

South Africa Section

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Highlights from the past

- The South African Institute of Electrical Engineers (SAIEE) and the IEEE has had an established memorandum of understanding (MoU) since 1995. The agreement has been renewed for the period 2014-2016.
- 2014 International Conference on the Domestic Use of Energy (DUE) held 01-Apr-2014 to 02-Apr-2014.
- 2014 International Conference on Technology, Leadership and Business (ICTLB) held 03-Jul-2014 to 05-Jul-2014 Nairobi, Kenya.

Future activities

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- 2014 Information Security for South Africa (ISSA) and ISSA to be held 13-Aug-2014 to 15-Aug-2014
- The South Africa IEEE Section supported and helped in planning the bid for Africon 2015 to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The bid was successful and arrangements are well under way.
- The Computer Society is planning the 5th Software Colloquium.
- The second IT Management Symposium will be held in October.
- 2015 IEEE South African Radar Conference MoU signed: South Africa Section is a financial co-sponsor
- The 2014 Industrial and Commercial Use of Energy Conference (ICUE) will be held in Cape Town from the 18-20 August 2014.

Best practices

- We have had a very successful Section event at the University of Cape Town on 27 February 2014 for chairs and South Africa Section officers, attended by 24 people.
- Annaswamy Ravikiran, the IEEE Bangalore chair, joined our last committee meeting to share information and experiences from the Bangalore section with the committee and to discuss ways in which our two sections can collaborate and share events.

Points of concern / Topics for future discussion

- Due to increasing general workload of potential volunteers, we are finding it harder to find suitable candidates to fill all vacant positions.

Miscellaneous

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- The computer Society is hosting events as part the World Design Capital initiative.
- The South African IEEE Joint AP/MTT/EMC Chapter Conference was held at the Kievits Kroon Country Estate in 5th and 6th May 2014.
- WIE is being revitalised and is having an event on the 14th August in celebration of Womens Month and the achievements of women engineers.