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### Interview with Ing. Vassilis Economopoulos

**Ing. Vassilis Economopoulos**, is a past President of the European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE) and an adviser of the President of World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) Eng. Marwan Abdelhamid.

**E-Newsletter:** *Sir, what can you tell us about the future of civil engineering?*



Vassilis Economopoulos

**Vassilis:** We are in a critical phase with important challenges in front of us. The first is the development of sustainable infrastructure in transportation such as roads, airports and seaports. The second is in the building. In this sector we need to use the standards for energy efficiency in buildings and the use of renewable energy from solar power. Agricultural development is a special field that involves

engineers who design and build infrastructures for agricultural development such as water supply, irrigation, waste water treatment to produce biogas from solid waste, etc. We should face all of these challenges first. Governments should support public and private investors for the building development, operation and maintenance of infrastructures. We also face the challenge of innovation which needs to be applied in all fields of engineering. Also, in internationalization, we should think global and not only for our national economies but for the world as a whole. If this is done we will see that the answer to growth and development is Investment, Innovation and Internationalization.

**E-Newsletter:** *Thank you sir.*



The Executive Committee meeting of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch was held on Thursday 4th June 2015 at the Engr. Ishmael A. Baniigo secretariat (the branch secretariat). The Executive Committee meeting was chaired by the Branch Chairman Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson FNSE



On Wednesday 3rd June 2015, the Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (6th from left), led a delegation to Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC) to attend the SPDC bi-annual Graduate Development Programme Assessment Interview. Engr. Chief Giandomenico Massari, FNSE (8th from left), Engr. Precious Bob-Manuel, MNSE (4th from right) and Engr. Ofogu Azuka, MNSE (2nd from right) were members of the delegation. The delegation actively participated in the assessment of the graduate trainees, the panel discussions & decisions taken.



The Association for Consulting Engineering (ACEN) held a business meeting for the South-South Zone of ACEN on Wednesday 3rd June 2015 at Old GRA in Port Harcourt. The business meeting was chaired by the President of the Association for Consulting Engineering Engr. Temitope Kehinde, FNSE. At the opening of the meeting a presentation was made by Engr. George Okoroma, FNSE.



**L-R:** Engr. Joseph Akinteye, FNSE, Engr. (Prof.) Peter Azikiwe Onwualu, FNSE (IACE Vice Chairman, Engineering Economy), IACE Chairman Engr. Chief Giandomenico Massari, FNSE, Vice President Professional Development of NSE Engr. Babagana Muhammed, FNSE (rep NSE President), Deputy President of NSE Engr. Otis Anyaeji, FNSE, Engr. Mrs. Valerie Agberagba, FNSE, and the Executive Secretary of NSE Engr. Sola Obadiimu, MNSE, during the Institute of Appraisers & Cost Engineers (IACE) 2015 National Technical Conference held on Tuesday 9th June 2015 at Merit House, Maitama, Abuja. The Keynote Address was delivered by Engr. Otis Oliver Anyaeji, FNSE.

The Nigerian Society of Engineers  
Presents  
**NATIONAL ENGINEERING CONFERENCE  
AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Sunshine2015**

**THEME:**  
“National Integrated Infrastructure Master Plan 2014: Strategies For Implementation”

**Venue:** International Culture & Event Centre (Dome), Akure, Ondo State  
**Date:** Monday 16th— Friday 20th November 2015

**Conference Registration**

1. Early Bird (Not later than September 30, 2015)	= N30,000	4. Graduates = N10,000
2. From October 1, 2015	= N40,000	5. Students = N5,000
3. Spouses	= N10,000	

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