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EDITORS MESSAGE...

Hi all and welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for 2006. It's amazing to think that we are already heading towards the fifth month!

We kicked off the year with a fantastic AGM and Gold Award Dinner. Tim Partridge and Tony Williams were the honored guests and recipients of the SAIEG Gold Medal Award.

A few workshops and conferences have been planned for the year. A very successful soil profiling and geotechnical core logging training course was held earlier in the year. Due to the immense response, the course will be repeated and extended to other provinces. A conference on the geological, geotechnical and environmental issues of the Western Cape will be held in the winelands during September. More details are provided in the newsletter.

SAIEG would like to welcome the newly joined members of the Institute, and look forward to a long and fruitful association.

Members are reminded once again that the success of the newsletter is dependant on your inputs. Any contributions, comments, ideas and criticism will be most welcome.

Ashika Sudu

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New SAIEG web address

There have been some exiting developments recently regarding the SAIEG web site.

Although SAIEG had maintained a web site for many years, there were practical problems in terms of keeping the site up to date at all times. Essentially there was never enough time available for this, accepting that Council members all have other jobs and volunteer their precious time for various SAIEG duties.

SAIEG Council therefore took the decision to appoint an outside webmaster in the person of Andries Oberholzer who would be tasked with keeping our website up to date at all times. It should be noted however that the onus for providing updated material etc obviously still rests with SAIEG, and not our webmaster.

At the same time the step was taken register our own domain, and move away from the Council for Geoscience, who had graciously provided us with a home at no charge for a number of years. SAIEG would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, the contribution of the Council for Geoscience in this regard.

Our new web site may be found at www.saieg.co.za

Members are encouraged to visit the site. While we strive to remain up to date and current at all times, there will invariably be some occasions when we might slip up. Members are therefore urged to assist by pointing out areas which need attention or small mistakes which might be present. Suggestions for the web site are always welcome and can be forwarded to Gary Davis at gdavis@geoscience.org.za

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Membership

Our membership levels have remained fairly static for some time (approximately 128). This should be of some concern to our profession, as we are inevitably aging and there is a definite need for increased interest from younger members. Some promising signs may however be taken from a number of student applications received recently.

Events/ courses etc

In the past year SAIEG held a workshop entitled 'Burning Environmental Issues'. This event attracted more than 60 people, and was remarkable for the fact that the majority of delegates were not SAIEG members, but persons who shared an interest in environmental matters. As such this workshop could be considered our first venture into the environmental field.

Communication with membership

One of the most appreciated ways in which our Institute links up with the wider membership is via the newsletter. For many, the newsletter forms the only tangible link with the fraternity and the Institute and is therefore crucial to the sense of belonging. Three newsletters were distributed in the past year and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the editor Ashika Sudu, assisted at times by Margaret Wynne. I know the difficulty in sucking contributions from a busy membership and I would like to thank those who responded.

Our website remains a cornerstone of our presence, both for our members as well as allowing other interested parties to find out about SAIEG. There have recently been some significant changes to our website, most notably the move to our own domain (www.saieg.co.za), but this will have to form part of the next President's Report.

Administration

We have continued to make great strides towards efficient and effective administration, and for this I would like to say a big thank you to Robbie Cameron and her team.

Finances

Our treasurer, Andy Schulze-Hlube has indicated that the Institute finances are healthy and I believe will show increasing growth in future.

Challenges

In opening I alluded to one of the challenges facing our Institute, namely that of low membership levels, although I believe that there are positive signs of an improvement in this regard. I am still of the opinion, however, that we could improve our levels of active involvement amongst the broader membership. On the same theme we only have to look around at our peers to realize we, as a professional grouping, are not representative of the country's demographics. Unless we take steps to address this issue we can expect future criticism.

I am only aware of one PhD being awarded last year (congratulations Dr Haskins). These low levels of engineering geological research should be of concern

to all of us. A truly vibrant profession should surely be capable of greater academic output.

One of the bigger challenges we have not yet tackled satisfactorily is that of the environmental geologist. Some years ago our Institute underwent a name change to reflect the greater international appreciation of environmental issues, yet I do not believe that we have successfully understood all implications. Is the inclusion of the word 'environmental' in our Institute name justified? Why were so few of the delegates at our environmental workshop members of SAIEG?

What lies ahead?

We, as the body representing engineering geologists, have to aim for greater relevance in our ever-changing society. Not only do we need to look out for our professional members; we also need to strike a chord with the man in the street – our actual 'client' if you wish. Already there are signs of increased awareness of the role we play. For example, we, as a group, are involved in the establishment of a national body registering environmental assessment practitioners. A spin-off of this involvement will undoubtedly be a further questioning of our role in the environmental sphere.

The year that lies ahead will see greater SAIEG prominence in terms of courses and conferences. We have recently held a very successful course on "Geotechnical Soil Profiling and Core Logging" and there is the feeling that this is just the start. A conference on "Engineering & Environmental Geology & Geotechnics of the Western Cape Winelands" is scheduled for September and I urge you to get involved.

There is an increasing need to revisit and update our Constitution, to bring it in line with recent changes to legislation governing professional registration.

In closing I would like to thank SAIEG Council for their efforts and, most importantly, you the member without whom there would be no point to all of this.

Gary Davis

MEMBERSHIP

There has been a flurry of activity on the membership front over the last few weeks with applicants and sponsors rushing to submit documentation prior to the Council meeting on the 2nd March 2006. In all, five new members were admitted at the last Council meeting.

On behalf of the SAIEG Council, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members to the Institute and look forward to a long and mutually beneficial association:

<i>Anna Kluz</i>	<i>Student Member</i>
<i>Marina van der Westhuizen</i>	<i>Student Member</i>
<i>Andon van der Merwe</i>	<i>Student Member</i>
<i>Candice Willard</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>
<i>Gerrie van Jaarsveld</i>	<i>Associate Member</i>

While it is gratifying to have five new members, I'm presently aware of a further five applications for full membership to SAIEG, which could not be submitted at the last Council meeting for ratification due to application or supporters forms not having been submitted timeously.

I would like to request all those members of SAIEG who are acting as sponsors for SAIEG applicants, not to put off completing and forwarding the forms to Council. I appreciate that you are all busy people, but all too often the forms are consigned to the In Tray (or to the bottom of a pile of documents on a crowded desk) where they are forgotten. We must remember that it is incumbent on each and every one of us, all of whom are potential sponsors, to change the "I'll get to it later" attitude towards sponsorship, for without everyone's input, the status quo will remain unchanged.

Greg Dyke
Membership Representative

Included in the invoices sent out to the membership was a response form requesting certain information from members. SAIEG is in the process of compiling a directory of members that is primarily intended for distribution to our membership as well as to potential clients, such as national and local government departments, individuals or companies seeking services that our members may be able to provide. This information will also be used to update our own internal database. Members are assured that this information will only be made available to bona-fide potential clients and will not be released to bulk mailing companies, for example. Members are urged to complete the forms and forward to secretariat. For those who have not or do not wish to complete the form, please note that only your name will be listed in directory.

Membership fees

As members are aware, fees for 2006 were increased by 5%. Membership payments have been received from most members and thank you for the speedy response. To those who haven't yet paid, please pay your fees as soon as possible. The fee structure for 2006 is tabled below.

Membership Status		With IAEG Bulletin	Without IAEG Bulletin
Honorary Fellow	HONFEL		
Fellow	FSAIEG	R675	R465
Member	MSAIEG	R620	R410
Assoc Member	AM	R580	R370
Assoc Member qualified	AMQ	R620	R410
Affiliate Member	AF	R470	R260
Retired Member	RT	R470	R260

Payment Options

Cheques:

Can be made out to "SAIEG" and posted to:
PO Box 2812
Pretoria
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Electronic Transfer:*

Account Name: SAIEG

Account No: 1602070423

Bank: Nedbank

Branch: Hatfield

**Please remember to furnish us with proof of payment*

Associate Members please note:

According to our constitution, you are given three years to upgrade to full Membership status once you have qualified. Otherwise you will automatically be upgraded to "Associate Member Qualified" status and then be invoiced accordingly. You are therefore reminded (the Associate Members and the Associate Members Qualified) to apply for full SAIEG Membership status as soon as it becomes possible.

Student Membership

Students majoring in the fields of engineering and environmental geology can join SAIEG as affiliate student members at a *discounted rate of one third of the affiliate rate i.e. currently R87 per annum*. Further details are available from the secretariat and representatives at various tertiary institutions.

SAIEG AGM AND GOLD AWARD DINNER

The AGM and Gold Award Dinner were held on 2nd March at The Conference Park in Midrand. About 70 members, partners and guests joined SAIEG on a beautiful evening, for a night of entertainment and liaison with fellow colleagues and friends. The guests of honor at the Dinner were Tim Partridge and Tony Williams, to whom Gold Medals were awarded, presented to those members of the Institute who make a truly outstanding lifelong contribution both nationally and internationally to the profession of Engineering and Environmental Geology. Rodney Maud, as usual, delighted us with a long and colorful account of adventures he and Tim Partridge experienced, much to the embarrassment of Tim whilst Frank Netterburg, on the other hand, provided a short and sweet tribute to Tony Williams! Both recipients were appreciative to be recognized and honored as such by the Institute. Needless to say, we were all ravenous after the ceremony and tucked into a delicious dinner!



Gold Award being presented to Tim Partridge by Gary Davis, Rodney Maud in background



Tony Williams, with Frank Netterburg and Gary Davis

Thanks go out Robbie Cameron and her team for the planning and organizing of the AGM and Dinner. SAIEG

would also like to acknowledge the sponsors of the Gold Award Dinner.

SAIEG 2006 Gold Award Dinner Sponsors

- ANT Geoconsultants (Pty) Ltd
- Banzi Geotechnics CC
- Corstor (Pty) Ltd
- Council for Geoscience
- Hennie Erwee Drilling Contractors
- Dolomite Technology (Pty) Ltd
- JK Developments
- Jo van der Merwe
- Ninham Shand (Pty) Ltd
- Relly Milner & Shedden
- Steffen Robertson & Kirsten (SRK)

Thank you for your support and generosity.

REGIONAL REPORTS

LIMPOPO NEWS

The impact of the 2010 Soccer World Cup is starting to make itself felt, with several large construction projects slated for Polokwane. In this, the proposed new Peter Mokaba Stadium at ± R 300M, the proposed 10-storey hotel and international conference centre, and the extensions to the Savanna Shopping Mall, will require substantial geotechnical investigations. Engineering geological investigations will also be required for the proposed upgrading of bulk services in town, as well as for extensive future township development.

The Provincial Department of Local Development and Housing recently stated on air (Jacaranda FM) that several proposed township developments have been approved, and that these will shortly be allocated to the relevant engineering firms so that the necessary geotechnical studies can be undertaken. These will generally be DFA-type investigations, with delivery of all reports required 1 month after appointment.

On the environmental side: the Provincial Department of Health and Welfare has ordered an assessment of the quality of water rendered to all clinics and health facilities located within the Limpopo Province, as an initial study conducted during 2005 revealed severe groundwater contamination at some of the clinics. An ongoing project to assess the suitability of on-site sanitation systems at existing clinics has also been extended into 2006. This Department has also embarked on an ambitious program to establish a number of new clinics within the Province, focusing on founding, water supply, and sanitation issues, thus generating a significant amount of geotechnical and geohydrological work.

Fred Calitz



REPORT BACK:
AEG ANNUAL MEETING 2005, LAS VEGAS



I flew to LA and stayed with a previous President of AEG, Eldon Gath and his lovely wife Clara. Eldon is a great party man and loves his wines and knows a great deal about the wines of California! He and Clara throw one hell of a good party too!

On the way to Las Vegas Eldon and I did a trip through Yosemite and Death Valley. The impressive geology of both these national parks is truly inspiring:



Half Dome looking north up Yosemite Creek hanging



OB at 282ft below sea level! Badwater Spring



Large outwash fan from the Cottonwood Mountains along the eastern flank of the valley



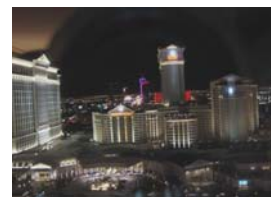
Recent offset marked by a step off in recent alluvial deposits along the Black Mountain fault Zone



As we left the Valley we looked through the rising cloud which had veiled the mountains and kept us wet and cool all day to see Las Vegas almost in an ethereal light!



It's the size that counts in Las Vegas. Everything is big!!



A night view from the President's suite! The famous Caesar's Palace!



Then it was down to work. I presented a poster and a paper on the Neotectonics in South Africa with special reference to the Rietfontein Fault system around Johannesburg. The poster and paper were well received. The poster was well placed near the food bar in the exhibitor's room!

There were 534 delegates at the meeting, 210 abstracts were received and most were presented as papers. There were about 40 exhibitors.

The Board Meeting

After the symposium (Annual Meeting, abstract can be found on the website of AEG), the Board Meeting commenced and it was down to work. The Board Meeting ran for two days of intensive discussions.

The Agenda was long and full.



I then returned to South Africa via an old friend in Cork, Ireland. Many thanks to SAIEG and AEG for contributing to the costs of the trip as well as to Eldon Gath for his company and friendship which has made my trips to the US since 1997 most special and a very important learning experience. I have many slides and records of my trips as Chair of the SA Section of AEG and would be pleased to share these with SAIEG at a time and place to be arranged as long as there is good wine and food!

Oliver Barker

REPORT BACK:
Soil Profiling and Geotechnical Core Logging
Workshop
2 – 3 February, Midrand

The inaugural SAIEG training course on “Soil Profiling and Geotechnical Core Logging” was held in February in Midrand, drawing people from as far afield as Botswana and Namibia.

The aim of these courses is to provide training and skills transfer by persons experienced in various fields. The recent “Soil Profiling and Geotechnical Core Logging” course is intended to be the first in a series which will eventually cover a wide range. In the not-to-distant future attendance of such courses will likely be a pre-requisite for continued professional registration, and it is envisaged that presentation of such courses will form an increasingly important part of SAIEG’s many functions.

As the courses are intended to provide focused, hands-on training, the numbers of attendees are intentionally kept small. Nevertheless, SAIEG was pleasantly surprised at the response to this first course; the registrations far exceeded the available space – to the extent that a second, repeat course was immediately organized for 4th and 5th May. This overwhelming response is a clear indication of the wider interest in such courses. In addition, there is interest from both KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape in hosting this course. Watch this space!

The course was run over two days, with the first day focusing on soils profiling and the second day dedicated

to core logging. Tony A’Bear presented the soil profiling component while Gary Davis presented core logging.

Course attendees for the soil profiling course spent the morning coming to grips with how soils develop, taking a brief look at the characteristics of some common problem soils that might be encountered and then looking at the theory of profiling methodology. The afternoon was spent in the field getting their hands dirty practicing the art of profiling. For the practical session,

Joe van der Merwe joined Tony so that more time could be spent with individuals in the test pits. Crossman Pape kindly lent the course a site and a whole lot of test pits to profile.

The core logging training had two facets; the morning session comprised a presentation on theoretical and background aspects, covering the basic principles and definitions, while the afternoon session was a hands-on practical session using boxes of borehole cores which were brought to the venue.

Both courses made the point of emphasizing that attendance alone would not automatically guarantee proficiency in either soil profiling or core logging – the courses merely provided a sound grounding in the basic principles and it was essential to supplement this knowledge with practical experience.

It is hoped that the variety of courses offered by SAIEG would be expanded in time. If there are therefore specific needs or ideas for future topics please bring these forward.

For further queries, please contact:
Tony A’ Bear – tony@antgeo.com
Gary Davis – gdavis@geoscience.org.za

SAIEG CONFERENCE
DOWN TO EARTH IN THE WINELANDS OF
SOUTH AFRICA
21st – 24th September 2006

In September this year SAIEG will be hosting a 2 day conference and one and a half day field trip entitled “Engineering & Environmental Geology & Geotechnics of the Western Cape Winelands”.

The conference will be held in the heart of the South African Winelands, an ideal location for discussions on geological, geotechnical and environmental issues of the Western Cape where delegates will be able to interact with professionals in the field as well as sample the local produce of the soil.

Professor Scott Burns from Portland State University, USA could not resist the invitation to visit South Africa’s fairest province and has agreed to be the international guest speaker at the conference.

Scott’s current research interests are in landslide inventory and susceptibility maps, earthquake hazard maps, radon and heavy mineral hazard maps, soil development, and loess. One of Scott’s passions is the study of “terroir” (the relationship between wine types and the soils on which they are grown). At the AEG meetings in the US over past 6 years Scott’s talks on

the wines of Portland are always booked out as he also provides wines to taste!

The conference will focus in particular on:-

- Dams
- Roads and services
- Groundwater
- Surface water pollution
- Housing versus vineyards/agriculture
- Hydrocarbon contamination and remediation
- Landslides and seismicity
- Recent deposits including dune sands and deeply weathered in situ deposits (saprolites)

While the intention is to focus on engineering, ground water and environmental issues of the broad Western Cape region and particularly the wine growing areas, papers of general interest are welcomed.

If you would like to participate in the conference and field trip or if you feel that your expertise and knowledge would be valuable to the proceeding, we would welcome hearing from you.

While we hope to publish the papers or would like to see presentations that can be published, work in progress is welcomed. Your interest to participate should be sent to RCA as indicated below with an abstract by the end of May 2006. We hope to get some special rates for delegates and if anyone has any suggestions or offers of accommodation in the Stellenbosch-Somerset West area, please let us know.

Please contact the conference secretariat on saieg@rca.co.za or phone 011 728 8173. Website: www.saieg.co.za

O Barker
Convener



A Temecula Wine Farm in Southern California!

OTHER NEWS

SAICE Centenary Edition

The Geotechnical Division is about to publish a Centenary Special Edition of the SAICE Technical Journal, focusing on Geotechnical Papers over the last 100 years or so.

Part of this publication comprises a short history of the Division and a Hall-of-Fame of the past recipients of the Geotechnical Gold Medal. To personalize these prestigious awards we wish to include a head-and-shoulders photograph of each recipient.

We therefore appeal to our members (and medal recipients) to assist us in finding suitable photographs (B&W or Color) to use.

The list of recipients includes:

- 1989 B.A. Kantey (Basil)
L.C. Wilson (Leslie)
- 1990 G.W. Donaldson (George)
R. Parry-Davies (Ross)
- 1991 A.A.B. Williams (Tony)
- 1992 H. Hartmut Weinert
K. Knight (Ken)
- 1993 A.B.A. Brink (Tony)
- 1994 L.E. Collings (Lu)
- 1995 G.M.I. Braadtvedt (Ian)
- 1996 F. von M. Wagener (Fritz)
- 1997 G.E. Blight (Geoff)
- 1998 G.A. Jones (Gary)
- 1999 J. Everett (John)
- 2000 S. Melville (Sandy)
- 2001 O.K.H. Steffen (Oscar)
J.H. Strydom (Kallie)
- 2002 K. Schwartz (Ken)
- 2003 G.P. Byrne (Gavin)
- 2004 F. Netterberg (Frank)
- 2005 P.W. Day (Peter)

If you can assist, please forward the photos to:
Nico Vermeulen (vermeulen@jaws.co.za)

Regards
Gerhard Heymann

FROM THE STOREROOM ...

SAIEG holds a collection of useful reference books and proceedings which are considered essential for any complete South African engineering geological library. These include:

Title	Author	Publ Date	Price (incl postage)
Cities of South Africa	AEG Symposium	1981	R50,00
Guidelines for Urban Engineering Geological Investigations	SAIEG/SAICE	1997	R75,00
A Practical Guide to Soil Movement	SAIEG/SAICE	1999	R75,00
Proceedings: 9 th IAEG Congress (with extended abstracts) - Engineering Geology for Developing Countries, Durban, 2002 (Compact Disc format)	Editors: Van Rooy, J.L. and Jermy, C.A.	2002	R120,00
Guideline for engineering geological characterization and development of dolomitic land	CGS/SAIEG Endorsed by SAICE (Geotech Div)	2004	R50,00
Geoscience Africa-Symposium Proceedings + short course notes and field trip booklet (including CD)		2004	R250,00

Please contact the secretariat for any of the above items.

Monthly Journals of the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) are available from SAIEG. For copies of the index / papers, please contact the editor.

SAIEG is currently in the process of gathering material following SAIEG's history for archiving purposes.

Members in possession of material suitable for archiving e.g. past minutes and meeting agendas, newsletter editions, photos, etc. are urged to contact the editor.

LOCAL EVENT CALENDAR

24 – 28 April

Certified Short Course on Environmental Impact Assessment Procedures, IAIA SA. Rhodes University's Departments of Environmental Science and Botany, in conjunction with Coastal & Environmental Services (CES), are offering another fully certified short course on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Procedures at Rhodes University, Grahamstown during the last week of April 2006. The course schedule also includes a session on *The New EIA Regulations*. Contact: Coastal & Environmental Services; Tel: 046 622 4455; Fax: 046 622 6564; Email: lisl@cesnet.co.za

18 – 19 May

Techno Financial Evaluation of Mineral Deposits, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

26 May

Nickel Exploration and Exploitation, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

9 June

Computers in Exploration and Mining, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

21 June

"Student GeoCongress 2006", GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

22 – 23 June

"Geoforum 2006", Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA). Eskom Conference Centre, Dale Road, Halfway House. Contact: PO Box 72147, Parkview, 2122: Tel: 011 728 8173; Fax: 011 728 1675; Email: geoforum@rca.co.za; Website: www.gssa.org.za

3 – 5 July

21st Colloquium on African Geology. *Maputo, Mozambique*. Contact: CAG21@uninet.co.mz / lopo@uninet.co.mz

10 – 11 August

Drilling Methods & Techniques in Exploration and Mining, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

11 August

Manganese and Iron in Africa - Exploration and Exploitation, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

8 September

Diamond Exploration and Exploitation in Africa, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

13 – 15 September

"Mining Achievements, Records and Benchmarks", Mining Alumni Society of the University of Pretoria (MASUP) in association with SAIMM. *Electra Mining, Nasrec, Johannesburg*. Contact: Lara: Tel: 011 834 1273/7; Fax: 011 838 5923; Email: lara@saimm.co.za

21 September

Techniques of Coal Data Acquisition and Modelling, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

21 – 24 September

"Engineering & Environmental Geology & Geotechnics of the Western Cape Winelands", SAIEG Conference. *Western Cape Winelands*. Contact: RCA; Tel: 011 728 8173; Fax: 011 728 1675; Email: saieg@rca.co.za; Website: www.saieg.co.za

6 October

Geochemistry in Mineral Exploration, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

19 October

Platinum Exploration and Exploitation, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

9 – 10 November

Advanced Diamond Drilling Methods and Techniques in Exploration & Mining, GSSA. Contact: Robbie Cameron: Robbie@rca.co.za.

INTERNATIONAL EVENT CALENDAR

15 – 17 August

31st Conference on Our World in Concrete and Structures; Theme: 'Housing for the Nation', CI-Premier Conferences 2006. *Singapore*. Contact: CI Premier PTE LTD: Tel: (065) 67332922; Fax: (065) 62353530; Email: cipremie@singnet.com.sg; Website: www.cipremier.com

6 – 10 September

IAEG 2006, Engineering Geology for Tomorrow's Cities, the 10th IAEG Congress. *Nottingham, United Kingdom*. Contact: info@iaeg2006.com / programme@iaeg2006.com; www.iaeg2006.com

27 – 29 September

3rd International Conference on Protection of Structures Against Hazards, CI-Premier Conferences 2006. *Padova, Italy*. Contact: CI Premier PTE LTD: Tel: (065) 67332922; Fax: (065) 62353530; Email: cipremie@singnet.com.sg; Website: www.cipremier.com

8 – 12 October

Second International Platinum Conference, "Platinum Surges Ahead", SAIMM. *Sun City, South Africa*. Contact: Lara: Tel: 011 834 1273/7; Fax: 011 838 5923; Email: lara@saimm.co.za

24 – 26 October

10th International Conference on Inspection, Appraisal, Repairs and Maintenance of Structures, CI-Premier Conferences 2006. *Hong Kong Sar China*. Contact: CI Premier PTE LTD: Tel: (065) 67332922; Fax: (065) 62353530; Email: cipremie@singnet.com.sg; Website: www.cipremier.com

29 – 31 October

3rd International Conference Fibre Reinforced Materials, CI-Premier Conferences 2006. *Hong Kong Sar China*. Contact: CI Premier PTE LTD: Tel: (065) 67332922; Fax: (065) 62353530; Email: cipremie@singnet.com.sg; Website: www.cipremier.com

4 – 6 December

2nd International Conference on Problematic Soils, CI-Premier Conferences 2006. *Malaysia*. Contact: CI Premier PTE LTD: Tel: (065) 67332922; Fax: (065) 62353530; Email: cipremie@singnet.com.sg; Website: www.cipremier.com

Well, that's it for now. I would like to stress, yet again, that the newsletter provides a wonderful platform to share your views, ideas and current projects with us. The deadline for contributions for the next edition is 30 June.

Regards,
Ashika Sudu
