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Interview with Ing. Massimo Mariani

Ing. Massimo Mariani, is the President-elect and Vice President of European Council of Civil Engineers (ECCE). He is a member of the Italian Council of Engineers. He specializes in consolidation & restoration of buildings and he studies the possible effect of landslide and earthquakes on buildings.

E-Newsletter: *What is your opinion on civil engineering?*

Ing. Mariani: First and foremost we must start with the concept that engineering is like an ideology. It cannot be seen as part of technology alone. It has to be seen as an ideology. We cannot think to reduce things to mathematical model. Engineering has to be seen as a tradition, as a way to transmit the concept of artisanship and the way to build and consolidate in a way to give the appropriate direction to old and new structures. This is the message that has to be disseminated around the world particularly to the younger generation. There is an attitude for young students and engineers that the best way to develop a model is from computer processes. In my opinion, this is not viable. We cannot reduce and remove our



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knowledge from the tradition even because this element has always accomplished human beings in their evolution. It is an integral part of human history. We have to know in my opinion that an engineer has to be tied to the traditional knowledge.

E-Newsletter: *What will be the strategy you will apply when you become the President of ECCE (European Council of Civil Engineers)?*

Ing. Mariani: The strategy that I will apply is that engineering research will be finalized at knowledge transfer and will be tied to the tradition. Engineering is one of the most relevant profession hence our knowledge is fundamental. We know that the engineer is the professional that solves problems but to achieve this goal we have to be closer to the past and we have to give direction to the young ones to apply this trend. Today the faculties of engineering are producing more technologists than engineers. It is very important to have a professor that will be like a teacher giving the right direction. Finally let me add that in order not to compromise the profession and the related works, politics must not interfere with the work of the engineers.

E-Newsletter: *Thank you sir.*



The Chairman of the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Kombo Theophilus-Johnson, FNSE (middle), the workshop instructor (left), Technical Secretary of NSE Port Harcourt Branch Engr. Promise Jumbo, MNSE (middle back row) & participants at the 2 Days Workshop on “Strategic Management for Engineers & Allied Professional” which was facilitated by the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch and Helbon Associates Limited and held at the Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch secretariat on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July, 2015.



The Nigerian Society of Engineers Port Harcourt Branch General Meeting/Technical Evening was held on Thursday 30th July 2015 at the branch secretariat. The meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman of the Branch Engr. Emmanuel Idoniboye, MNSE (left in photo top right).

Photo top left: Engr. Godian Ehirim, making a presentation on “Insight into Dredging: Operations in the Niger Delta”.

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YOUNG ENGINEERS INAUGURAL OPEN HOUSE FORUM
Theme: Engineering & Entrepreneurship

Venue: National Engineering Center Phase 2 Auditorium, off Labour House Road, Central Business District, Abuja.

Host:
 Engr. Sunday Adekunle Makinde, FNSE,
 Chairman, Young Engineers Development Committee

Date: Wednesday 12th August, 2015

Time: 9:00am

Chairman of the Occasion:
 Engr. Ademola Isaac Olorunfemi, FNSE
 President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers



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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