



## FIJI INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS

### FIA 2018 CONGRESS

The FIA 2018 Congress will be held at the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort and Spa on 18-19 May. The Organising Committee is pleased to advise that Congress is a sell-out event again this year with all the rooms booked with the Resort sold. There is a substantial waiting list on hand and the daily queries received to date regarding Congress attendance shows the level of interest the FIA 2018 Congress has generated.

The final list of delegates from 133 organisations cover a vast geographical area from Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Tonga, Nauru, New Zealand and Australia.

An interesting line-up of speakers locally and abroad have

been confirmed to speak on our theme "Growth Through Synergy: Collaboration, Innovation and Resilience." A feature of the Congress since 2014 is the debate which creates much discussion and thought.

The Organising Committee wishes to thank our joint major sponsors Vodafone and Westpac and all other sponsors for supporting Fiji's premier business forum this year: Sun Insurance Company Limited, Carpenters Motors, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Kontiki Finance Limited, British American Tobacco, Datec (Fiji) Limited, Shangri-La's Fijian Resort and Spa, Fiji Water, Coca-Cola Amatil (Fiji) Limited, Pure Fiji, and Marsh.

(Source : FIA Congress Committee)

### New CPP Member



Napolioni Batimala was recently issued a Certificate of Public Practise.

He is a Chartered Accountant and member of the Fiji Institute of Accountant.

He is also a CPA member for CPA Australia and a Licensed Investment Advisor issued by the Reserve Bank of Fiji.

Napolioni's qualification includes a Bachelor Degree majoring in Accounting & Financial Management and Information System from the University of the South Pacific, Master Degree in Applied Finance from KAPLAN and Graduate Certificate in Applied Finance and Investment from Securities Institute of Australia.

His professional association includes being a Graduate Member of the Australia Institute of Company Directors (AICD), Senior Associate Member of Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA) and member of Institute of Internal Auditors, Fiji Branch.

He had attended Executive Training in Strategic Negotiation and Deal Making for the Long Team with Harvard Business School, USA.

He last hold the position of CEO of Merchant Finance Limited before managing his own practise. Prior he was Manager Finance, Investment & Strategy for Fijian Holdings Limited.

He also worked for PricewaterhouseCoopers for 9 years in their audit and business advisory services division.

"The small and medium enterprise (SME) sector in Fiji is still at a developing stage. This sector has potential for growth. SME's in Fiji have been recognised as an essential tool in the development of a sustainable economy", said Napolioni Batimala

"With my FIA CPP certificate, I wish to specialise and provide support to the SME's sector and Resource Owners. It is apparent that SMEs plays an important role in the Fijian economy".

Mr Batimala hails from Volivoli in Nadroga. Mr Batimala's mother was a career teacher and he completed his primary education across various primary schools in Fiji namely Bua Primary, St John of Arc Sigatoka, Drasa Avenue Primary Lautoka, Sigatoka District, Niusawa Primary Taveuni, Wainika District Cakaudrove. He completed his secondary education at Yasawa Secondary, Nilsen High School Vatukoula and Natabua High School Lautoka.



### Training for CPP members

"Following the completion of the first Practice Quality Review Program, part of the recommendation was to organise training of the CPP members. This was held at Southern Cross Hotel in Suva on 27-28 March 2018," said Mohit Raj, Chairman for Peer Review Committee.

'We acknowledge the assistance from CPA Australia who provided the facilitators for the two days program'.

'The training was well attended and positive feedback was received from attendees.'

## Sponsorship for outstanding USP Accounting graduate



USP Chancellor and President of Fiji, HE. Major General Jioji Konrote presenting the gold medal to Victor Fong

The Fiji Institute of Accountant sponsored the prize for the most Outstanding Graduate with major in Accounting at the University of the South Pacific.

FIA had been sponsoring the Award since 1980's.

FIA's long standing recognition of the achievement of exceptional accounting

graduates, through this award, demonstrate the FIA's commitment in assisting the country to respond to issues of shortage of critical skills

The 2018 recipient of the USP gold Medal prize was Mr Victor Fong. Mr Fong is currently being employed by KPMG, based in Suva Office.

### HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES YET?

Members who have not paid their outstanding subscriptions this year by 30 June will be struck off the active list of membership. You will not be able to enjoy our services and benefits. Please check your status and contact the FIA Secretariat as soon as possible.

### INTERESTED TO JOIN FIA COMMITTEES?

Are you interested to contribute to the profession?

If you wish to make a difference and actively involved in the affairs of the Institute, please do send you expression of interest with your CV to the Executive Director via email to [fia@connect.com.fj](mailto:fia@connect.com.fj)

## HIGH ACHIEVERS RECOGNIZED BY THE FIJI INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS



L-R – Marisila Ali, Mohammed Tasdeeq, Rajeshwar Singh (FIA), Shaleen Shania Bibi, Dr Naca Rika (USP), Sovinesh Kumar, Cama Raimuria (FIA)

The Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIA) rewarded four first-year university students for attaining the highest accounting marks in Year 13 from each Division in 2017.

Each student received:

- \$500 cash prizes;
- Certificate of recognition, and
- A three year student membership with the FIA.

Former secondary school students, Sovinesh Kumar of Tilak High School, Marisila Ali of Rotuma High School, Shaleen Shania Bibi of Suva Muslim

College and Mohammed Tasdeeq Ali of Labasa Muslim College, received their rewards during a special lecture session delivered by Rajeshwar Singh for over 400 first year accounting students at the University of the South Pacific - Laucala Campus.

The four were delighted to receive the awards and expressed their gratitude to the Fiji Institute of Accountants for recognizing their achievements.

FIA President, Finau Nagera, explained that "the Year 13 award is

in line with the Institute's strategic initiative of creating awareness for future members and building the FIA brand in Fiji and the region. The FIA hopes to encourage more students to take up accounting and commerce subjects from Year 10."

The students were chosen based on their Year 13 Accounting examination results in 2017. The selection process was carried out by the Ministry of Education.

The Year 13 awards will be an annual event on the FIA's calendar.



## NEW ADMISSIONS

The Institute is pleased to welcome the following persons who have been admitted to membership in various different categories in the month of Jan, Feb, March and April 2018.

### Chartered Accountant with a Certificate of Public Practice

Batimala, Napolioni - Qavio Consulting  
Pillay, Shalendra Mani - NMC Partners

### Chartered Accountant

Bahadur, Avish Avneel - Fijian Holdings Ltd  
Cakau, Sulueti Daunitoga - Office of the Auditor General  
Chand, Monisha Monika - Pacific Energy (SWP) Ltd  
Chand, Vinal Vilash - Bluescope Pacific Steel  
Desai, Shalini - KPMG  
Goundar, Krishan Siwan - Reddys Enterprises Ltd  
Haroon, Ashmin - Basic Industries Ltd  
Heuss, Paul - Fulton Hogan Investment (Fiji) Ltd  
Hussain, Shazmeen Zafia - KPMG  
Jadhav, Jinal - PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Karan, Narisha - Fiji Airways  
Kavita, Komal - Fiji Revenue & Customs Service  
Kumar, Adneel Krishnil - University of the South Pacific  
Kumar, Devashna Darshini - Fiji National Provident Fund  
Kumar, Shivarni Riksha - I Naiveli & Co  
Lal, Amris Roy - Pacific Cement Ltd  
Nadan, Yogesh - Fiji National University  
Naiveli, Akisi Rabulimasei - I Naiveli & Co  
Narayan, Bimal Bimlesh - Unemployed  
Nisha, Nazmun - Neptune Agency  
Prasad, Minay - Ernst & Young  
Raj, Lalit Vishal Chand - Bank of South Pacific Ltd  
Ram, Ashwin Daya - Macquarie Travelworld Services Ltd  
Rao, Krishman Chandra - Reddys Enterprises Ltd  
Sharma, Devarisi - PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Sharma, Niraj Prasad - Fiji National Provident Fund  
Singh, Sanjay - Praful Patel & Associates

Waqainabete, Jone Waqanisau - Sunergise International

### Provisional Member

Ali, Nadeem Irfaan - Alis Farm Fresh Produce  
Chand, Jotishma Veena - Fiji Rice Ltd  
Chand, Vishal - Ministry of Education  
Chandra, Nandani - Pratap Civil & Asphalt Quarries Ltd  
Dean, Mahmood - Deanm & Associates  
Deo, Rishneel - KPMG  
Devi, Nileshni - Ministry of Economy  
Devi, Reshma - Fiji National University  
Janak, Viradesh Vinish - Fiji National Provident Fund  
Janif, Mohammed Imraz - Ministry of Education  
Jyoti, Joshline Rozina - Fiji National University  
Kaajal, Kamniyata - PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Kasibulu, Rafaele Winston Spencer - Colgate Palmolive (PNG)  
Khan, Mohammed Adil - KPMG  
Kishore, Anish Pavan - Translation Island T/A Naitauba Trust  
Kishun, Vitesh - Paradise Beverages (Fiji) Ltd  
Kumar, Ashween - Real Estate Agents Licensing Board  
Lata, Shalin Reshmi - Public Rental Board  
Lata, Shobna Soman - Fiji Hardwood Corporation Ltd  
Lingam, Shiu - Ministry of Education  
Mala, Ashika Anshu - Imove Logistics Ltd  
Narayan, Ronish Sam - Fiji National University  
Nath, Aartika Alchana - PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Navunisaravi, Kelera Adi - Fiji Electricity Authority  
Pal, Vimal Vinit - Fiji National Provident Fund  
Parmar, Mayuri - Praful Patel & Associates  
Prakash, Sheenal - University of the South Pacific  
Prasad, Ashneel Asish - Digicel Central Resources (Fiji) Ltd  
Prasad, Paresh - Pernix (Fiji) Ltd  
Pratap, Nitin Abnesh - Kasabias Ltd  
Preetika, Achana - Life Insurance Corporation of India  
Ram, Ashneel Ashish - KPMG  
Sami, Anisha Anshu - Jacks of Fiji

Sami, Karishma Nandani - Unemployed  
Shalini, Anju - Vitia Architects  
Sharma, Ashna Daleesha - Coca Cola Amatil (Fiji) Ltd  
Sharma, Kristina Komal - Goldstone Investments Ltd  
Sharma, Ritishma Rashma - Shop N Save Supermarket  
Sharma, Shivneel - Director of Public Prosecutions Office  
Shivani, Shaanan - GH Whiteside & Co  
Singh, Ajay Kumar - The Wakaya Group  
Singh, Anitesh Aman - PricewaterhouseCoopers  
Singh, Ashoymani Ridhimaa - Fiji National University  
Tavo, Olimaipa Valesimede Tikoicolo - Ministry of Agriculture  
Waqanivalu, Pita Tutuvula Tuiwaitekelona - Water Authority of Fiji

### Affiliate Accountant

Bolanavanua, Anare Rabonu - Fiji National Provident Fund  
Chand, Upashna Devika - Intergroup Fiji Ltd  
Chandra, Krishnil Kavish - Digicel  
Cokanasiga, Mereti - Fijian Holdings Ltd  
Devi, Liteshni - Aliz Pacific  
Koro, Aminiasi Laveta - Office of the Auditor General  
Kumar, Roneel Ritesh - Westpac Banking Corporation  
Kumar, Roneeldra Ravneet - University of the South Pacific  
Lanyon, Lui Seninuku Ciriwaya Korovou - Fijian Holdings Ltd  
Lata, Sharon - Ministry of Education  
Mani, Vishal - Pernix (Fiji) Ltd  
Naicker, Anjana Shivani - Fulton Hogan Hiways Joint Venture  
Nair, Doreen Lata - Humes Industries Ltd  
Naivou, Makereta - The Hot Bread Kitchen  
Prasad, Saleen Monika - Post Fiji Ltd  
Prasad, Shilpa Vandhana - Fulton Hogan Hiways Joint Venture  
Sharma, Ron Kant - HLB Crosbie & Associates  
Shaw, Orisi Rabitu Loloma - FICAC  
Singh, Shanil - Ernst & Young

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