



Young Professionals Forum



YPF Gauteng June 2007 Newsletter

The YPF Gauteng Branches are back!

After a long silence, the Gauteng branches of the Young Professionals Forum (YPF) are making noise again. And so, we'd like to introduce you to the current YPF Gauteng South and Gauteng North committee members. Dr. Michele Kruger of Goba Consulting Engineers is heading up the YPF Gauteng North branch until October 2008, with Michelle Marijnen of Africon assisting her. Kieren Brown of MPA Consulting Engineers, is heading up the YPF Gauteng South branch, with Daniel Kamau of TTT Africa assisting.



YP's at the Presidential Visit:
Dr. Michele Kruger (Goba), Daniel Kamau (TTT), Siphon Momoti (SAACE), Kieren Brown (MPA), Kempho Letsine (MPA)

Annual SAACE Presidential Visit: Gauteng

Recently, the Gauteng North and South branches of the South African Association of Consulting Engineers (SAACE) held their annual SAACE Presidential Visit. The function was held at the Protea Hotel Midrand, with SAACE CEO Graham Pirie and SAACE President Cecil Rose speaking, in addition to our guest speaker Dr. Iraj Abedian. Dr. Abedian gave a fascinating and very relevant talk on "The South African Economy up to 2010 and thereafter, is 2010 a 'bubble'?". In a nutshell, the tone was optimistic and the mood that came out of that was that things are good, and they should stay that way. The turnout to the meeting was fantastic, with some 135 attendees. Besides the interesting talks given, the evening was also a great opportunity for all to network and catch up with friends and previous colleagues.

As for the YPF, Michele Kruger gave a presentation on our objectives, goals and activities for the short and long-term future. Our objectives remain unchanged: to create awareness of the engineering industry, to promote the development of high quality professional in the industry and to address the relevant issues that affect YP's. How will we do this? By communicating with your employers, your mentors and you, as the YP's of our industry. By creating opportunities for our YP's to network, gain access to vital information and resources to assist in the development of your career and to provide an open forum for our YP's to voice their opinion on the industry. And finally, by providing employers insight into what their YP's want and need in order to be, potentially, the best that they can be in their field.

Open YPF Gauteng meeting - Wed 11 July 2007, 15:30 for 16:00 ALL WELCOME!!

Please join us for our first YPF meeting for the year. The meeting is open to all and will be a meet & greet opportunity. It will be held on Wednesday 11 July 2007 at 15:30 for 16:00, at the SAACE offices at St. James House, Hampton Park North, 20 Georgian Crescent, Bryanston. Drinks and snacks will be served.

Behind the scenes



Richard Dlamini of BCP Engineers and YPF National Chairperson

The YPF National Committee has been formulating a business plan for the YPF over the last few months. The business plan was recently presented to the SAACE council by Richard Dlamini of BCP (presently the YPF National Chairperson). The business plan was well received and provisionally approved until the SAACE Executive Committee deliberate on it. In fact, it was so well received that the SAACE Council would like the YPF to take it, and its concept, to Government and, so, perhaps start a partnership with them.



Questions or comments? Contact us at Kieren@mpaconsulting.co.za or Michellek@goba.co.za