IMESA

Mission statement
To promote excellence in municipal engineering amongst its members for the benefit of the community.

Overview
The Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa (IMESA) aims to promote the knowledge, art, science and practice of municipal engineering in local governments. It further promotes the interest of municipal engineers and their profession, and creates a platform for the exchange of ideas and viewpoints on all aspects of municipal engineering.

Since its formation in 1961, IMESA has grown to represent over 1 000 individual members and many companies from several countries in southern Africa that are involved in the field of municipal engineering and the built environment.

Benefits and services
IMIESA Journal
Members of IMESA are granted free subscription to the IMIESA Journal, a high-quality monthly publication that serves as a mouthpiece to the engineering fraternity. It disseminates up-to-date information on technical news and developments. The IMIESA Journal has received the prestigious PICA Award for the best journal in the urban management, civil construction and infrastructural development categories.

IMESA website
The IMESA website, www.imesa.org.za, offers members and potential members a forum for opinion, news and support relating to the municipal engineering industry. The regularly updated site contains hot debate topics, latest industry news, an events calendar, member profiles and more.

Seminars
Branches organise regular full- and half-day seminars, which feature speakers from both the technical and contemporary arenas. These seminars are also used as opportunities to introduce new products in the technical field, as well as to brief members and politicians.

IMESA awards
The achievements of municipal engineers are numerous and can be witnessed in towns and cities around us. To give recognition to some of the achievements, IMESA issues a biennial award for the ‘Best Engineering Achievement’, as well as ‘Best Community Based Project’ with CESA.

ECSA
A substantial discount is given by the Engineering Council for members.

Annual conferences
Members can gain valuable information and insight into issues facing the municipal engineering fraternity at IMESA’s annual conference. Members will benefit from the topical papers presented, the associated exhibitions, as well as the opportunity to share and discuss ideas with like-minded engineers.

Bursary scheme
In 2000, IMESA established a bursary scheme for full-time studies in the field of civil engineering for students from designated groups, as well as dependants of members of IMESA.

The aim of the scheme is:
• To provide financial assistance to students from designated groups who would not otherwise have been able to afford to study.
• To contribute towards the purpose of the Employment Equity Act.
• To recognise achievements of students and prospective students who are dependants of IMESA members.
• To provide for the direct and reasonable needs of the student.

Since the establishment of this scheme, at least 10 bursaries have been awarded per year.

IMESA liaises with other professional bodies within South Africa.

IMESA is also a member of the International Federation of Municipal Engineers (IFME) and attends international conferences and workshops in order to keep track with global developments in the industry.

Since 1961, IMESA has played a significant role in municipal engineering, acting as a catalyst to share and develop new initiatives. Municipalities are key role players in identifying, prioritising, funding and implementing integrated development planning and community-based programmes. The Institute also advises councils on municipal engineering matters and serves the broader community through representation on a number of bodies where it provides input from the municipal engineer’s perspective.

National and international affiliates
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