

WELCOMING SAIA'S NEW PRESIDENT

SAIA's incoming president was inaugurated at a glittering ceremony in November 2016.

Kevin Bingham, who takes up the reins at the South African Institute of Architects as president for the 2017 term, was inaugurated on 24 November 2016 in Durban. The incoming treasurer for the 2017 term, Jan Ras, was also inaugurated at the glittering event.

The honourable retired Judge Hilary Gwyn Squires and his wife were among the distinguished guests in attendance.

The outcome of the voting by SAIA members for the positions of vice president and deputy treasurer were also announced as Maryke Cronje and Lauren Haiden respectively. SAIA has full confidence in the ability of this new team of office bearers to take the organisation to new heights.

A special word of thanks is conveyed to Sindile Nkonyama, the outgoing president, and Andy Hart, the outgoing treasurer, who did a sterling job of leading the organisation over the past year. Their expertise will certainly be called upon from time to time as SAIA charts its way forward. Also honoured on the

same evening was Joan Mackenzie Seirlis, who was awarded a Medal of Distinction posthumously, which was accepted by her son, Ari Seirlis, and daughter, Angela Bax. The following five prominent members of SAIA were also accorded Life Membership status:

- Ian Alexander
- Eugene Barnard
- Hassan Asmal
- Trish Emmett
- Herbert Prins

We salute all the work and contributions that these distinguished members of our institute have advanced towards the profession and the growth of the organisation.

As we wrap up the year we would like to wish all our members and fellow professionals in the built environment a well-deserved break in order to feel fully charged to meet the challenges and opportunities of 2017.

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