

Message from the Editor

Well Spring is here and soon we'll be eating too much and revising our New Year's resolutions with friends and family, but before all that there are end of year Christmas parties and negotiating who will be the designated driver after the party. In between there are tenders to hand in and contracts to price and all the other distractions that keep us busy from day to day.

I trust that your annual increase is better than you had expected, considering that the CPIX is likely to be around 5% for the year and with interest rates on the rise, getting your values worth has never been more important.

Again I welcome your comments and suggestions, so please let me know what you have to say and want to know.

Regards,
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Young Engineer of the Year (2006-2007)



The winner of the Young Engineer of the Year Award for 2006 is **David Freeme**, of **HBS Africa Consulting Engineers**. David has a BSc Civil Engineering, is registered as a professional engineer and has BCompt degree. He has extensive and varied experience in structural engineering and has completed a large number of projects in the light industrial, commercial, commercial retail, medical, educational, government, religious and technology fields and has managed projects for which he had sole design responsibility with a combined value exceeding R500 million.

One of his major technical achievements for 2005

was the structural design of the new faculty of Art, Design and Architecture (FADA) building for the University of Johannesburg.

David was appointed as a Director of HBS at the age of 29 where he manages a team of draughtsman and young engineers. David also has a keen interest in community improvement and completed the architectural and engineering design of the improvements and extensions to a primary school in the Eastern Cape, all at his own cost and in his own time.

David is also involved in encouraging young talent into the field of engineering. He has a passion for commercial and commercial retail structures with complex architectural features and utilises his structural knowledge and judgement in creating unusual complex examples of industrial architecture.

Message from the Award sponsor, SEW Eurodrive

Drive engineering specialists, **SEW Eurodrive**, have taken the opportunity to sponsor The South African Association of Consulting Engineer's (SAACE) Young Engineer of the Year Award as part of the prestigious Glenrand MIB Engineering Excellence Awards being held at the Sandton Sun on the 2nd of August this year.



SEW Eurodrive's sponsorship of the Award will allow the winning young engineer, David Freeme, to attend the annual conference of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) and to be able to participate in the its Young Professional's Forum (YPF) being held in Budapest, Hungary later this year.

Comments Rene Rose, Marketing Manager, SEW Eurodrive, "Skills development is very important at SEW Eurodrive and we welcome the opportunity to support the Association with the sponsorship of this award." "This initiative is aimed at exposing young engineering graduates to the world and to put them in the driving seat for the future."

David is excited about his upcoming visit to FIDIC and the value that he can bring back from it and share with young engineers of this country. David further comments, "Attending FIDIC is a fantastic



opportunity to take my knowledge gained in South Africa and compare it to the engineers overseas in order to draw a comparison as to the quality of the South African consulting Engineering environment which I anticipate to be equal if not better."



Drive engineering products made by SEW Eurodrive are not only reliable, powerful and robust but they have to be particularly safe. They have a high overload capacity both electrically and mechanically; they are dust proof with a high level of corrosion resistance and are protected against water jets. Due to their modular design and countless options and mounting positions, all drive engineering products from SEW Eurodrive can be replaced quickly, if the need arises.

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National Construction Week '06: JOB SHADOW DAY

The Association's Young Professional's Forum (YPF) fully supported the initiative of the **Department of Public Works** in promoting the image and profile of the construction sector by giving young learners the opportunity to experience a wide range of exciting opportunities available in today's built environment.

The aim of the **YPF's Job Shadow Day** initiative held during National Construction Week was to attract the attention of learners and encourage them to consider engineering as a career choice. Firms were encouraged to choose a school in their local community and invite pupils to spend a day with them during National Construction Week experiencing "A Day in the Life of a Consulting Engineer".



The YPF was inundated with entries from firms with the winning entry coming from **Arcus Gibb**.

Upcoming Events

70th IMESA Conference - The Conference is taking place from the 10 -13 October 2006 at Vista University in Soweto. To register please contact Cilla Taylor on (012) 667-3681.

Construction Conference - This year's Construction Conference will be in Durban at the International Convention Centre from the 29 - 31 October 2006. This year's theme is "Uniting the Construction Industry for accelerated Growth, Development and Transformation". The newly appointed Minister of Public Works, Thoko Didiza, will give a key note address on the 30th. To register please contact The Conference Event Managers, Zazise Communications on (011) 482-1244.

NB: This conference is recognized as a CPD event by SAACE in line with the Engineering Council of South Africa's CPD Policy and has been approved as a CPD event by the ASAQS Council. If you attend on Monday, 30th, you will generate 1 ECSA credit in Category 1 and 20 ASAQS credits in Category 1. On Tuesday, 31st October, you will generate 1 credit in Category 3 and up to 16 ASAQS credits in Category 1. All this is subject to full attendance and successful completion of sms validation tests. For more information on this please contact Johan van Schalkwyk on (011) 463-2022.



Life Long Learning Solutions - Next Programme: Effective planning and management of meetings - to be broadcast on 4 October 2006. Kindly note that the contact numbers for LLLS has changed to telephone (012) 345-4307, Fax (012) 345-6793.