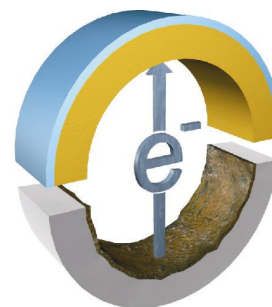


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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING PRESIDENTS REPORT 9 SEPTEMBER 2010**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Corrosion Institute of Southern Africa. A special welcome to visitors and members who joined us during the year.

The weakening economic climate over the past year has had a detrimental effect on most companies, but we are pleased to advise that the Institute still managed to have income exceed expenses, as will be detailed in the treasurer's report.

### **a) Providing forums for discussion of corrosion and its prevention**

The technical evenings fulfil one of the important tasks of the Institute by providing networking opportunity and camaraderie in the industry. The technical programme in Gauteng has been ably organised by Bruce Trembling and we thank him for his efforts.

Similarly, Karyn Albrecht and team from KZN continued with their technical evenings. In addition the KZN committee, have undertaken to generate guidelines for the national council on how to distribute and award more bursaries and scholarships. Even our Cape Town branch, after a period of low activity has now scheduled an upcoming technical meeting.

CorrISA also entered into multi-year co-operation agreements with both AMC and IIR, which were signed after much negotiation and are kept on record. We contributed to an AMC corrosion summit course in May as well as an IIR conference recently in August. As opposed to previous years the endorsement of corrosion conferences now has benefits to the Institute in terms of both an increase in membership, as well as an income stream.

Again, this helped to increase our profile in industry and we also obtained various leads (several handbooks were sold and new members have attended our training courses.)

### **b) Encouraging training in corrosion technology**

Significant progress has been made on the education front – and our education committee has been very active over the last year. A special thanks to Edward Livesey and his committee.

We have acknowledged criticism that the institute was becoming too focussed on NACE and as a result have run our own 5 day Corrosion Engineering course on a far more frequent basis. There are three Corrosion Engineering Course scheduled before the end of the year. They are being run in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town.

In the last year, 3 Corrosion Engineering Courses have been held, 2 in Johannesburg and 1 on Durban and a total of 72 delegates attended.

In addition we are pleased to announce that we currently have no less than 4 new training courses under development as well as a review an update of an old course. We will try to have some of these new training courses finalised by September 2011.

Five NACE Courses were presented from July 2009 to June 2010. Unfortunately some courses had to be cancelled because of the Soccer World Cup. 116 delegates attended these five courses. The total number trained since inception is now 593 people. Apart from the CIP and CP programmes offered, a NACE Refinery Course was run in Durban in November 2009.

A special thank you to:

- John McEwan - NACE administrator
- Beverley van Niekerk for doing most of the day-to-day administration
- Corporate members for support and sponsorship including, Blastrite for Johannesburg NACE Courses and Southey for Cape Town NACE Courses.
- Congratulations to Neil Webb who has been promoted by NACE to Lead Instructor status.

### **SAQCC**

A number of Institute members remain active in the SAQCC (Corrosion Protection) committee. This is an important activity to ensure acceptable standards and relevance of course material. We now have three different SAQCC Courses all under revision. The syllabus and subsequently course material is in the process of being updated to make it more relevant to the South African industry, and to keep abreast with trends.

The Corrosion Institute has now taken over administrative services of the SAQCC from the SAIW welding institute, and Govert Boekenstein, our new staff member is the secretary. Thank you Boekies for all the work.

The Corrosion Institute has also been approached to take over the administration of the Electrolysis Commission.

### **c) Recognising merit**

A significant amount of effort is still needed to attract suitable applications for the Annual Institute award. We have received a few applications this year, and where Merit is found, we will present these awards at our Awards Dinner next month.

Nominations for the Silver Medal Award for distinguished service.

Nominations for the Corrosion Institute Award for a significant industrial anti-corrosion project.

You are reminded and invited to the Awards Dinner – Wanderers Club on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010

### **d) Research and Publications**

We are hoping to be able to award the Ivan Ogilvy scholarship this year. Of concern is that formal tertiary Corrosion courses at our Universities have all but disappeared and our immediate past president Deon Slabbert is in discussions with several role players, to stimulate corrosion education at the universities. Thank you Deon.

The SA Mechanical Engineer remains an important mouthpiece to communicate to a wide audience. We are in discussions to also have articles in other publications. Thanks to Vanessa Sealy-Fisher for supplying and coordinating relevant material for publishing.

## Membership

Our membership has increased from 309 to 972 members, which includes delegates who have attended NACE and Corrosion Courses and Conference during the year who qualify for a year's complimentary membership.

The individual member figures are slightly more erratic since a one-year free membership is offered to attendees of courses, and membership is not always continued. The number of retired members has doubled, so some of us must be getting old.

	September 2008	September 2009	September 2010
Company members	85	90	299
Individual members	163	174	606
Honorary members	13	12	12
Retired members	24	24	46
Fellow members	10	9	9
Total	295	309	972

The institute embarked on a comprehensive data base overview and upgrade, as well as improvements to software to better manage the membership and the yearly subscription renewal process.

We also installed interfaces between the data base and the accounting software. A thank you to Ed Livesey and Govert Boekenstein.

The accounting software was also upgraded. As a result our financial management has improved and the historical issues around debt collection have now been addressed. A thank you to Eric Fisher, our accountant, for all his input.

We now also have an EFT facility, whereby payments can be released by any two of 5 electronic codes, so we have moved into the modern age.

## PUBLICITY AND WEBSITE

The Website is now up and running and is hopefully beneficial to our members. This has been an enormous improvement over the previous web site and we encourage you to visit the web site more often at [www.corrosioninstitute.org](http://www.corrosioninstitute.org)

## SOCIAL

Gauteng region had a golf day last year at Modderfontein Golf Course on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2009. There was a full field of 36 Four Balls. Unfortunately, the golf was held up by lightening and when the golfers were called off the field for the second time, the Golf Committee decided to cancel the competition. A lucky draw was held in the Club House and R29 000-00 was raised for "The Teddy Bear Clinic" along with the profit from the Golf Day.

KZN also had a successful Golf Day and the money raised was donated to Hospice.

A third Fishing Day was held at Brookwood Trout Farm on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 and was enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you goes to Bruce Trembling, Vanessa Sealy-Fisher and Beverley van Niekerk for arranging the day and to those companies who sponsored.

We are also had a very successful surface preparation day in 2009, organised by Kevin Richardson under very difficult and trying circumstances. A special thank you to Kevin and we hope you will persevere with similar repeat event in 2011

## **COUNCIL AND SECRETARIAT**

A great thanks to all the Council members and Regional Committee members for sacrificing their valuable time during the year. Without your efforts, none of the above would have been possible. Just to clarify council members and committee members are not remunerated, and generously give of their time.

A Special thanks to my team  
Vanessa Sealy Fisher as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Bruce Trembling as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Deon Slabbert as immediate past President

We have had two new appoints to the EXEC  
Congratulations to Ben Garrad as our new Treasurer  
Also thank you to John Mc Ewan our out-going treasurer, who has undertaken to remain on council.  
Edward Livesey has accepted a nomination as honorary secretary, so Ed hope you are taking the minutes this evening.  
Our additional members of Council are Kevin Richardson and Rod Rankine.

A special thank you also to Beverley for taking care of all the administrative duties.

As always we are looking for more people to share the workload, and invite nominations to Council. Nomination forms are available from Beverley or Boekies, as well as myself.  
Serving on council is hard work, time consuming, but if you are prepared to give back to your industry we encourage your constructive participation.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

It has been a very busy and successful year. The council has been very active over the last year and has made significant structural changes to the manner in which the Institute operates.

This is certainly paying dividends - Council no longer just talks about initiatives, but is now actually doing something about it.

The Institute is currently in a sound position w.r.t. a number of areas:

- Increasing the number of courses to continue our education drive.
- We have built up reserve funds to R2 million Rands to finance new projects
- We are looking at investing in our future wrt to premises. To be discussed later on our agenda.

**Louis Pretorius**  
**CorrISA President**  
**September 2010**