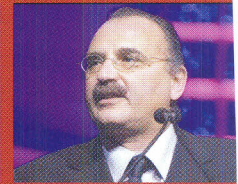
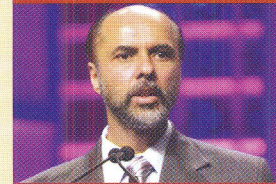


BE Conference 2007

29 April – 3 May, 2007, Los Angeles, California, USA

It's time for learning" and Bentley provided more than 100 training sessions to the users during and before the three day Conference at the Los Angeles Convention Center, LA. Malcolm Walter, Bentley COO opened the conference followed by CEO Greg Bentley sharing the corporate news and his insights on the enterprising commercial practices within the Bentley user community during the Plenary session on the 30th May. Keith Bentley, CTO Bentley presented his vision on the future of the Bentley software. Bhupinder Singh, Buddy Cleveland and Gabe Norona, Sr. VPs and other members of the product team viz., Styli Camateros, Shaun Sewell, Rob Whitesell and Brad Workman updated the users with the planned update on the Bentley software. The afternoon session was on the specific verticals and Executive Symposium for the users to interact with peers and researchers. The evening was an event to honour the users of the Bentley software under different categories (See the awardee list in the News section). The event was hosted by Peter Sagal, an eminent theatre and stage artist. As a prelude to the award ceremony, India Media Event was organised on 29th May for the Indian media where they were introduced to the BE 2007 awards nominee from India. Apart from the presentations from the nominee, Bhupinder Singh, Sr. VP, Bentley Software also elaborated on the "Future City" project. The second and third day of the conference was more on the different verticals of Bentley with a Plenary session on 2nd May, when the users peeked through the next product code named "Athens". The conference was concluded with the Wrap Party at Petree Plaza in the evening.



XXX FIG General Assembly Working Week 2007

13 - 17 May 2007, Hong Kong SAR

Strategic Integration of Surveying Services" was the theme of the 30th FIG Working Week that witnessed participation of over 500 delegates from all over the world. With multiple areas ranging from disaster management to real-estate management (vis-a-vis surveying) deliberated upon, Stig Enemark, FIG President, mentioned key challenges of surveyors under the purview of reaching the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The bottom line laid out was surveyors should be "proud of their profession".

The Welcome address was delivered by Hak Chan, Chairman, Organising Committee. During the inaugural ceremony Lu Xinshe, Vice Minister, Ministry of Land and Resources & DG State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping informed about "Digital China" - a geospatial digital framework along with new land laws. Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR H'ble Donald Tsang formally opened the event with the Lion Dotting Ceremony. Dr LEUNG Chun Ying, GBS, JP, Convenor of the Non-official Members of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong SAR was of the view that never had surveying profession faced so many challenges in a world where globalisation and opening up of trade and political barriers easing up.

300 papers were presented during 60 technical sessions. The 5-day event ended with the closing remarks as - Secure tenure is not enough: stability and good governance and building the capacity is essential for poverty reduction. Urban-rural interrelationships are to be attended duly while the profession grows.

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