Seminar on

"Dispute Avoidance and Dispute Resolution: Best Practices"

&

"Legal Dimensions of Adverse Subsoil Conditions"

Held on April 10, 2025 at Husnain Hall of Pakistan Engineering Congress

SEMINAR ON "DISPUTE AVOIDANCE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION: BEST PRACTICES" & "LEGAL DIMENSIONS OF ADVERSE SUBSOIL CONDITIONS" HELD ON 10-04-2025 AT HUSNAIN HALL OF PAKISTAN ENGINEERING CONGRESS HQ

Pakistan Engineering Congress organized a Seminar on 10-04-2025 wherein following papers were presented by the foreign specialists with lifelong knowledge and vast experience:

I. "Dispute Avoidance and Dispute Resolution: Best Practices" by Prof. Allione Romano

Brief introduction of Prof. Allione Romano

Mr. Allione is a Professional Engineer and Project Management Consultant, internationally recognized for his expertise in dispute resolution and infrastructure development. A Member of the FIDIC President's List of Approved Adjudicators and Charter Member—and Past President—of the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation (DRBF), he received the DRBF's prestigious Al Mathews Award for outstanding contribution.

With over 30 years at Impregilo S.p.A., Italy's largest contractor, he played pivotal roles in landmark projects across Africa, Asia, and Latin America—including the Tarbela Dam in Pakistan, El Cajon Dam in Honduras, and Katse Dam in Lesotho. He was a pioneer in launching the first DRB outside the United States and continues to promote DRB/DAB mechanisms globally through training and thought leadership.

Post-retirement, he remains active in arbitration, serving as Chair or Member on numerous boards including ICC Combined Dispute Boards and Italy's CCT for the Bologna High-Speed Train Station. As a lecturer at Milan Polytechnic, he specializes in contract, claims, and delay management.

II. "Legal Dimensions of Adverse Subsoil Conditions" by Mr. Julian Bailey

Brief introduction of Mr. Julian Bailey

Prof. Julian Bailey advises on international construction and infrastructure projects globally. He has represented sovereign governments, developers, and contractors in construction and engineering projects and disputes.

Prof. Julian has represented in an International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) arbitration concerning a port project in Iraq, a solar EPC contractor in an ICC arbitration concerning a project in Egypt, a gas pipeline interconnector project in south east Europe, a port project in Moracco, in UK Supreme Court concerning a Hydroelectric Power Project, in High Court litigation in northern Ireland an arbitration concerning a sub-sea electrical interconnector, in an arbitration in Qatar concerning delay and disruption to the construction and commissioning of a gas-fired power station and in a dispute concerning onshore infrastructure for a LNG facility.

Mr. Julian was chairman of the Society of Construction Law (UK) from 2015 to 2016, the leading industry body for construction law. He is also author of Construction Law, a three-volume general text as it applies in

England, Australia, Hong Kong, and Singapore, with an international outlook.

Julian is a visiting professor at the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College, London and is an adjunct professor of law at Hamad bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar.

Both presenters delivered insightful and well-structured lectures that were rich in technical depth and practical relevance. Their sessions drew a substantial and engaged audience, reflecting the significance of the subject matter and the stature of the speakers. A dynamic question-and-answer session followed each presentation, marked by thoughtful queries and comprehensive responses, fostering meaningful dialogue between the speakers and participants.

The event concluded with remarks by Engr. Ch. Muhammad Arif, President of the Pakistan Engineering Congress, who acknowledged the speakers' valuable contributions and the enthusiastic participation of attendees. As a token of appreciation, Pakistan Engineering Congress shields were conferred upon the distinguished speakers. The event emerged as a profoundly stimulating and intellectually rewarding occasion.

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Chief Guest Prof. Allione Romano being received by Engr. Ch. Muhammad Arif, President PEC along with members of Executive Council (78th Session)



Engr. Ch. Muhammad Arif President PEC, delivering Welcome Address

Prof. Allione Romano delivering lecture on "**Dispute Avoidance and Dispute Resolution: Best Practices"**





Glimpses of the Audience










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Engr. Ch. Muhammad Arfi President PEC & Engr. Dr. Javed Iqbal Secretary PEC, Presenting Pakistan Engineering Congress Shield to Prof. Allione Ramano



Engr. Sheikh Moeen receiving Pakistan Engineering Congress Shield on behalf of Mr. Julian Bailey from Engr. Ch. Muhammad Arif President PEC & Engr. Dr. Javed Iqbal Secretary PEC