

### **Strategy for the future:**

As can be seen from the outgoing presidents report, we have achieved many objectives during his period of holding the office. Prior to steps that have recently been taken, corrosion engineering as a profession was not identified by ECSA (the Engineering Council of South Africa) as an engineering discipline on its own with its own unique characteristics and requirements and fields of interests but due to recent efforts and events the Corrosion Institute of Southern Africa (CorrISA) is now a recognised voluntary body of ECSA for engineering professionals. In addition to that we are also recognized in the same way by SACNASP (the SA Council for Natural Scientific Professionals) for professional scientists. Furthermore, CorrISA has also been recognized as a registered Industry Association with the DTI. These affiliations and recognitions allow us to trap into various government funding programs that will support us in growing our institute and spreading the word about Corrosion far and wide.

As the incoming president of the Corrosion Institute of Southern Africa it will be my goal to further grow the professional body in corrosion to improve the corrosion industry in South Africa and also to elaborate and build on initiatives into taking the Corrosion Institute further into Africa via partnerships with locally based entities. Towards this end we have already established relationships with the Corrosion Institute of Ghana who will be offering some of our courses under licence thereby earning us much needed foreign income. Of course, CorrISA will be continuing with providing corrosion related course locally as is the norm.

It will not be easy to achieve the goals but I am sure with you, our member's support it is achievable.

Kind regards

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