

SACAA



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THE MEDIUM (since 2010) FOR QUICK ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE SA COAL ASH ASSOCIATION

Dear SACAA Members

With this probably last issue of AshFlashes for 2012, I wish you all a pleasant and relaxing festive season and a refreshed return to the tasks waiting for you next year. Before shutting down have a look at what happened last month on the SACAA scene (items 1 and 2) and don't forget to diarize the dates of potential happenings in 2013 (items 2 and3). In case you missed to pay your membership fees, there is a reminder (item4). Lastly some dates of interesting conferences (item 5).

Regards and best wishes for 2013
SACAA Administrator

1. SACAA Technical Meeting "SACAA 25 years!"



This celebratory anniversary meeting on 21 November 2012 at which SACAA's President, Dr Richard Kruger gave an illustrated sketch of the Association's history, was well attended. Here follow a few thought-provoking excerpts:

Table with 3 columns: Activities over 25 years, Conferences / Symposia, and The Future. Contains details of council meetings, technical presentations, attendance, historical conferences (1987, 1994, 1996, 2006, 2011), and future goals.

As a memento of the occasion all SACAA members who attended this meeting were issued with a commemorative mug bearing the logo (see above). After the presentation there was the usual social gathering with refreshments. Special thanks to PPC who were the sponsors on this occasion.

2. Most recent Council Meeting, 21 November 2012

The main topic of the meeting was the planning of activities for 2013, as depicted in the table of potential dates:

SACAA meetings dates for 2013 *				
Wednesday	Council	Technical	AGM	Sponsor
6 Feb	X	X		
14 Mar		X Workshop		
15 May	X	X		
17 Jul	X	X		
7 Aug			X	
9 Oct	X	X		
? Nov				

* the availability of the SAICE venue has been confirmed and booked

Members are urged to diarise the specific dates, especially the afternoon of 14 March 2013, when a workshop will be held (see item 3 below)

3. Workshop “Ash Analysis and Leaching of ash”, 14 March 2013

SACAA had hoped to present its members and other interested parties, with the outcome of the legislation under NEMWA concerning the position of coal ash. However, a clear classification for ash has not yet been passed. It was felt that instead a good understanding of the characteristics of ash and concomitant environmental considerations should receive attention. The scientific knowledge thus disseminated would probably help in according ash its proper place in South Africa’s economy. Therefore the theme of the workshop is “Ash Analysis and Leaching”. Hopefully the relevant legislators will grasp this opportunity to attend the Workshop and gain a solid scientific and practical background.

4. SACAA Membership fees 2012/2013

This is another reminder that the Membership Fees for 2012/13 need to be paid urgently. Invoices were sent early in August 2012 and we had a fairly good payment response, but there are still some members whose accounts are not yet settled.

5. Some conferences next year (full details are attached in separate pdfs)

- 14 - 15 February **SolarPACES Roadmap to Solar Fuels**, Potchefstroom
- 26 – 28 May The Twin Conferences in Covilha, Portugal
 - The 2nd International Conference: **CIVIL ENGINEERING (Towards a Better Environment)**
 - The 5th International Conference: **THE CONCRETE FUTURE**
- 3 - 6 June **Totally Concrete Expo** and **African Coal Ash Forum**, Sandton, Johannesburg (see www.Concrete.TV)