

A date with destiny

“Book your calendar from the 7th-9th June 2013 for the 41st Annual FIA Congress which will be held at the Sheraton & Westin Resort in Denarau”.



These were the words of the FIA President and the Chair of the Congress Committee, Camacakau Raimuria, as he announced the dates and venue for next year's Congress.

“Last month we announced “Challenge for Change” as the theme for next year's Congress, a fitting theme leading up to the national elections in 2014 and beyond,” said Raimuria.

“Professor Yash Ghai, the Chair of the Constitution Commission, has been approached and has gladly



FIA's Annual Congress ... a thinktank event

agreed to be the Keynote Speaker.

“Bearing in mind the sort of issues that were likely to be topical next year, several other possible names have been proposed for speakers,

although no final decision has been reached yet,” said Raimuria.

“We will keep our members updated on the Congress in the coming months,” said Raimuria.

Richard is Young Accountant of the Year

Richard Kumar added to his professional accolades by winning the Institute's 'Young Accountant of the Year Award' announced at the September technical workshop at the Warwick Fiji Resort & Spa.

“This award was well contested by a fair number of nominees and Richard's resume was the most impressive for the award,” said Uday Sen, the Chair of the Awards Committee.

Richard is a CA of the FIA, a CPA of the CPA Australia, and the Financial Controller of Treasure Island Limited.



Technical Workshop hailed a success

Some 196 delegates and partners attended this year's final, joint, CPA and FIA Technical Workshop held at the Warwick Fiji Resort & Spa from the 14th-16th September.

Professional Development (PD) Committee Chair, Uday Sen, said that an overwhelming 98% of the respondents to a post workshop questionnaire rated the workshop relevant to their occupation.

"We always strive to have balance in the topics being presented in all technical workshops; accounting standards, current business and economic issues, [tax] legislations, etc. We find IFRS to be a continuously popular topic amongst the delegates hence the PD Committee features IFRS quite frequently in most technical workshops", said Sen.

Closing the workshop, FIA President, Camacakau Raimuria, said that one of the fundamental

principles that form the basic tenets of ethical and professional conduct was that a member should carry out professional work with proper regard for technical and professional standards.

"Members have a responsibility to themselves, their employers, their clients, and other stakeholders to ensure that they are abreast with the current developments that affect their current and future professional work", said Raimuria.

"The next technical workshop will be in mid-first-quarter of 2013 and, as usual, the PD Committee will bring an exciting lineup of speakers and topics", said Sen.



FIA's Technical Workshop

"Na Dina Ga" - a Constitution Submission

The Institute has made a submission to the Constitution Review Commission after inviting submissions from its members.

"Only one submission was received from a single member of the accounting fraternity however it was not in line with the principles based approach that the Council had agreed the submissions should be", said the FIA President, Camacakau Raimuria.

"We have made a submission which focuses on the principles of truth and honesty of professionals and public officers, the equal application of laws [without any exception] on individuals and institutions, and the separation of power between the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary", said Raimuria.

The full submission can be found on the Institute's website at www.fia.org.fj

Admissions

It is with pleasure that the Council announces the admission of the following members to the Institute in respective membership categories.

Chartered Accountant

Pritika Priyadarshani – British American Tobacco

Provisional Member

Mr Krishan Dayal – Ramani & Co

Mr Ravikash Kishan Kumar – Fiji Broadcasting Corporation

Mr Ilaisa Vulaono Lakepa – Office of the Auditor General

Mr Kavitesh Prasad – Laucala Island Resort

Mr Penaia Mathew Samisoni – PricewaterhouseCoopers

Ms Salvina Shaleshni Singh – G Lal & Co

Affiliate Accountant

Ms Archana Ashni Chand – Fiji

Electricity Authority

Mr Rishnil Prasad – Carpenters Finance

Ms Arti Amrita Sharma – Vodafone Fiji Ltd

Mr Avendra Singh – Housing Authority

Mr Neelesh Pal Singh – Vinod Patel Co Ltd

Ms Reshma Radika Singh – Laucala Island Resort

Mr Jese Vakamoce Volau – iTaukei Affairs Board

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