



ARABIAN GULF SECTION

Newsletter

March 2005

Important Announcements

Certification Course:

The Spring Cost Engineering course has started on March 14, 2005 and will continue until May 30, 2005 covering 13 sessions related to exam topics.

The spring 2005 Certification Examination will be held on June 02, 2005 at the Dhahran and Jubail. While the examination is scheduled to start at 8:00AM, the participants are expected to present themselves by 7:45AM. The examination consists of four-papers for CCE/CCC candidates and two-papers for ICC candidates.

Planning & Scheduling Professional:

There are five candidates are preparing for the certification examination for the new Planning & Scheduling Professional (PSP) which will be held this summer. Upon the success of the imitative AGS will hold a special course to prepare new candidates for future certification exams.

Presentation in Abu Dhabi:

To keep our members updated on the project market conditions in the Region a presentation on "Growth Potential for Project Controls Professionals in the Middle East" was held on March 22, 2005 at Abu Dhabi, UAE. The presenter was Mr Hammad ud din Tahir who discussed the work load in the Region as a result of high oil prices and its impact on project controls professionals.

The presentation covered the following items:

PART-I: With the inception of industrial expansions worth Billions of US \$ in the State of Qatar, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), United Arab Emirates (UAE) & other Middle East Countries, there is a lot of potential growth opportunities for "specialized" Project Control Professionals (Planning/ Cost Control/ Earned Value etc) in the Arabian Gulf Region.

The subject presentation encompassed the "**Special Skills**" required with emphasis on AACE-International Professional Certifications (CCE-Certified Cost Engineer, PSP-Planning & Scheduling Professional, EVP-Earned Value Professional etc).

Part-II: This part of presentation covered the CCE/CCC Certification will be discussed in detail.

This presentation was held in ZADCO Auditorium Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)*

The membership of the Arabian Gulf Section comprises of cost engineers, project engineers, schedulers, estimators, and other professionals interested in cost management. Our mission is to advance and promote total cost management in the region.

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Arabian Gulf Section Highlight

The Section held a technical dinner meeting on March 7, 2005 at a local hotel in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The meeting was well attended with 60 professionals from various organizations. Mr Gulam Farooq gave a presentation on "Professional Development opportunities for Project Controls Professionals". The presentation addressed the different options of University Graduate Education, continuing education, and certifications that are available for professionals in the Region and gave his assessment on how a cost professional benefit from them. Moreover the strategies and future actions being undertaken by the Arabian Gulf Section of Association for Advancement of Cost Engineering International, as part of its mission to advance and promote Total Cost Management in the Arabian Gulf Region was conveyed. Certificates were awarded to all the candidates that completed the cost engineering course held in 2004.

The Arabian Gulf Section's plan for training and certifying the cost professionals as Certified Cost Consultants/Engineers and Planning and Scheduling Professionals is aggressively being perused. The spring 2005 Cost Engineer Certification course is being taught in Jubail and Dammam starting mid March with over 20 candidates registered for the course. Also a study group has been formed by four candidates who are planning to sit for the Planning and Scheduling professional certification examination. The Section will be hosting the certification examinations in various locations in the Region based on our

requirement. Typically we hold the certification examinations in Dhahran and Jubail in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and in Abu Dhabi in UAE.

BOARD MEETING:

AGS has discussed, at its second Board Meeting held on Feb 27, 2005, various issues of the section activities including a tentative schedule of the program calendar for the year 2004-2005 including up coming technical dinner meetings, the technical seminars, two certification exams, and two sessions of cost engineering preparation courses. Also, AGS assigned some of the officers for year 2004-2005.

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compete and get firmly established in the demanding job market.

The Arabian Gulf Section of the AACE International invites its members to submit articles or any news they want to share.

To submit articles and other material for publication in the AACE-AGS newsletter e-mail them to aace_ags@yahoo.com



Above: The guest speaker Mr. Gulam Farooq delivering his speech on the professional development opportunities for the cost professional.

PHOTOS OF THE EVENT



Board of directors members of AACEI/AGS for 2004-2005 from Left Ahmed Al-Muairfi- Public Relation, Gulam Farooq- V. P. Technical, Cherian Varghese- Regional Affairs, Nabil Al-Hashim- Membership, Ibrahim Bubshait- President, Khalid Al-Abdulwahed- Secretary, Bader Al-Otaibi- Treasurer, Farouk Khory- V. P. Administration.



Some of Course participants attended the technical dinner meeting and received their course completion certificates.



Above: a group of the professional crowd at the technical dinner meeting.

For more information about the Arabian Gulf Section, please contact the above Officers or Directors. In addition, visit the Arabian Gulf Section's on-line website at

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and the AACE International on-line website at

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Members are also requested to join the Arabian Gulf Section's Discussion Group located on <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AACE-AGS>

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