SAIEG PRESIDENT’S COMMUNIQUÉ

21 August 2014

A quarterly SAIEG Council meeting was held on 29th May 2014. Some matters of interest to members are noted herein.

Membership

The following applications for Member were received and provisionally approved by Council:

Upgrade from Candidate to Member:

- Amy Maharaj
- Izak Johannes Breytenbach

In accordance with the SAIEG constitution by-laws, existing SAIEG members have two weeks to lodge objections regarding an applicant’s suitability before they are fully accepted as a Member. No objections were received following the notice provided by email on 10 June 2014 and the applicants are accepted as Members.

Applicants for other categories of membership received and accepted by Council include:

Candidate Member:

- Stephen Kelly

Affiliate Member:

- Frederick Arnold Richards
- Rudolf Scheepers
- Mogale Dineo Seile
- Daniel Linsel
- Ian James Basson

Student Member:

- Tshibalanganda Muofhe
- Thato Kabelo Mahlase
- Talha Mahomedy
- Mawande Ntautiso
- Patrick Makotose
- Ntshanagse Ntbesuthu
- Innocent Mphephu

Upcoming Events

- November 2014: Tony Brink Memorial Lecture (date, topic and venue t.b.a.)
- 27 August 2016: 35th IGC, Cape Town (www.35igc.org)

South Africa will be hosting the 35th International Geological Congress (IGC) at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 27 August to 4 September 2016. The event is known as the “World Cup of Geosciences” and is the most important activity of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS). SAIEG will be assisting with drafting of engineering and environmental geology sections as well as hosting the technical sessions relating to these fields.
Newsletter, Webpage and Awards

The next SAIEG newsletter is due before the end of this year. If you have recently worked on an interesting project and would like to share your experience in a short article, please send it through to the newsletter editor (editor@saieg.co.za).

The main aim of the SAIEG website is to keep our members informed of current and planned events via the Members Noticeboard. It is also a growing archive for published references, papers, past newsletters, AGM minutes etc. If you have any published papers you’d like to share with fellow members, send them to secretariat@saieg.co.za and you could be a contender for the ABA Brink Award.

Facebook & LinkedIn

For those who are following SAIEG on Facebook, please feel to post and add pictures of anything which may be of interest to other members of SAIEG ie. projects, site inspections, news etc. Once you’ve joined SAIEG on LinkedIn, you can start a discussion or share something with the group. Give it a try!

SACNASP

A CPD system is currently being planned for launch in 2017. Members will be notified of further developments.

NHBRC

The development of the new NHBRC Manual is nearing completion and is expected to be released for review by the end of 2014.

SANCOLD & SAIMM Affiliations

The results of a recent SAIEG survey asking members whether SAIEG should continue its affiliation membership with SANCOLD & SAIMM produced a total of 41 responses:

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As such SAIEG will maintain its affiliation membership with both groups.

Next Council Meeting:
The next Council meeting will be held on 28 August 2014.