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In this edition of SAIA's newsletter, we include notes from the President and a first introduction to our new CEO. There is also a notice and invitation to submit an expression of Interest for the SAIA Endorsed competition - Development of a new University in Mpumalanga. Regional Award deadlines are highlighted for all the affiliated SAIA regions as well as details on how to submit your projects for consideration in the Digest of South African Architecture: 2013 Vol 18.

### Notes from the President

In thanking our out-going Executive Officer and in welcoming our new SAIA CEO, let me record my fascination and heartfelt thanks for the commitment which continues to be displayed by most of our fellow colleagues who volunteer their precious time to serve on national and regional structures of our organisation. I am equally humbled by the dedication shown by most of our staff members working at our regional and national offices, most of the time under very trying circumstances. All the aforementioned people in my view, are driven primarily by a common goal- *that of ensuring that the values and the dignity of our noble profession is upheld.*

With respect to the **constitutional reforms agenda**, which the board is attempting to finalise during the months of June/July through a planned 'Constitution Indaba', it is imperative that we collectively weigh and embrace the positive aspects these reforms will bring about, as I am certain that they will outweigh the perceived negatives.

- SAIA is a body of professionals, operating under very challenging economic times, therefore it becomes very important for us to capitalise on the limited resources at our disposal and ensure that we utilise them effectively and efficiently, for the benefit of our broader membership. There is no need for us to be duplicating on services; instead we should be trying to consolidate our common activities as much as we can.
- Collectively we possess the ability of identifying and segmenting issues we believe need to form part of either the national or regional agendas, and we should also be identifying issues of priority and the strategies to be employed in tackling such issues, without jeopardizing what has been worked on, for the past five to six years.
- There is a common understanding that if we are to satisfy our objectives and the aspirations of our membership, SAIA needs to operate along clear business lines. The proposed reforms are talking loudly on issues such as the recruitment of board members with special competencies - sponsorship and fundraising capabilities – and call for less reliance on volunteerism coupled with high dependence on salaried staff members with clear expected deliverables.

There are some critical **built environment policies** which are being discussed or are about to be implemented at national government level, which require active input and engagement by members of our profession. It is practically impossible to have only a few individuals dedicating their volunteer time to all these matters, whilst the rest of us sit back and criticise their efforts.

- if we want to have significant change in our country,
- if we want to ensure that our sister bodies and our community take us seriously, and,
- if we want to ensure that we play a meaningful role in the built environment,

It is up to us all, to ensure that we take up these issues and advise the leadership in the most appropriate manner, as to how best these can be dealt with, so that it will be beneficial to our cause as a professional body and to the society at large. I am specifically referring to policy debates pertaining to the mandates of:

- Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB)
- South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP)
- Council for the Built Environment (CBE)
- Construction Sector Charter Council (CSCC)

Notwithstanding the aforementioned activities which fall within the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works, there are other debates and discussions taking place around issues such as **accreditation and validation of programmes for our architectural learning sites (ALS's), Identification of Work (IDoW)**, which require input to the **Competitions Commission**, and many others, which equally need us to apply our minds and critically evaluate their long term implications to us as practitioners and to the future of our graduates. Unless we create space for these debates to take place amongst ourselves at our regional structures and escalate our views and resolutions for consolidations to our national structure, we will continue to be caught wanting when they reach implementation stages.

In conclusion, the position of being at the helm of SAIA activities (of which I am grateful and value your gesture so much), has afforded me golden opportunities such as being exposed to the adjudication of our **architectural awards, ALS validation processes** and many more, and has sparked off this synoptic bird's eye perspective I am sharing with you. It is my sincere belief that the majority of our members are people who have positive outlook and share my belief that if we all pool our strengths and ideas together, we will be recorded in the history books of SAIA as having turned around the activities and image of SAIA for the better - to that of an impact-bearing organisation. We can only achieve this noble goal if none of our members allow themselves to remain on the periphery of the activities of our institute.

Thank you and stay blessed.

**Sindile Ngonyama**

## **News from the National Office**

### **New CEO at the helm of SAIA**

SAIA is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Obert Chakarisa as Chief Executive Officer of the Institute with immediate effect. A qualified Aircraft Engineer with a Masters Degree in Aircraft Airworthiness (Aviation Safety), and currently enrolled for a MBA (graduation expected in October 2013), Obert Chakarisa has more than a decade's experience at senior and executive management level, both in the public and private sectors. [Click here to view his full CV](#)

His role and responsibilities will be to implement new strategic plans which will assist the Institute's members to respond to the changing business, legal and social environment. Key areas of focus will include:

- Maintaining SAIA as the leading voice of Architects in South Africa and raising its co-operation with, and service to architects on the continent;
- Managing the operations, marketing and human resource functions;
- Adopting best practice in all spheres of the Institute; and

Playing a leading role in the finalisation and implementation of the new constitution for the national institute.

Furthermore, the CEO will be expected to;

- Champion and align SAIA with South Africa's constitutional objectives to address past injustices through SAIA's Transformation policy and programme to achieve an equitable and empowering socially responsible built environment membership and profession;
- Championing and driving SAIA's turnaround strategy towards corporatizing the organisation's systems and structures so as to achieve a self sustaining Institute whilst growing its membership in standing and in numbers;

SAIA warmly welcomes Obert to the position and wishes him success in the task ahead

#### **Other changes in the national secretariat**

Su Linning, Executive Officer since July 1997, will be retiring from SAIA at the end of June. This one month overlap with the new CEO is aimed at ensuring a smooth transition of the administration.

At the end of the first week in June, SAIA will also be saying farewell to Flora Zacheus-Basson, membership administrator and accounts assistant for the past six years. She served SAIA and the membership with particular dedication and although we shall miss her, we extend our very best wishes to Flora in her new chosen career.

SAIA warmly welcomes Stephne Swanepoel who is taking over from Flora. Stephne is a multi-skilled person with a wide range of interests. Although she holds marketing and management qualifications, amongst others, her love for administration- and accounts-related matters makes her an ideal candidate for this post.

#### **SAIA Subscriptions – Only 14 business days to financial year end!**

As the end of the 2012/13 financial year is nearing, anyone whose subscriptions are still outstanding, either as an individual or corporate member, is reminded to settle their dues without delay. The accounts for the current financial year, which ends on 30 June, will be closed off on Monday, 24 June.

#### **SAIA-Endorsed Competition**



**DHET New Universities Project  
Management Team**

#### **Architectural competition for the development of a new university in Mpumalanga**

Procurement No: HETM001-P069

#### **And framework contract for the provision of architectural services**

#### **Notice and Invitation to submit an Expression of Interest**

The Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) has appointed the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, to establish the DHET New Universities Project Management Team to plan for the new university in Nelspruit. The DHET New Universities Project Management Team invites expressions of interest from professional architects who wish to participate in a two-stage architectural ideas competition, endorsed by the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA).

Only respondents who are professional architects registered in terms of the Architectural Profession Act of 2000 are eligible to have their submissions evaluated and be admitted to the design competition. Professor Paul Kotze is the Competition Administrator endorsed by the South African Institute of Architects. Documents may be downloaded from the website [www.newuniversities.ac.za](http://www.newuniversities.ac.za) from 10h00 on 27th May 2013.

Queries relating to the issuing of these documents may be addressed in writing to Monica Reuben - email: [Monica.Reuben@wits.ac.za](mailto:Monica.Reuben@wits.ac.za).

The closing time for receipt of submissions is 11:00 hrs on 20th June 2013. [Click here for the full competition advert](#)

## Practice News

### Education: Canberra Accord Meeting In Mexico, 1-3 May 2013

SACAP's President Mr Phil Mashabane and Prof Gerald Steyn, Chairperson of the SACAP validation committee, attended the 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Canberra Accord in Guadalajara, Mexico, from 1 to 3 May 2013 as observers, along with observers from Spain, Japan, Central and South America. In recognition of the enhanced value which membership of the Accord would lend to the international portability of South African qualifications, it was decided to immediately apply for provisional membership status of the Accord. An extensive review process of the South African validation system will now commence which, if successful, will lead to full membership of the accord, with all the benefits that will flow therefrom.

It is stressed that international qualification portability does not translate into automatic registration for practicing in foreign jurisdictions.

SACAP has announced that it has consequently recalled its document, *Final Document on International Validations for the Profession of Architecture* which was circulated to Voluntary Associations on 5 December 2012.

[Click here for the full SACAP announcement.](#)

### SANS 10400-XA ENERGY – LOCAL AUTHORITY RECOGNISED COURSES

The following courses are recognised by local authority building control officers and are presented periodically in various centres. For more information on dates and venues, contact the activity provider:

**CPD SAIA 12-11**

**The application of the amended National Building Regulations for energy use**

Structatherm Projects

In association with

WSP Green by Design African Stainless Steel Development Association

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Upcoming courses:

Cape Town: 7 June 2013

Durban: 13 June 2013

Johannesburg: 20 June 2013

Pretoria: 12 July 2013

**CPD SAIA 12-12**

**SANS 204: Maths and Physics Workshop**

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Upcoming workshops  
Sandton: 14 June 2013

Sandton: 21 June 2013

Sandton: 29 June 2013

**Category One CPD event Energy efficiency in building (SANS 10400-XA & SANS 204) workshop**  
Pretoria Institute for Architecture (PIA)

Contact:

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**Category One CPD event Energy Efficiency in Buildings Workshop**  
SAIAT

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## **Regional Awards Call for Entries Deadlines**

Architecture is the most visible and public of the arts. An important function of all the regional institutes and the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) is to recognise and promote excellence in architecture and to create public awareness and debate on architectural issues. The awards programme is in support of these goals, and is run in two stages over a two year period.

The deadlines for the Regional Awards are as follows:

BKIA - Friday 31 May at noon.

CIA - Friday 3 May at noon.

ECIA - Tuesday 14 May at noon.

FSIA - Friday 10th May at noon.

GIFA - Tuesday 4 June at noon.

KZNIA - Friday 17 May at noon.

LIA - Friday 30 August at noon.

MPIA - Friday 7th June at noon.

NCIA - Friday 24th May at noon.

NWPIA - PIA and GIFA to represent them.

PIA - Tuesday 4 June at noon.

Please contact your local region for more information. [Click Here](#)

## **Digest vol 18 2012 / 2013 Invitation to submit**

### **Submissions are hereby invited for | Vol 18 Digest of South African Architecture: 2013**

The Digest of SA Architecture is an annual publication whose mandate from SAIA is to catalogue and publish a record of work produced by the profession. Intended To reflect upon recent design and production that exposes the evolving situation in South Africa, Its aim is to include as many submissions as possible.

In addition, a number of invited articles, from selected contributors, compliment the variety of building types that represent members' best work.

Any excellent project completed between July 2012 and 2013, regardless of theme or category, will be considered for inclusion, provided the client approves. Please submit your entries as soon As possible.

[DUE TUES 23 JULY 2012]

[Click here for the official invite](#)

[Click here for the digest project team dtls 2013](#)

[Click here for the digest submission form 2012-2013](#)

## **Loeries Award Entries Deadline Extended.**

Great news for everyone working to get their Loeries entries in – the deadline has been extended to 14 June 2013! Both the entry deadline and the eligibility period have been extended. This means that all work must be commercially published, launched or aired up until 14 June 2013.

A 10% late fee will still apply to all entries submitted after the original deadline of 31 May. No further extensions will be given and all entries should be received by the new deadline.

The following Categories are available to Architects:

**DE2 -Three Dimensional & Environmental Design**

All permanent and temporary environments contributing to brand equity: Retail, corporate, restaurant, museum, gallery, concept stores, show rooms, museums, galleries, exhibits, visitor attractions, restaurants, cafes, bars, clubs, hotel interiors, offices, studios, reception spaces, showrooms, banks, airport interiors, community & public environments, seasonal display, signage, shop front, window display, mobile demonstration units, exhibition and event stands, visitor attractions, trade shows.  
NOTE: Billboards should be entered in the Posters and Billboards category.

Entries may include single elements (e.g. signage, fixtures & furniture) or whole spaces.

- a. Architecture
- b. Interior Design & Temporary structures

[Please click here to find out how to enter](#)

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CPD - SAIA Validated Activities 2013- No SAIA events validated for this month.

SAIA is committed to keeping our members informed and up to date on the latest in the architectural profession. If you have any content or information to submit...

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