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This reporting format, of a regular comprehensive newsletter, is being re-introduced to keep members abreast of some of the initiatives and ongoing interaction within industry which are undertaken by the Board, SAIA representatives and staff. In this edition, we include updates on the proposed Constitutional reform of SAIA and the Regions, UIA Durban 2014, Practice, Education (including CPD) and Habitat, amongst others. Also, in conclusion, please enjoy the ABC of Architecture with us.

From the President's Desk

It is my sincere belief that we all have had a well-deserved end of the year break and that by now, we are all operating in top gear, trying to catch up with the very high pace the year 2013 seems to be moving at.

As we all should be aware that the environment within which we operate is dynamic – politically, socio-economically and physically – it therefore requires all of us, to adapt and keep our methods of doing business in constant check, so as to ensure that we do not get left behind and further lose our space in society. The national office of SAIA is aware of the aforementioned fact, hence it strives to fulfil this mandate on your behalf, albeit the tight economic situation within which we operate. We are grateful to those of our members, who acknowledge this fact and constantly give support, positive criticism and inputs towards achieving our common goal.

I am aware that some of us have taken trouble of familiarising themselves with the latest census results and have observed the growth in the numbers of our population versus the resources our country is able to offer and sustain. One of the basic and fundamental facts everyone of us should, in my view, be focusing on, is transformation (in its broadest sense), with the sole purpose of reducing high rate of dependency on grants, to that of seeking to broaden the tax or revenue base for our country. Our profession within the built environment realm has a major role to play in this respect.

I am excited and encouraged by the transformation strategies and programmes that SAIA is putting into place, and I am equally positive that they will, in the long run, yield positive results which will benefit our profession and live a lasting legacy for our society at large. WATCH THIS SPACE!! In concluding, it is my wish to acknowledge and express my personal appreciation to those members who make it their respective business to respond and comment on issues affecting our profession when invited to do so, by either government or any other players in the industry. However, where possible, it would be appreciated if we could try and collate our comments and inputs centrally, so as to ensure that we speak with one voice, thus minimising sending contradicting views, to the general public.

May all of our members have a wonderful, engaging and successful 2013. May we all commit to think out of the box, create and grab the opportunities which come our way.

Sindile Ngonyama

SACAP – Call for comment on the requirements for the recognition of Voluntary Association

After consultation with the Board, SAIA submitted its response to the Registrar on this call for comment.

[Click Here for the SAIA comment on the SACAP Notice](#)

SAIA Constitutional Reform

The drafting of a new Constitution for SAIA and a Model Constitution for the Institute Regions is now at an advanced stage and feedback from the Regional Committees has been invited. Once the comments have been incorporated into the documents, direct consultation with members will take place.

UIA Durban 2014

As we are starting the countdown to hosting the UIA World Conference on Architecture in Durban in August 2014, we were reminded again by Hassan Asmal who heads the D2014 Organisation Committee of the inspiring write-up SAIA received after our first, unsuccessful bid in Istanbul in 2005 to host this prestigious event here on home soil:

. . . In the beginning was architecture therefore. And still is, as anyone could see during the Congress. There was such a captivating excitement, such an intensity and one felt: It's really a small world. A small world, global world, local world, glocal world: at Istanbul, and in the name of architecture, the representatives of the old Europe met those from emerging countries, the Japanese, determined to host the XXIV Congress after Turin 2008, met the spectacular South Africans. The city of Durban was, along with Tokyo, the other candidate to host the meeting of 2011.

Tokyo was the winner in the end (it had already been beaten twice, by Istanbul first and Turin later), but the South Africans were liked even more because of it. In presenting their applications, the Japanese projected a gloomy video of a city that recalled Batman Gotham City, dark, oppressive and wicked. Durban architects instead were playing their African drums. And they were dancing. And they offered an appealing and cheerful image of their city. It was strengthened by the willingness to drive away from the mind of the international audience the idea of racial barriers that the whole world has learnt to associate to South Africa. Tokyo was the winner, but it is the elegance of Durban which remains in the hearts of the participants.

The theme of Africa, of operational and professional solidarity, not based on sheer charity, was one of the common threads of the congress. It wasn't officially so, but one could feel it in the air. One could breathe it along with the scent of people who are willing to engage themselves, to work and think that good architecture can improve the world.

Extract from: Istanbul, sliding door By Alessandra Comazzi.

SAIA invites all members, our colleagues in architecture, our friends in architecture to join us in this spirit of improving the world through good architecture on African soil.

[Click Here to find out more about Durban UIA 2014](#)

PROCSA 3rd Edition (Electronic)

The Professional Consultants Services Agreement Committee (PROCSA) has now published the 3rd Edition of its suite of client-consultant service agreements for built environment professionals. PROCSA has taken the bold step of making the documents available for professional use in

electronic form only. Hardcopy reference documents for study purposes will be available.

The documents are available online at www.e-procsa.co.za Various options are available. Different subscription services provide for discounted document purchase prices, online collaboration and completion of documentation. *Ad hoc* purchases using credit cards may also be made.

The 3rd Edition PROCSA combines the Terms and Conditions and Annexure A – the Schedule and Annexure B – the Services in one document. (In the 2nd Edition the Terms and Conditions and Annexures A and B were two separate documents.)

It is important to note that many of the hardcopy documents of the 2nd Edition are now out of print. Because 2nd Edition and 3rd Edition documents are not compatible it is strongly advised that any new project agreements should use only the 3rd Edition of PROCSA. This will ensure that the various documents are compatible and will be available for all professional service appointments, current and into the future.

SANS 10400-XA Energy – Applications for building plan approval

Where a designer elects to follow the requirements for the building envelope given in SANS 10400-XA to demonstrate compliance with the National Building Regulation Part XA, certain fenestration calculations are required if the fenestration area exceeds 15% of the nett floor area of any storey. In such cases the Building Control Offices of the major metropolitan municipalities and many smaller municipalities have introduced a requirement that the architectural professional responsible for such fenestration calculations must have attended a course on the topic approved by the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS).

SAIA's position is that such course attendance, while desirable to improve professional proficiency, should not be a prerequisite for registered architectural professionals as their qualifications, training and experience adequately equip them to carry out the calculations required. SAIA has made representations to both the NRCS and the SABS on this issue, which is as yet unresolved but receiving attention.

At present there are three recognised courses on offer:

CPD SAIA 12-11: The application of the amended National Building Regulations for energy use

Activity provider: Structatherm Projects In association with WSP Green by Design

Contact: Howard Harris

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CPD SAIA 12-12: SANS 204: Maths and Physics Workshop

Activity provider Peter Wyness

Contact: Peter Wyness

Tel: (011) 648 5788

e-mail: peterwyness@vodamail.co.za

Energy Efficiency in Buildings Workshop

Activity provider: SAIAT

Contact: Peter Brown / Frans Dekker

Tel: (011) 622 3168

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Dates and venues for upcoming course are obtainable from the activity providers.

Treasury Regulation amendment – call for comments

Treasury has published draft amended Treasury regulations for comment. SAIA is a constituent of the Built Environment Professionals Grouping which will be submitting a collective response to the draft. SAIA will also be submitting a response in its own right. The closing date of the comment period is 8 February 2013 for any member wishing to submit an individual response.

[Click Here to view the document](#)

AAAMSA Advisory Note – SAGGA Certificates

The Association of Architectural Aluminium Manufacturers of South Africa (AAAMSA) has requested SAIA to inform its members that some South African Glass and Glazing Association (SAGGA) Certificates of Conformance for glazing installations have been fraudulently issued.

Consequently, all SAGGA Certificates of Conformance with certificate numbers prior to number 156501 are withdrawn with immediate effect.

[Click Here to read the full AAAMSA announcement](#)

SAQA call for comment on draft RPL policy

In December 2012 SACAP notified its voluntary associations that SAQA had published a draft RPL policy for comment. SAIA submitted comment which essentially supported the concept as presented in the draft policy although in certain respects the draft policy appeared to be in conflict with current SACAP policy on RPL as a route to registration. Finalisation of the draft policy is in the hands of SAQA.

SACAP Professional Practice Examination

The following information has been received from SACAP:

The SACAP Professional Practice Examination (PPE) will be written on 11 April 2013. Preliminary applications must be submitted to SACAP by no later than 20 February 2013. All the monthly training records that the applicant has submitted to SACAP during the period of registration must be resubmitted with this application. Confirmation of eligibility to write the PPE will be communicated to applicants on 15 March 2013.

Please address all enquiries regarding the above notification to SACAP at registrar rp@sacapsa.com The SAIA Study Aid for the PPE will be published early in February. The Study Aid is available from SAIA's offices and from certain regional institutes' offices (check availability). The cost of the Study Aid over the counter is:

SAIA	members:	R	456,00	(incl	VAT)
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Non-members: R 627,00 (incl VAT)
Postage (ordinary post): R 62,70 (incl VAT)

SAIA wishes candidates taking the examination every success.

Qualitas Career Academy (in collaboration with Roodt* Architects)

Qualitas Career Academy (in collaboration with Roodt* Architects) is hosting a non accredited one year Architectural Draughtsmanship Training Programme as from 2013, awaiting accreditation of a formal three year NQF6 Diploma in Architectural Draughtsmanship.

In the past the old 'Technikons' addressed the need for prospective students of architecture to find an alternative route into the profession. This route assisted those applicants whose matriculation results were not good enough to allow for entrance into a formalised degree program at one of the tertiary institutions in the country or students who simply has the passion for drawing to acquire a skill with which they can start a career with.

Students used to be able to start studies in the field of architectural draughtsmanship and then vertically move from one level of registration to the next by completing each module of academic study, and subsequent office based training. As students finished and registered, allowance was made for recognition of prior learning and competence gained.

With the old 'Technikons' now functioning as Universities of Technology, standards have been raised and degrees added to existing diplomas offered, leaving a void in the opportunities available for students to start their studies in the field of architecture at the current accredited learning sites.

Qualitas endeavours to fill this gap with its course in Architectural Draughtsmanship set up by professionals within the profession for the profession. Our core activity is the provision of an excellent learning environment and the training of graduates that are able to apply relevant knowledge and skill acquired during their studies in the workplace.

The programme starts on 13 February 2013 and enrolments for 2013 close on 31 January 2013.

[Click Here to find out more about the Draughtsmanship Course](#)

World Architecture Festival (WAF) : 2-4 October 2013, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore

WAF is a unique meeting point for architects, suppliers and clients, attracting hundreds of entries and visitors from all over the world. WAF is the world's largest, live, truly inclusive and interactive global architectural awards programme. WAF is architectural excellence live!

SAIA is pleased to announce that we have negotiated a 25% discount rate for WAF 2013 for all our members. More information will follow soon.

[Click Here to find out more about WAF 2013](#)

Sustainable Human(e) Settlements: The urban challenge International conference: Lamunu, Braamfontien, Johannesburg 17th-21st September 2012

In September 2012, the University of Johannesburg, with its partners and sponsors, hosted an international conference on Sustainable Human(e) Settlements: the urban challenge. This was an activity of the International Council for Building (CIB) W110 group on Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing, which is led by Prof Happy Santosa (Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS), Surabaya, Indonesia) and Prof Amira Osman (University of Johannesburg). This research group has also been closely collaborating with International Council for Building (CIB) W104 on Open Building

Implementation.

This conference was endorsed by the South African Institute of Architects, SAIA, and was validated as a Category one CPD event.

[Click Here for the full report on this conference](#)

Innovation Competition, Closing date is 31 March 2013 at 0H00 GMT

There is still time to make an application in this round - so act now! The Global Creative Leadership Initiative (GCLI) is proud to launch its first initiative to identify innovation talents from these emerging countries through this first competition in search of talent and innovation.

One of GCLI's one of its main focus areas is INNOVATION. Innovation is strongly linked with inter-cultural, inter-generation, inter-disciplinary interactions. The Institute enables connections to transform the local knowledge to new technology to advance the understanding of global innovation for the industry and business leaders around the world. The initiative is convinced that innovation thrives in young creativity circle and spurred by necessity or survival. Very often it has its roots in local and traditional knowledge, especially in emerging countries.

[Click Here to find out more](#)

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CPD - SAIA Validated Activities - 2013

The following Category One CPD activities have been validated by SAIA since the start of the new year:

CPD SAIA 13-01 : Stainless Steel in Architecture

Activity provider: Southern African Stainless Steel Development Association

Presenter: Catherine Houska (USA)

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This activity comprises a series of 1-day workshops on the topic of stainless steel in architecture presented in the following centres:

12 February 2013 : Johannesburg; Glenhove Centre

14 February 2013: Cape Town; Sports Science Institute, Newlands

19 February 2013: Durban; Durban Country Club

CPD SAIA 13-02 : Self-Compacting Concrete 2013 Seminars

Activity provider: Concrete Society of Southern African

Presenters: Various experts in the field, including Daniel van der Merwe on aesthetic structures using self-compacting concrete

Contact: Jeanine (12) or Natasja
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Website: www.concretesociety.co.za/conferences

This activity comprises a series of 1-day seminars on the topic of self-compacting concrete (SCC) presented in the following centres:

25 February 2013: Durban; Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel

26 February 2013: Port Elizabeth; Radisson Blu Hotel

27 February 2013: Cape Town; Premier Hotel Cape Manor

28 February 2013: Johannesburg; Premier Hotel, OR Tambo

Something Fun!

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