



### SAIEG PRESIDENT'S COMMUNIQUÉ

14 May 2013

A quarterly SAIEG Council meeting was held on 24th April 2013. Some matters of interest and concern to the members are noted herein.

#### Membership

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

- William Philip Ansell - Member
- Carrie Zermatten - Candidate
- Gary John Ainsworth - Affiliate

Existing SAIEG members have two weeks to lodge any objections regarding an applicant's suitability before they are fully accepted. Should no written objection to the applicants's election be lodged with the Secretariat ([secretariat@saieg.co.za](mailto:secretariat@saieg.co.za)) within fourteen days of publication, the applicant will be accepted.

#### Student Members

The following student members are welcomed:

- Gabrielle Denner
- Christiaan Jacobus Jooste
- Ndolo Umba

#### Upcoming Events:

- May/June 2013: Site visit: The Centrifuge, its applications and study results
- July 2013: Slope Stability Course
- 16 & 17 August 2013: Rock Identification Course
- August 2013: SANS 1936 Dolomite Document Workshop
- 2, 3 & 4 October 2013: Soils, Core Logging and Chip Logging Course
- November 2013: Tony Brink Memorial Lecture

Further details to follow.

#### Sponsorship and Advertising

SAIEG continually strives to increase its sponsor base so that it may continue to, and improve on providing benefits to its members. From next year SAIEG will be motivating excellence amongst students by awarding a best student prize to both TUKS and KZN universities. Annual field trip grants of R10 000 will also be provided to each university.

Advertising opportunities are available on the SAIEG website, as well as the newsletter and bulk email. If a member thinks their company may be interested in the benefits of being a Corporate Sponsor and advertising through SAIEG, they are encouraged to download the introductory

sponsorship and advertising letter (with application forms attached) by visiting [www.saieg.co.za](http://www.saieg.co.za) and following the link under “Sponsors” or “To advertise here...”

### **Webpage**

It was noted that of the 224 members (including 50 student members) only 80 have registered on the SAIEG website and are fully utilizing areas restricted to members.

All members are encouraged to register on the website and are reminded to check in regularly for notices and events. Interesting site photos may be emailed to [webmaster@saieg.co.za](mailto:webmaster@saieg.co.za) so student members can see what our practice is all about.

### **Facebook**

The new SAIEG Facebook page has only 20 followers. Members are encouraged to go to the SAIEG website and click on the “Find us on Facebook” icon. Once on the SAIEG Facebook page, click on “Like” to get the latest posts and updates through their Facebook News Feed.

Once on the page, members are free to post anything of a professional or geological interest they wish to share with other members.

### **Application Forms**

The revamped SAIEG membership application forms are now available on the SAIEG website. These include Form A for the applicant and Form B for the supporter/s. Student membership application is on Form C.

An electronic format which can be completed and submitted electronically will be available in the near future.

### **AEG**

The 56<sup>th</sup> AEG Annual Meeting / Conference will be held in Seattle, from 8-15 September 2013. The abstract submission date has been extended to 17 May 2013. For more info visit [www.aegweb.org/events/aeg-annual-meeting/2013-seattle](http://www.aegweb.org/events/aeg-annual-meeting/2013-seattle)

### **IAEG**

SAIEG membership data has been sent to IAEG and we are awaiting delivery of bulletins. The abstract submission deadline for the IAEG XII 2014 Congress in Torino has been extended to 15 May 2013.

### **GSSA**

Following discussions between GSSA and SAIEG, it was agreed that SAIEG members will get GSSA member rates for certain events. GSSA members invited to SAIEG events will also get SAIEG member rates for those events.

### **SANCOLD**

SAIEG is reviewing its affiliate membership to SANCOLD. If any SAIEG members have valid motivations for SAIEG to retain the affiliation, please send it to [secretariat@saieg.co.za](mailto:secretariat@saieg.co.za).

**Next Council Meeting:** 14 August 2013.

### **SAIEG**

South African Institute for Engineering and Environmental Geologists

