

Welcome from the Local Organising Committee

On behalf of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) and the IMESA Eastern Cape Branch, I would like to welcome all sponsors, exhibitors, delegates and their companions, our special and invited guests to the beautiful city of Port Elizabeth, also known as Nelson Mandela Bay. A special welcome to the new IMESA president and the staff from the IMESA head office.



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Social Evening



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This year marks the 82nd IMESA Conference. Port Elizabeth has been privileged to be the host city of the conference in 2013 and now again in 2018.

Port Elizabeth is known as the windy city, but more refer to our city as the friendly city. We believe you will enjoy the friendly people of Port Elizabeth together with the magnificent features of our city. The tourist attractions surrounding Port Elizabeth include, amongst others, the wildlife in the Addo Elephant Park and other game reserves such as Shamwari, scenic routes the likes of the Baviaanskloof, a trip to the Zuurburg Hotel, the waves and beaches at Jeffreys Bay or Port Alfred and much more.

So, come prepared to stay not only for the conference but also for the weekend, or maybe even a bit longer to enjoy our beautiful beaches, temperate seawater temperatures, not too- congested traffic and, best of all, our good weather!

Our conference theme, Innovative Infrastructure Solutions, is reflected in the papers, presentations and exhibitions. Virtually everything around us is changing and more rapidly than in the past. Innovation and innovative ideas and products are truly required in these ever-changing times where we have self-driving cars and artificial intelligence that makes it possible for machines to learn from experience, adjust to new inputs and perform human-like tasks. We must be knowledgeable and innovative to prepare for the future ahead. The LOC believes that the conference will make all aware and play a positive role in preparing delegates for these changing times.

The Conference kicks off with a Golf Day, a Mountain Bike event (a new innovative idea) and the Opening Function on Tuesday, 30 October 2018. Presentations and Exhibitions follow on Wednesday straight through to Friday. Running parallel to the Conference is the Companion Programme for partners and spouses, who will be introduced to some of the novelties Port Elizabeth has on offer.

Our Technical Tours have been scheduled for Thursday afternoon where delegates will have the opportunity to visit some of the most remarkable projects in and around our city. Thursday evening will end off with the unique, not to be missed Social Function! We will be having a Beach Party at Happy Valley. Come dressed for the occasion with your flip-flops and something warm for the evening chills.

Final papers will be delivered on Friday morning followed by the official closing, with lunch being served in the Exhibition Hall.

A heartfelt thank you to all who assisted with the arrangements for the 2018 Conference, ensuring the execution of a successful one. Special thanks to the LOC members, IMESA head office staff and all service providers; your input and assistance were invaluable and your expertise and enthusiasm were appreciated during this time.

Willem Hofmeyr
2018 LOC Chair
IMESA Eastern Cape Branch