



SCL 2016 Sixth Society of Construction Law International Biennial Conference (Sep 13-15, 2016 Unique Hotel - Av. Brigadeiro Luíz Antônio, 4700, São Paulo -SP (Brazil))

The Society of Construction Law (Brazil) held the SCL 6th International Law Conference in São Paulo Brazil from 13th to 15th September at the iconic Unique hotel. The decision for Brazil to hold the 6th International conference was decided by the committee of SCL (International) during the 5th International Conference in Malaysia in 2014.

The programme in Brazil included a half day Academic forum, followed by the afternoon opening ceremony with the key note address by Sir Rupert Matthew Jackson (The Right Honourable Lord Justice of Appeal, Technology and Construction Court, London, United Kingdom) and two days of addresses, round table discussion and break out sessions covering a wide range of topics in best practices including compliance development/challenges in construction industry and major projects, Public Private Partnership and concession projects, project finance; dispute resolution including mediation, early neutral evaluation, dispute boards, and arbitration; and social events.





SCL(Singapore) was represented by Darren Benger (chairman 2014-2016) and Anil Changaroth (chairman 2012-2014 and the current 4 member SCL(International) Liaison Sub Committee. Darren chaired a session on Building Information Modelling (including to share some aspects of the Singapore experience) and Anil spoke on Appropriate Dispute Resolution covering Singapore's Mediation regime, including Court annexed and private mediation, the Mediation Bill and the Arbitration-Mediation-Arbitration of the Singapore International Mediation and Arbitration Centres.

With about 50 international participants and over 150 local participants, this international conference (the first held in South America) brought together SCL representatives from most parts of the world including chair persons, past chairs and international liaison representatives from over 15 SCL). Key discussions were held amongst the international grouping with Singapore contributing and representing part of the core SCLs. The fruitful discussions led to confirmation that the 7th International conference to be held in New Delhi in November 2017 (a year ahead of this biennial conference) and an inaugural North America conference in September 2018 in Chicago, USA.

With the 7th International Conference back in this region (the 1st in Singapore in 2006, 3rd in Hong Kong in 2010, 4th in Melbourne, Australia 2012, and 5th in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2014), SCL(S) looks forward to greater participation in the New Delhi conference in November 2017."

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