

77th IMESA Conference 2013

Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa

President's welcome



It is with much pleasure that I, as President of IMESA, welcome you to the 2013 IMESA Conference. Given the multitude of challenges faced by municipal engineers as part of their daily tasks, I'm sure that delegates will agree that the choice of the conference theme 'Municipal Engineering: Meeting People's Needs' is indeed appropriate.

Anyone who watches Master Chef South Africa (or Australia) will know how crucial it is to gather the correct ingredients before creating a great dish. The ingredients needed to ensure a successful conference have certainly been assembled by the hard working local organising committee over the past year and these include, among others, the following:

- the choice of Port Elizabeth as the host city
- using the Boardwalk Hotel and Conference Centre as the venue (I gather that ours is one of the first large conferences to be held at this newly completed centre)
- a pre-conference Benchmarking Workshop
- in excess of 85 exhibitors
- some 25 carefully selected papers to be presented.

I invite you to enjoy and make full use of the knowledge-sharing and networking opportunities that will abound over the next few days.

Frank Stevens
President of IMESA

LOC address

Eastern Cape Local Organising Committee (LOC) welcome

On behalf of the LOC of the Eastern Cape Branch, welcome to all the delegates, companies, sponsors and exhibitors, as well as the IMESA President, past Presidents, Head Office Staff Members and all who will be attending the 2013 Conference in Port Elizabeth.

Our theme, 'Municipal Engineering: Meeting People's Needs', is extremely relevant at present. The increased number of strikes against poor service delivery, numerous failures of essential civil infrastructure, etc., are indicators of warning that well-planned turnaround strategies are required for municipal services delivery. More than 20 papers analysing the situation will be presented. Come join us to discuss and strategise to assist in improving this critical service delivery function. Port Elizabeth has much to offer to delegates – beautiful beaches, state-of-

the-art facilities, close proximity to world-class nature reserves and much more. Pack your bags and come stay in our upmarket accommodation, not only for the conference on Wednesday, 23 October to Friday, 25 October, but also include the weekend and don't exclude the golfing day on Tuesday, 22 October.

Our brand-new venue, The Boardwalk Hotel, has a special theme of its own, taking you away from your day-to-day routine. The views from the conference area over Algoa Bay is special and don't forget the adjacent casino (but only for the Wednesday night and the weekend!).

We know your IMESA 2013 Conference in Port Elizabeth is going to be an informative, memorable and enjoyable event.

Willem Hofmeyr
Chairperson:
IMESA Eastern Cape LOC

