

President's Annual Report

Mr Livesey welcomed everyone to the 43rd Annual General Meeting in Midrand at the Corē and started with the Corē business. He mentioned the restructure of the Institute due to financial strains and touched on the importance of monitoring our three S's being salary, space and staff in order to try and avoid the need to carry out this activity of retrenchments again. Systems and procedures have been put into place and implemented for benefits of the institute to become more effective and efficient in its workings.

Ratanang Moraladi is keeping all our minutes, records, committees and correspondence in check whilst providing support for both Linda and Liz in all our other matters.

Linda Hinrichsen is still looking after our courses and we thank her for being conscientious and having the institutes best interests when planning these courses specifically at the Corē and more importantly when they run outside Midrand.

Financial administration is still under the careful eye of Liz Rathgens, even with our recent challenges she manages to ensure we remain compliant and that the bills are paid and more importantly that we get paid.

Regarding the finances of the institute, this will be expanded upon in the Treasury report. Liz, Linda and Ratanang and our Council have undertaken membership and database. We are aware that this is our Achilles heel. In order to ensure the financial, magazine, newsletter, events and soon to be credential tracking is accurately and timeously maintained and recorded.

Property:

With our own property comes our own maintenance and security challenges. We have unfortunately during this year had two break-ins. One of them being a weekend clean out of our computers, projectors, refrigerators.... The lightning damage before the last theft effected all the electronic equipment, wi-fi, computers, projectors, alarm system and so forth. These multiple claims unfortunately caused our short-term insurance company to decline insuring us further and we have had to look for alternatives.

The insulation of the gutters and water tanks have added in limiting the water damage to this presentation dining room, where we are now, but the tiles would need to be lifted. As you can hear when you walk around here, specifically the loose tiles over here from the water damage. So, we will have to look at that in the new year. The DEVCOM committee, Development Committee, is looking into this.

DEVCOM has also identified the need to upgrade our toilets in order to make them more water conservation friendly and there are twenty odd learners utilising them during the breaks.

The perimeter fence at the Corē will also need to be maintained during this fiscal year. Proposals for sponsorship boards on the inside are being considered by Council to aid with the cost of the repairs.

On a more colourful note, Stoncor Africa kindly donated paint for the outside building this year, which has complimented the roof and made the Corē more presentable. We thank you for that as it was just in time before NACE came to visit us.

The main lecture room, library and museum have not been forgotten and we would appreciate any contributions to these projects.

Memberships:

Membership has grown slightly, and our Corrosion Exclusively Magazine has definitely widened our net to a larger group and allowed more conversation awareness about corrosion... We are also seeing that our colleagues in corrosion are more willing to work with us on reciprocal membership and our initiative of a coating and corrosion exclusively is gaining momentum. It will hopefully be completed in the perspective time limit.

Education and Training:

“I will only highlight a few comments because Armin is head of Educon and will give us feedback”.

A number of courses were held during the period of June 2016 and June 2017 and over 250 students attended over this period. Thanks to Blastrite, Storm Machinery, Jotun, Southey and Corrocoat for hosting the practical days for the Corrosion Inspection Programme and a big thanks to the paint suppliers Stoncor, Hempel, Kansai Plascon, International Paints, Jotun and Sigma for also providing the paint for these days. We would also like to thank Corrocoat for aiding us and achieving our practical work place accreditation. We had a successful Economics of Corrosion course funded by National Urethane Industries which was held at university of Johannesburg. Which was possible not only because of the generous donation but also the course is both SACQA and SETA accredited. Over 63 students were trained, and this was great for us.

We had a visitor, a few weeks ago, from NACE International Executive, Pam Nicolette, director of training and education from NACE international. She informed us of the great work that we are doing and that will be returning data this month to finalise the strategic partnership with CorriSA. We see great strides with CorriSA and we are one of their most successful facilities outside of America, so that was great to hear. They also complimented us on our great calibre of lecturers and willingness of us, South Africans, to lecture in the rest of Africa. Something that not everyone is willing to do. It was also mentioned by them whether we should consider renaming ourselves from the Corrosion Institute of Southern Africa to the Corrosion Institute of Africa, in order for us to service the entire African market, on behalf of NACE. They suggested this. On this note, we were requested by a business in Ghana again to assist them in submitting to the Ghanaian government for funding for us to train more students on their behalf. We hope to hear from them in the upcoming months.

The Technical Evenings:

Continue monthly and they are starting to delve into guest speakers skyyping in from around the world to present their new found, techniques and technologies. Controversial topics still seem to draw the most numbers and we definitely want to have some more debating events, similar to the successful inter varsity debate we had.

AfriCORR Conference:

Vanessa is still diligently carrying out her work with her team on our very own African Corrosion Conference and NACE have taken note of it and asked if they can assist in marketing due to the quality of the technical scientific papers presented and the professional manner in which the conference is managed. They believe that with more exposure this could become The African Corrosion Conference.

We thank Vanessa and her team for their continued commitment and look forward to another successful conference in 2018.

CorrISO:

Our Corrosion Institute Student Organisation has made headway into our contact with local universities. The successful debate recently and poster presentations are becoming a formal event on the student's calendar. Council have also seen the need to involve CorrISO in more corrosion strategic planning and therefore in order to ensure continuity and develop sessions the Executive have opted CorrISO representative onto the Executive Committee. We want them to know they are important to us and for us to plan the future of the Institute through their eyes as well, whilst still relying on the strength of 50 years plus corrosion knowledge experts and of course that of our past presidents.

Communications and Marketing:

The website development and management are now partially outsourced to reduce costs and we are slowly developing the skills internally thanks to Ratanang. It is always difficult to know how of much of your resources to spend on this part of business but in today's era of e-business most companies are searched on the website through search engines.

Institutes Magazine:

Corrosion Exclusively is a great success and we thank Terry Smith for his efforts in making each volume ever so interesting and informative. No easy feat to get individuals to meet deadlines now-a-days.

Our association with other stakeholders:

There has been slow progression and we need to focus more closely on this in the months ahead. Unfortunately, Council have not had the time to go and meet industry directly, due to the Council being a voluntary council and having their paying jobs to attend to during the working hours. The Institute is also going into a multi-million-rand business and is consuming more Council time just simply assisting with the daily operations of the business. This is something we have identified as a need for a dedicated person on an incentive basis to drive if we are to make it into the market.

Members:

"I must, however remind you, that it's all of our responsibility to market the Institute".

SAQCC Corrosion:

SAQCC is now officially our assessment centre with MESETA for the SAQA accredited courses and all of CorrISA courses are now independently examined and assessed through the arm of the CorrISA. This just reinforces that we are leaders in the corrosion training in South Africa. We also want to invite our members to approach us to train any of their own corrosion courses through us in order to reinforce the credibility of their courses by way of independent assessment and endorsements. This is one of the main benefits of being a member of the Institute.

SAECC:

The SAECC, South African Electrolytic Corrosion Committee, continues to operate in the field of electrolytic corrosion AC diffusion mitigation of buried pipelines. Members have been active in the development of new standards and guidelines to regulate the industry. CorriSA has for the past several years financially supported the administration and secretarial services but as of the end of this year will be handing back this activity to Transnet Freight Rail to manage. This is due to lack of Asset Owners, the main members of this committee in contributing to the administration costs by their corporate memberships to the Corrosion Institute and with the Institute releasing a number of permanent staff.

Social:

Our annual charity fund raiser

Jackal Creek provided the venue for last year's very successful Golf Day. The same venue has been booked for this year where the competitions going to be tougher and nicer. Thanks to Donovan Edward for arranging this each year for us.

Fishing Day was incredibly cold but enjoyed immensely. Thank you to Greg and his team for arranging that.

The Western Cape Region are having their Gala Dinner this November, with the live entertainment being Barry Hilton. It's nice to see our Western Cape Region is striving. We just need to get our Kwa Zulu Natal region prospering again.

The Institute used the World Corrosion Day to host an event at the Corē which was well attended. A thank you to the companies that displayed on the day, and our student body CorriSO for running the corrosion labs. The students have informed us that they are going to expand on it next year and make it even more informative and interactive. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

A successful Awards Dinner was held for the first time outside of Gauteng at Kelvin Grove in Cape Town last year. Thank you to the organisers. This year, due to economic times, we opted for a breakfast at the Corē. It was well received, and the breakfast was enjoyed in the courtyard. Thank you to our multi-talented staff.

In closing CorriSA's president mentioned that he is humbled by the good will and spark which he experienced from CorriSA members nationally. He thanked everyone for allowing him to lead CorriSA through a period, which has had many challenges, not the least of which continues to be that of member retention and management. Continuously reinventing the value proposition to our aspired members and encouraging growth in membership and very importantly transformation and adaptation. "In this regard I am excited to continue to support CorriSO which is the youth and student arm of Corrosion Institute so that universities and college students are encouraged to join us and benefit from our technical activities, training and development, our ongoing engagement and networking with them. I think we always talk about the youth being so important and our young executives and I think it's very important that we continue with that. "

His legacy project has been the introduction of the Professional Body project which, as it reaches fruition under the of the privatisation successor will result in various levels of corrosion practice being recognised by the South Africa Qualifications Authority, most prominently known as SAQA, with the professional

designations of and by this professional body registered within the South African National Qualification framework. As a representative himself of Asset Owners, he added that he has been unhappy with both the lack of pervasive and all encompassing and ongoing training and development on the one hand of corrosion practitioners amongst Asset Owners. And on the other hand, the relative recognition of the value placed on corrosion practitioners within the client communities. This is why he is so eager to encourage the champion to this professional body project. When it is up and running it will present benefits and opportunities not only to our members, industries mainly those of manufacturers and suppliers, asset owners, consultants, specialists and corrosion contractors all of whom I continue to interact with, but, more importantly that this professional recognition will become explorational to those who want to study and qualify as an Engineer. As well as school pupils who are seeking a rewarding and stable career. Some scepticism has been expressed amongst independent practitioners who are members of CorriSA about the amount of control, which the professional body may exert in establishing designation assessments and standards. Yes, there would be more control within our sector but that would reflect active self-governance, not external control. As an asset owning client I would welcome more professionalism than self-regulation amongst corrosion practitioners, to ensure more professionalism and ultimately accountability to the professional body. I don't think that this is a bad thing. I've been asked "Why localised corrosion?" when, as CorriSA, we have a very strong and mutually beneficial relationship with NACE International. My answer "That we owe it to South Africans first and foremost to register professional designations locally. To then and back to the designations an excellent global certification which NACE provide. To eventually expand our designations offerings into Africa as an African wide continental option. If we cannot find a way of accounting to SAQA for the work already done amongst our members with regards to NACE, then we would be irresponsible to both organisations and to our members. Surely if we live and work in South Africa we need to become a vital player in our own country. While at the same time facing globalisation. I believe that perhaps the single most important challenge I'm setting for my successor is to launch the designations, establish a sound and necessary CBD offerings to our members and, also to ensure that we have begun, in a way, of offering NACE and SAQCC courses to our members. Be properly and comprehensively supplemented with a wider and fuller range of training and life-long learning actions.

Additioning

In my humble opinion as your outgoing President, I believe that my successor needs to focus on ensuring that CorriSA defines our value population to our own members and offer shared services which is sorely lacking, to ensure that our members choose to remain with us as their vibrant training association. I know a very big task at hand, but I have every confidence in Donovan Slade, supported by his Vice Presidents, Exec and Council. He will be more than capable of rising to this challenge. I want to thank the staff at CorriSA office for their support during, what has been a very trying final year of my term of office. Also, CorriSA is a national organisation as such I would like to thank our stakeholders in the regions who have driven our agenda amongst their respective members.

Educon – Armin Schwab

A report back on the accreditations:

Well done to all as actually achieved it and go through the first round. Striving to get the other courses accredited and have actually applied with extension of scope at the SETA's. We are at the moment accredited with the MERSETA and we will report back on the progress with the other SETA's.

Just a special thanks to those that were involved, Vanessa, Linda, Lynette, Petra and everyone else as this was a huge undertaking.

Work place Approvals

Thanks to Corrocoat and everyone that was involved in the practical audit. That seemed to go down pretty well. The "Work Place Approvals" got the funds. And approval from SAQA and SETA. The training work place has also been audited recently, there's a couple of things we need to sort out, but that's also gone down pretty well. As soon as we had the first approvals, thanks to Mr. Donovan Slade at NUI who took immediate benefit of that and ran a class at UJ that had 63 students. Thanks to the hard work of everyone involved including myself and Vanessa, the students were really astounded and amazed by what was corrosion is and what litigation of corrosion can do, and the consequential cost and with some practical examples around the world. Well done to all. This will set the path for 2018.

Training in general

Compared to a couple of years ago, 2015/2016/2017, just on a head count to give some numbers. In 2015 we had 366 people that were trained. 2016 we had 320 so a slight drop but in 2017 we had 231. So, a significant drop. With all the trials and challenges, we've done fairly well. As part of the accreditation, just to highlight, I mean some of the keen initiatives that we have brought up is passport of training or career development, professional designation, or discipline in the corrosion fraternity. So, through the Institute we want an international passport of accreditation, one for Africa and obviously one for South Africa but, how do you market Corrosion?

NACE

A nice meet and greet was held, they came out here. We had Pam Nicoletti and Gasem Fallatah. He's from the West Asian African region. The meeting was extremely fruitful and placed us in the spotlight for the future and they want us to go up into Africa as a strategic partner. Now that alone, through AfriCORR 2018, will lead to, what we will call the lecture development and growth plan, because I was fortunate to attend NACE's leadership programme in June. One of their biggest threats, and it's a threat that we will face soon as well, I can't remember the exact number but there are about 460 lecturers over the age of 65. So, that alone addressed the matter immediately, in five-years-time they will be seventy. So how do you replace a lecturer with 460 lecturers? We don't have the age problem, I don't think but our numbers problem is an issue. Especially if we want to grow and take our lecturers up into Africa. I think we South Africans, we are quite tough, and the Americans don't like to travel and at an age of 65 it becomes a bit of a challenge.

CorrISA courses

Now that we have the SAQA accreditation, the last quarter for 2018 it looks definitely promising. Especially for local suite of courses. The 2018 calendar we've just populated and our aim for 2018 is to run, not a minimum number of courses, but a strategic minimum number of courses. The aim there would be to try and fill the classes and get them to capacity. Versus the current year, we tried to run too many courses and really struggled to what they call the minimum number. And then for any companies, regions who feel we can run courses in those areas or out of Africa or out of South Africa get the minimum numbers and we will accommodate you without any problem.

Course developments for 2018, we going to keep it to 3 points. And really bring courses down at entry level period. We are going to, really work on Not Just Rust and we are going to look at a name change for that for bringing people up to the academia convenient level. And also, relaunch probably the PA1 Applicators course and then the golden text book, have a strategy session on how we are going to rewrite and reiterate that course.