

## CESA YPF Western Cape – Annual Events Report

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10. Potjie & Mashie (16 Nov)	TBC (This event must still take place)

### **1. Beach Volleyball Competition**

*Date: 22 February 2018*  
*Written By: Christopher van Wyk*

Once again CESA YPF Western Cape started of the year with an epic Volleyball clash between the consulting engineering firms. The event was held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, which is the perfect time for having this event as we rely on a late sunset to enable us to get as much as possible game time. As always, the volleyball competition was held at Campsbay beach at the foot of Table Mountain and the weather turned out to be perfect. No clouds in the sky and only a slight breeze to cool down the heat. Due to the restriction of only having 4 volleyball nets available, we could only host 16 teams. Teams were divided into 4 pools with 4 teams in each pool. Each team played the other teams in their pool and then the top two teams in each pool advance to the playoffs. Because of the lovely weather, most companies had some supporters out on the beach encouraging their fellow staff members. Going into the play-offs one could see that the fitness levels were the deciding factor of the team's performance. At the end KFD Wilkinson walk away as the Volleyball champions of 2018 and they took away the floating trophy to be displayed at their office until next year. After the event, the companies were encourage to join the networking opportunity when everyone was invited for social drinks at a local sports bar / restaurant. Although we were restricted to only 16 teams, the event was very successful.

### **2. 5-a-side Soccer Tournament**

*Date: 13 April 2018*  
*Written by: Ian Fourie*

CESA YPF Western Cape decided to take on a new challenge this year by changing venues to Hellenic Football Club. What a great decision it was. The event was held on the 13th of April, which is a challenging time of year given all the public holidays. Thankfully the venue hire costs was considerably lower than previous years. As a result, YPF didn't run at a loss for the event. The venue was prime for social interaction and spectator viewing. With an open plan clubhouse and ample space, our supporters were able to enjoy watching the Engineering Titans battle it out on the 5-a-side open roofed courts. It was a warm beautiful evening and perfect weather for some action footy. Each team played the other teams in other pools and then the top teams in each pool advanced to the playoffs. Spectators were able to witness a nail-biting final between Aurecon and Kantey &

Templer. K&T were leading throughout the game and Aurecon clinched an equaliser in the dying seconds of the game. This put both teams in over time playing for the Golden Goal. With some magic from Kantey's, they were able to seal the deal. Overall, the event was very successful and YPF are looking forward to establishing a relationship with Hellenic Football Club in years to come.

### **3. Quiz Night**

*Date: 6 June 2018*  
*Written by: Renee Petersen*

The quiz night is one of our biggest and sort after event. The quiz night embodies a test of mental fitness to the point where you can see steam rising from the top of participant's heads. The event is hosted at a sports bar in the Cape Town CBD called The Fireman's Arms and has been the venue of this event for the last 3 years, hosting 180 participants divided into teams of 8 players each. Before the quiz begins each teams creates a catchy name that could make or break them. The quiz master host the night picking brains about random topics that ranged from history and geography to the royal hierarchy and movie stars. The quiz is divided into 10 rounds each with its own categories. Each category has five questions and the scores are tallied up after each round with intermittent score updates. This year there were three teams tied for the top three positions with a nail biting tie breaker to separate the winners from the losers. In the end it was BVi who stood firm and took home 1<sup>st</sup> prize.

### **4. ECSA Registration Workshop**

*Date: 11 July 2018*  
*Written by: Helen Dunnell*

CESA YPF Western Cape held a very informative ECSA registration workshop on 11 July 2018. The event was held at the Aurecon boardrooms and was well attended with over 80 people present. Previous CESA YPF WC Chair, Viola Milner, started the evening with a presentation about the value in registration, a brief summary of the registration process, and some helpful tips to get one started. Her presentation was followed by Francois Warnich, a recently registered PrTechEng, who described his experience of registering and some of the challenges he faced. He ended his presentation with a motivation to keep working consistently and to save multiple copies of your work. Matteo Angelucci offered an alternative experience in registering as a PrEng, with his registration process having some greater challenges. He reminded everyone to believe in themselves and not to let nerves stand in the way of your goal. Our last presenter for the evening was Zeblon Mayongo, an ECSA representative from the Cape Town satellite office, who gave a short background to the process of foreign applications. Our evening ended with an open Q&A session which gleaned some good advice. Overall, it was a successful evening and everyone walked away more knowledgeable and prepared for the registration process.

## **5. Ten Pin Bowling Competition**

*Date:*            **2 August 2018**  
*Written by:*    **Peet Liebenberg**

The time of year finally arrived to dust of those bowling shoes for CESA YPF Western Cape's Annual Ten Pin Bowling tournament. The event was hosted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2018 at Stadium on Main in Claremont. The number of lanes and time slots available at the venue limited us to enter 16 teams. The spots available were quickly snapped up by the engineering firms as this is always a popular event for young and "experienced" people in the industry. The teams consisted of 8 players per team, 4 players of each team were then mixed with 4 players from another team to compete per bowling lane. This created a perfect networking opportunity for people from different companies. The social atmosphere was great with strikes being bowled left, right and center. After a fun filled evening the scores of all 8 players in a team were added together and SMEC emerged victorious. Everyone who attended the event really enjoyed it and next year will be no different. Thanks to all the companies and staff members that attended, you made it a successful evening.

## **6. UNESCO Engineering Week Expo**

*Date:*            **18 & 19 September 2018**  
*Written by:*    **Christopher van Wyk**

The UNESCO Engineering Week Expo was held at the Bellville campus of Cape Peninsula University of Technology. This expo gives an opportunity to school kids and students to come and explore what engineering is all about. There were various engineering companies, suppliers and clients who exhibited at this annual event and CESA also participated by having an exhibition station. CESA YPF Committee showed their presence by assisting at the CESA stand to give all the school kids and students a background about CESA and to tell them a bit more about what they can expect when choosing an engineering career. Part of the UNESCO Engineering week there was a conference where some of the CESA Young Professional's had the opportunity to present on various topics that interest them.

## **7. Dodgeball Tournament**

*Date:*            **20 September 2018**  
*Written by:*    **Nompha Silima**

For the very first time, CESA YPF Western Cape in collaboration with Dodgeball SA, hosted a Dodgeball tournament on trampolines between the various consulting engineering firms. The event was held indoors therefore the timing of the event was not a factor as the event is not weather dependant. The tournament took place at Rush, Stadium on Main in Claremont, which is situated in the Southern suburbs of Cape Town. The 10 teams were divided into 2 pools of 5 teams. Each pool played round robin matches against each other and the top two teams went through to the semi-finals. At the end of the night, the very first Dodgeball Tournament was won by PRDW. Despite the fact that this was the first time CESA YPF had the Dodgeball tournament, there was a great attendance and the event was very successful.

## **8. University of Stellenbosch Bridge Building Competition**

*Date: 28 September 2018 and 1 October 2018*

*Written by: Christopher van Wyk*

CESA YPF Western Cape has joined the SAICE Student chapter at the Stellenbosch University for their annual bridge building competition. SAICE made some funding available and their student chapter organised the event from their side by getting the students involved. CESA YPF Western Cape also made a financial contribution and provided young engineers from the industry to be on the panel of judges. CESA YPF WC also made contact with companies that could possibly do a presentation on bridges. The result was that AECOM send a team to present on the new arch bridge in Ashton. The students (20 teams) built the bridges on the Friday evening and then the bridges were kept in the storeroom over the weekend. The Monday afternoon we gathered the judges to give their scores for the aesthetics of the bridges. Thereafter the bridges were tested one-by-one and the judges gave some input and comments on each bridge before the bridge was tested. The winning team walked away with a cash prize and some bragging rights. The evening ended off with a social braai at the Engineering Faculty.

## **9. Financial Talk**

*Date: 17 October 2018*

*Written by: Miles Wallace*

On Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of October CESA YPF Western Cape in conjunction with Sanlam Firebird hosted a financial talk to provide our YPs with some Clarity on investment opportunities in today's turbulent climate. The event took place in the Foreshore and was hosted at VW Barons in their conference centre.

The Turnout for the event was moderate with 14 attendees from various consulting firms around Cape Town. At the start of the event the Group was split into 4 teams and were given 20 minutes to answer 3 questions. These questions were namely:

1. How would you invest R 100 000 today and why? Please provide detail?
2. What are the main risks in your investment portfolio and the solutions (reference construction industry and land reform in your proposal)?
3. What basic principles are non-negotiable for young professional?

This was an incredibly effective way to begin the event as it broke the ice between the attendees and provided a task for them to focus on. Each team then provided feedback to the group. The discussion was incredibly lively with the participants getting unbelievably involved and detailed with what they would do with the funds. The most notable investment opportunities that were discussed included:

- Tax free Saving Accounts
- Higher education
- Property in upcoming areas
- Investment fund heavily founded in equities
- Bitcoin

Round table discussions were lively with the first question taking over 45 minutes to discuss. The structure of the event was well designed as constructive criticism was given by the professionals after each group's feedback which sparked further discussion.

Overall it provided a focused workshop highlighting the importance of investing intelligently and being aware of your own financial situation. All the YP's were incredibly engaged and stayed long after the event concluded to discuss the topics further and mingle with their peers. It was a professional event that was enjoyed by all participants.

#### 10. Potjiekos & Mashie Golf Competition

Date: 16 November 2018

Written by: TBC (this event must still take place)