurance; need for standard documents; Relations with MWD and architects.

The PEA disbands and merges with NZIE who have changed their rules to embrace consideration of welfare matters. Publication of Scales of Fees and Terms of Engagement for Consulting Engineers (August 1959) replaced PEA Scale.

- 1960 The Consulting Engineers' Division Conference is held at Mt Cook. Chairman ER Garden. Membership 100. Resolved that the AGM be held at Conference. Standard Design Certificate approved.
- 1961 Conference is held in Rotorua. Chairman ER Garden. Membership 140. The English definition of "Consulting Engineer" is adopted.
- 1962 Conference is held at Hanmer. Chairman GS Beca. Membership 148. Prohibition against entering into partnership with unqualified persons.
- 1963 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman JC North. Membership 159. Draft set of standard contract documents. Direct Engagement endorsed as a policy of Council.
- 1964 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman JC North. Membership 172. Study of Limited Liability commences. A committee is set up to liaise with MED and NZIA. Consideration of a group Staff Superannuation Scheme.
- 1965 Conference is held at Hanmer. Chairman CH Beach. Membership 190. Merit Award Competition introduced.
- 1966 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman CH Beach. Membership 218. Group Indemnity Insurance Scheme approved and Consulting Engineers' Advancement Society Inc founded. Engagement of Public Relations Consultants.
- 1967 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman G Cooper. Membership 225. Reprint of Conditions of Engagement - consideration of Contract Documents with MOW.
- 1968 Conference is held in Queenstown. Chairman G Cooper. Membership 238. President of Australian Consulting Engineering Association (ACEA) attends ACENZ conference for first time. Merit Award Rules and Division Rules amended. Decision to appoint full-time Director. CED becomes a "corresponding member" of FIDIC. Introduction of "Retired Members" and "Area Representatives".
- 1969 Conference is held at Chateau Tongariro. Chairman KDT Shores. Membership 245. Full time Director, JG Excell, appointed with office at Molesworth House.

Accounting functions continue to be managed by NZIE and Deputy Secretary. NZIE retained as Secretary. ENEX (Engineering Export Association of NZ) are established independent of CED. Revised Management Committee structure instituted. Rules for service companies are introduced. ACENZ's first Newsletter is penned.

- 1970 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman KDT Shores. Membership 255. Name changed to "The Association of Consulting Engineers New Zealand". "List of Members" publication is introduced. Amendments to the Rules of the Association (including membership entry qualifications), Scales of Fees and Merit Award Competition are adopted.
- 1971 Conference is held at Te Anau. Chairman GE Mills. Membership 266. Code of Professional Practice for Consulting Engineers is approved by NZIE Council. The rules for practice as limited liability companies are adopted; Guide for the Engagement of Engineering Services (Manual 1) is introduced; ACENZ's emblem adopted. The employee/personnel annual salary survey is introduced. Chairman and Director attend FIDIC General assembly in Sydney. MWD/ACENZ Liaison Committee formally established. Associate membership introduced.
- 1972 Conference is held at Waitangi. Chairman GE Mills. Membership 288. First Life Member, ER Garden, elected. Brochure "Use a Consulting Engineer" published. Award of Merit and Engineering Excellence Award presentation system using panel displays is introduced. The subscription formula is reviewed but left unchanged.
- 1973 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman JD Moss. Membership 302 representing 158 firms. GE Mills represents ACENZ at ADB-FIDIC meeting in Manila. Association, as a Division of NZIE, is elected to membership of International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). Professional liability provisions as a qualification for membership are introduced. Affiliate membership introduced.
- 1974 Conference is held in Nelson. Chairman JD Moss. Membership 320. Studies are initiated on Scope of Practice (Diversification) and commercial interests of members. Fee scale for Overseas Aid projects are initiated. Retired membership amended.
- 1975 Conference held in Rotorua. Chairman RP Carter. Membership 340. First Inter-firm Comparison survey undertaken. National workload forward planning is introduced.
- 1976 Conference held in Queenstown. Chairman RP Carter. Membership 352. Inflation during construction phase is recognised in fee scale. Workload survey undertaken.
- 1977 Conference held in Nelson. Chairman SC Gentry. Membership 375. Practice Notes introduced. FIDIC President visits New Zealand. Rules regarding membership requirements amended.
- 1978 Conference at Waitangi. Chairman SC Gentry. Membership 377. Chairman attends ACEA Conference and FIDIC General Assembly Meeting.
- 1979 Conference held at the Hermitage. Chairman CJ McFarlane. Membership 379. Attended by Mr HC Frijlink, President FIDIC. The Managing Director of FIDIC, Hans Hillebrand, visits New Zealand. Subscription formula reviewed but remained unchanged.

- 1980 Conference held in Rotorua. Chairman CJ McFarlane. 21st anniversary of ACENZ. Membership 390. Fees Parameter Survey introduced. Amendment to Rules of the Association regarding membership requirements and composition of the Management Committee. Lilico reports - External Audit Findings; Summary of Market Development Programme.
- 1981 Conference held at Wairakei. Chairman KL Hayman. Membership 390. Journal "The New Zealand Consulting Engineer" introduced. Amendment to hourly and daily charge out rates for principals.
- 1982 Conference held in Queenstown. Chairman KL Hayman. Membership 395. Visit by WV Binger, President FIDIC. Major Projects Survey introduced. Revised Documents A & B issued. NZIE becomes Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand (IPENZ). A N Bickers appointed as IPENZ Council Liaison Member. ACENZ workload survey revived. ACENZ becomes involved in controversy over the review of NZS623, General Conditions of Contract. Director ACENZ, JG Excell, resigns. Formation of ASPAC, the Asian-Pacific regional grouping of FIDIC member associations.
- 1983 Conference held in Waitangi. Chairman RM McLeay. Membership 397. New Director, HT White, appointed. New position created - Executive Officer - ED Mowbray appointed. ACENZ takes over administration of all its accounting function from IPENZ. Amendment to Rules regarding the Association's finances and members' professional indemnity insurance. Separate phone and box numbers (from IPENZ) established. Merit Award Competition changed - Gold Award of Excellence and Silver Award of Merit are introduced. First Energy Advisory Register produced. ACENZ/MOE Liaison Committee established. Chairman's annual Road Show is introduced, (with Director) attending meetings in all Areas.
- 1984 Conference is held in Rotorua. Chairman RM McLeay. Membership 400. ED Mowbray, Executive Officer, resigns and is replaced by P W Norman. Amendment to fee scales - hourly and daily rates. Corporate advertising undertaken. Purchase of IBM PC computer. Twice-yearly Area Representatives' forums are introduced. Engagement of Derry and Company, Government Relations Consultants. FIDIC '86 Organising Committee are established to organise Conference in Auckland.
- 1985 Conference held in Nelson. Chairman DK Taylor. Membership 406. PW Norman, Executive Officer, resigns and is replaced by Mrs BJ Donnelly. Amendment to Limitation of Liability clauses Document A & B. New Code of Professional Practice introduced. Adoption of new advertising rules. Conditions of Engagement and Scales of fees no longer mandatory. New Yellow Pages procedure introduced. Database of members' firms capability (CAPABANK) established. Review of subscription format; to remain unchanged. AF Small replaced A N Bickers as IPENZ Council Liaison Member. SC Gentry elected to FIDIC Executive Committee.
- 1986 Conference held in Waitangi. Chairman DK Taylor. Membership 414. Code of Professional Practice is revised and circulated by IPENZ. FIDIC Annual Conference is held in Auckland - professional liability the main issue. Submissions are made to the National Roads Board and the SANZ Review Committee on NZS623P 1984. Relationship with IPENZ is strengthened following membership endorsed submission by Management Committee for ACENZ to have greater autonomy (from IPENZ) ACENZ. . Submissions also made to Government and the Opposition on the Public Works Amendment Bill. Members adapted readily to requirements of the new Goods and Services Tax. Ms C Begg is appointed Executive Officer, replacing Mrs B T Donnelly.

- 1987 Conference held in Wanaka. Chairman BH Underwood. Membership 422. A Business Plan for the Association is prepared. The Ministry of Works and Development is recognised as ACENZ's latest competitor for private sector work. A Construction Liaison Group is established to improve communication between professional, contractor and other groups in the construction industry. Several Practice Notes are amended or issued for the first time. Task Committee established to develop a programme to help members develop project management skills. ACENZ amendments to NZS623P: 1984 are released and evoke some opposition by the Contractors Federation. Submissions are made to: the Law Commission on the limitation of liability; the Building Industry Commission on certification; the Officials Committee on local government reform; and a select committee on the SOE Amendment Bill. Severe economic recession follows boom conditions and many years of inflation of up to 20% a year. Ms Begg resigns as Executive Officer on 7 December, and is replaced by P L Bush.
- 1988 For the first time, ACENZ's conference is held outside New Zealand in Cairns,. Chairman BH Underwood. Membership 451. New ACENZ Engagements Documents 1, 2 and 3 published. ACENZ Business Plan is adopted. A Seminar "Selling Design Services" is conducted at the Conference by FA Stasiowski, President of Practice Management Associates Ltd, Massachusetts, USA. Subsequently a seminar on "Pricing, Negotiating, Contracting" is conducted in Auckland. ACENZ Amendments to NZS 3910 are published, with general industry acceptance and minimal institutional opposition. Submissions are presented to Select Committees and to other bodies regarding Workscorp, local government reform, arbitration, Transit New Zealand, Building Industry Commission, and the Standards Association.
- 1989 Conference is held at Wairakei. Chairman AG McCulloch. Membership 447. ACENZ member SC Gentry is elected President of FIDIC at its Annual Conference in Washington in September. The Chairman and Director lead a Workshop at FIDIC on the Relationship of State and Private Sectors - Corporatisation and Privatisation. A detailed submission to Transit New Zealand on its Competitive Pricing Procedures is presented. A revised Practice Note for the ACENZ Awards Competition is issued. New rules for the Association (Practice Note H-1) are adopted at the July Conference. Submissions are presented to the Select Committees on the Local Government Reform Bill and the Transport Reform Bill. The Code of Professional Practice (CPP) for Consulting Engineers is revoked by IPENZ Council on the Association's recommendation.
- 1990 Conference is held in Christchurch. President A G McCulloch. Membership 434. ACENZ membership is no longer a requirement for CEAS. Code of Ethics is amended by IPENZ. R M McLeay and G S Beca are elected to life membership. FIDIC seminar (the selection and management of consulting engineers) is held in Wellington. FIDIC policy statement on the Environment adopted by ACENZ. Five Practice Notes are issued/amended. The revised Business Plan is adopted at Conference and Capabank is upgraded. A submission is made on Building Bill. New position of Deputy Director established and E Vink appointed, 3 December 1990. The position of Executive Officer is disestablished.
- 1991 Conference is held in Rotorua. President G H Wheeler. Membership 445. First experience with new Transit New Zealand Competitive Pricing Procedures is less than successful. due to excessive weighting to price, inadequate technical attributes criteria and failure to establish a competitive market. Intensive discussions on the CPP follow with TNZ and other affected interests. Review is

- undertaken with IPENZ on Conditions of Engagement documents. TNZ is persuaded to adopt NZS3910. Quality Management guidelines are published. Proposal to become autonomous from IPENZ is approved at conference. Six Practice Notes are issued/amended. Self funded ACENZ magazine is published for Conference. Sponsors and commercial exhibits at Conference for first time. Building Act passed following considerable input by Tripartite Group (IPENZ, ACENZ and NZ Institute of Architects); also Resource Management Act.
- 1992 Conference held in Havelock North. President G H Wheeler. Membership 426. Limited progress made on CPP as TNZ admits to weaknesses in procedures and agrees to review them. A number of anomalies in the Building Act create additional work for ACENZ. ACENZ and IPENZ publish Joint Model Conditions of Engagement and Short Form. Major marketing initiative directed to local government initiated. Seminars on marketing and the Building Act undertaken. S C Gentry receives Life Membership. Five Practice Notes are issued/amended. Incorporation of ACENZ finalised in March. Relationship with IPENZ formalised.
- 1993 Conference held in Queenstown - first time unsubsidised. President I J Robertson. Membership 406. Economy is slowly recovering. Major savings scheme on phone/fax introduced. NZS3910, incorporating ACENZ amendments published. Producer Statement Scheme and Construction Monitoring Guidelines are produced. Marketing in industry and export sectors. Ongoing promotion into local government. Major industry review of TNZ-CPP undertaken. New Capabank service launched. New Code of Ethics discussed. Quality policy introduced. H White retires. E Vink appointed as Executive Director. New salary survey launched. New-look Directory of Members is published. Revised Awards Competition initiated. Executive Committee structure with links to Business Plan developed.
- 1994 No conference this year. 18 Members attend FIDIC Conference in Sydney. AG Park elected President at AGM. Membership 398. Executive Officer position re-established - Ms J Young appointed. Replaced later in the year by Mrs D Sutich. Seminars held on marketing, quality and new salary survey. NZS MP3914 (replacing ACENZ amendments to NZS3910) published. Economy improving - shortage of skilled staff noted. Review of Local Government professional services undertaken. Proposal for broadening ACENZ membership developed. Special General Meeting adopts new Rules and new membership structure.
- 1995 Conference held in Taupo. New membership, 165 firms. First SOE joins ACENZ. Strong economic growth. New business performance survey launched. Mission Statement and Strategic Plan developed. Range of new Group Schemes offered. Mrs Sutich leaves at end of year. ACENZ logo revised along with the newsletter (now called ACCENTS) and other material. New, centrally located offices, help raise ACENZ's public profile.
- 1996 Conference held in Queenstown. J J Lorentz elected President at AGM. Membership, 169 firms, but strong firm growth. C Strachan is appointed as Executive Officer. Publications on "Contracting Out" and "Qualification Based Selection" produced. Strong push into local government. Forums for large and smaller firms are launched. All Practice Notes are revised. Group Schemes are enhanced. A staff management programme is developed. ACENZ hosts a visit by FIDIC President, Bill Lewis, in December 1996.
- 1997 Inaugural Joint Conference with the Association of Consulting Engineers Australia, was held in Cairns. 78 New Zealanders (40 delegates) attended. Membership at

the time of the AGM was 171 firms with 499 Representatives. Special project on staff development sees production of Staff Management Manual. ACENZ Website launched in June 1997. Four Gold Awards presented at a special function in Wellington. ACENZ joins Industry Training Organisation. Exports exceed \$100m for the first time. FIDIC President, Steyn Laubscher visits late 1997.

- 1998 Conference is held at Waitangi and attended by 150. R B O'Callaghan is elected President at AGM. Membership 179 with 560 representatives. Directory goes online. Record entry of 26 projects with 18 awards presented, including four Gold. Major push on road reform, local government and contracting out. Student awards expanded to five tertiary institutions. Introduction of Future Leader Award and Presidents Award.
- 1999 Conference is held in Queenstown in conjunction with New Zealand Contractors' Federation and New Zealand Roadmarkers Federation. Attended by 170. Membership 175 with 552 representatives. Total of 39 award entries with 30 presented at conference including three gold. Awards were also presented to Tony Urquhart of Worley Consultants for the CLEAR/ACENZ Future Leader Award and Steve Gentry of Kingston Morrison Ltd for the ACENZ President's Award. Co-operation Agreement signed with Japanese Association.
- 2000 Conference is held in Rotorua in conjunction with The Association of Consulting Engineers Australia. 258 people registered for conference and dinner. A pre-conference workshop by Dr David Maister is held. Membership 179 with 572 representatives. A total of 46 entries are received for the awards with 26 awards presented, including five golds. The CLEAR/ACENZ Future Leader Award for 2000 was made to Helen Ferner, and the President's Award to Sir Ron Carter. Ian Fraser was elected as President at the AGM. CCCS document published.
- 2001 Conference is held in Nelson and attended by approximately 170. Pre-conference workshops run by Neil Scott and Danny Samson. Membership 178 firms and 551 Representatives (also three life members and 57 retired as at 1 Jan) and total of 5640 employees. Thirty-two entries are received for the awards and 17 awards made, of which four were gold. The Future Leader Award is presented to planner, Gregory Dewe. Alec McCulloch is elected an Honorary Life Member at the AGM. The member services on the website are extended to include all group schemes, Practice Notes and a search facility for the Directory.
- 2002 Conference is held in Wairakei with 235 people registered. Pre-conference workshop run by Richard Burns from PSMJ. Guest speakers from USA (Richard and Dan Cuoco) and Australia (Dick Kell and Jo Moss). Membership at 168 firms and 560 Representatives (also three life members and 60 Retired members) as at 1 January. Thirty-nine entries are received for the awards with 20 awards made, including three golds. Telstra/Clear Future Leader Award was made to Mark Apeldoorn, of Traffic Design Group. President's Award made to Murray Spicer of Macdonald Barnett. Adam Thornton is elected as President at the AGM. Design Documentation project launched.
- 2003 Conference is held in Christchurch with 310 people registered. Guest speakers from Hong Kong (Nigel Wood) and Australia (Mark McCrindle) and panellist Denis Johnston. As at 1 January, membership is 169 and 549 Representatives (three life members and 60 Retired membrs). 33 entries for the awards are received with 17 awards made, including three Golds. TelstraClear/ACENZ Future Leader award made to Glenn Fawcett of MWH New Zealand; President's Award made to Ian

Fraser and a special award to Richard (Dick) Kell of FIDIC. Much emphasis on promotion of engineering resources both at conference and in business plan. Update of Briefing & Engagement document underway.

2004 Conference held in Wellington for first time. Over 300 people registered for conference and dinner (130 delegates). Guest speakers from Australia (Margot Cairnes and Martin Grunstein) and UK (Karen Gadd & Henry Strickland). The latter presenting two workshops hosted by ACENZ with input from FRST on TRIZ.

Membership steady at 171 with 570 Representatives. Young Professionals' Group formed with some enthusiasm.

New Briefing & Engagement document and updated version of CCCS, will be extended to a second edition (of the main document) later in the year. Submissions and advisory work are presented to the Building Act 2004. ACENZ, in conjunction with NZCIC (New Zealand Construction Industry Council) produce new Design Documentation Guidelines and Best Practice Procurement Guidelines.

32 entries received to INNOVATE NZ with a record six Golds awarded, as well as three silvers and seven merits. Community award made to Waipa District Council. Telecom NZ sponsored Future Leader Award and this was made to Annette Sweeney of Good Earth Matters in Palmerston North.

ACENZ congratulated Enrico Vink on ten years' service in this position in December 2003. Enrico Vink resigned to take a position with FIDIC in September. His contribution was recognised at the Annual Awards dinner.

Steve Jenkins is elected as President at the AGM.

Mike Connolly is appointed as CEO, November 2004.

2005 Conference is held in Rotorua with 130+ delegates. Dinner approximately 280 people. Workshop run by Frank Stasiowski with 62 registrants. Other guest speakers from Australia (Tony Barry, ACEA) and USA (Javier Baldor).

Membership at 1 January 170 with 7100 employees, and 579 representatives.

42 entries received to INNOVATE NZ. Two withdrawals. Three golds awarded, 7 Silver and 14 Merit. Telecom/ACENZ Future Leader Award made to Tania Williams and prize extended to include registration to FIDIC Young Professionals' Management programme. Special award made to Transit NZ for Cost Estimation Manual. President's Award to Dale Turkington for input to Design Documentation Guidelines project.

Key issues are working through the 2004 Building Act, staff shortages (including draughting training), profile and contracts.

2006 Membership as at 1 January 7800 employees, 176 firms.

Mike Connolly resigns, March 2006. Kieran Shaw is appointed, CEO June 2006.

Conference is held in Dunedin. 110 attendees, approximately 200 at dinner. INNOVATE NZ received 34 entries. Two Golds, six Silver and nine Merit awards presented. Telecom ACENZ Future Leader Award made to Deborah Hume of

URS. A special award is made to Don Houchen to honour his input to the industry in Risk Management.

Key issues remain Building Act, especially liability of practitioners, profile, non-standard contracts and staff shortages/training.

Andrew Read is elected as President at the AGM.

2007 Membership – 8480 employees; 180 member firms.

Conference is held in Napier with 79 delegates; 15 sponsors. Approximately 238 attend dinner.

INNOVATE NZ presents four Golds, six Silver and nine Merit awards. The Telecom / ACENZ Future Leader Award 2007 is presented to Samir Govind, a structural engineer from the Christchurch office of Beca Group. President's award presented to George Butcher for services to the Association over many years – the past 14 as an awards judge.

ACENZ becomes a partner in the New Zealand Engineering Excellence Awards (NZEE).

Brent Meekan is appointed new Vice-President. Caroline Strachan resigns June 2007. Allan Leahy is appointed as convener of judges for the 2008 Innovate NZ awards.

Past President Adam Thornton is elected on to the Executive Committee of FIDIC.

Key issues include: building consent authority (BCA) lists of Producer Statement authors, excessive liabilities, member firms personnel resource constraints, and onerous conditions of contract. Development of a Site Safe Passport for professionals commenced with Site Safe.

2008 Membership – 8051 employees; 168 member firms.

Conference 2008 is held at the Copthorne Hotel in Waitangi. 48 delegates register with 132 guests attending the Awards dinner. INNOVATE NZ receives 58 entries with four Golds, ten Silver and seven merits presented. Adam Thornton receives the President's Award.

Brent Meeken is elected as President at the AGM.

New offices - ACENZ move from the Terrace to Lambton Quay, central city offices. Jen Toogood is appointed as Executive Officer. Debbie Andrew is appointed as Office Manager in May. Jan Toogood resigns and is replaced by Inge Andersen in December.

Review of ARCCCS (Auckland Region Conditions of Contract for Consultancy Services) commenced in conjunction with the ARCG (Auckland Regional Contracts Group).

Key issues include: building consent authority (BCA) lists of Producer Statement authors, excessive liabilities and member firms personnel resource constraints (in

the earlier part of the year prior to the global decline). Decline in the number of onerous contracts being reported.

Global economy in decline. Yet to impact on New Zealand.

- 2009 Membership 185 member firms. Website is revamped in conjunction with rebranding and update of ACENZ logo and launch of a new member database and search facility. W Marr is appointed to work on Special Projects. I Anderson resigns in October with W Marr looking after the Executive Officer role. The 50th Annual Conference 2009 was held at the Copthorne Hotel in Queenstown.
- 2010 ACENZ hosted the Executive Committee of FIDIC in Wellington in February. Former President Adam Thornton is the Treasurer of FIDIC. W Marr resigns in April and is replaced by R Thomas in the Executive Office position. D Andrew goes on Parental Leave in May and is replaced by K Grigg (nee Bowell). Conference was held at The Devon Hotel in New Plymouth. 95 delegates and 240 guests attended the INNOVATE NZ Awards dinner. Pre-conference workshop was conducted by Rod Oram, with 40 delegates.
- There was a record total of 59 entries with six Gold, 12 Silver and 15 Merit's Awarded. Keryn Kliskey received the President's Award, Bevan Sandison from Opus International Consultants named the Future Leader. The President's Roadshow, Best Practical Report Award and the Breakfast Meetings for the first time have been sponsored. Graham Chapman is elected as President. The ACENZ board has been given the approval to introduce Associate & Affiliate Membership for April 2011. C Strachan since resigning in June 2007 was contracted to run the awards process with 2010 as her final year.
- 2011 Membership - approx 8500 employees; 170 member firms. Conference was held jointly with NZ Contractors Federation in Rotorua at The Distinction Hotel with over 400 delegates & speakers in attendance including several FIDIC representatives. INNOVATE NZ gala dinner was held at The Blue Baths, Rotorua with 250 attendees. There were 8 Gold awards, 9 Silver and 14 Awards of Merit. Associate & Affiliate Membership was launched in April and the Life Membership was reinstated at the AGM. The Telecom/ACENZ Future Leader 2011 is Karl Wilkinson from Beca, Wellington. The President's Award was presented to Brian Kouvelis. A new membership database & website was launched in July. Lyall Green is elected Vice-President at the AGM.
- 2012 ACENZ has launched a Facebook page in February. ACENZ hosted a members & VIP guest cocktail function in Wellington, Christchurch and Auckland. 120 delegates and 230 guests attended the Conference and awards which was held in Nelson at The Rutherford Hotel. Convenor of Judges, A Leahy will end 5 years of service in this role and A Leahy was awarded the President's Award. The Telecom/ACENZ Future Leader 2012 is Shamus Wallace from Tonkin & Taylor, Christchurch. There were 5 Gold Awards, 8 Silver and 7 Awards of Merit. The Short Form for Subconsultant Engagement was updated.
- 2013 2013 was a growing year for ACENZ with membership increasing to 173 member firms, representing more than 9600 personnel. Both the Auckland and Wellington Cocktail Functions saw record attendance as did the Annual Conference held at the Trinity Wharf Hotel in Tauranga, July 25-27th. Other growing records for the year was the attendance of Young Professionals at conference, a ten fold growth from 2 attendees in 2012 to 22 in 2013! We hosted 138 attendees for conference and over 250 for the INNOVATE NZ Awards of Excellence Gala Dinner, sponsored

by Fletcher Construction on Saturday, 27th July at the Mills Reef Winery. At the Gala Dinner, ACENZ honoured 2 Gold, 7 Silver, and 7 Merit project winners, and announced the 2013 Telecom ACENZ Future Leader Award Winner as Jamie Lester from Opus International Consultants. Other winners for the night included our Tonkin & Taylor Best Practical Work Report Award students, all from the University of Auckland, Ben MacLaren, Charlotte Davis, and Lara Bussen. The night concluded honouring Colin Crampton as the Presidents Award recipient and thanking our Board and Area Representatives for a year of good work on behalf of ACENZ.