

# Newsletter 168

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Dear Members,

## **SAWPA CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Dave Mullin was unanimously elected as Chairman to SAWPA at our AGM held on the 22 September 2010. His input and standing in the treatment industry is valued by our industry and we are fortunate to have him as the new Chairman of the Association.

## **WOOD PRESERVATION CHARTER**

The Wood Preservation Charters have been posted to members who requested them at the past round of Regional Meetings. Any member wanting a copy of the Charter and who has not yet requested one, should contact Sue at SAWPA.

## **TIMBER SUPPLY**

SAWPA has had a number of requests lately about who to contact for raw material supplies. One lead has been SAFCA, the South African Forestry Contractors Association. They have a list of forestry contractors on their website: [www.safca.co.za](http://www.safca.co.za)

## **NEW SAWPA BROCHURES**

- We have updated our “Timber Treatment and the Law”. We have attached an electronic version for you, and we will have printed brochures by year end.
- A Chemical Forum has been hard at work in updating the ‘Protocol for the Approval of Wood Preservatives’ together with the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947 of the DAFF and the final document is now available from SAWPA.

## **PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES**

SAWPA had a meeting with the Directorate Agricultural Product inspection Services at DAFF on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2010 to discuss the possibility of simplifying the process of obtaining phytosanitary certificates, and in the process reducing the cost implication for primary wood treaters, when exporting treated timber to countries that require such phytosanitary certificates. The Department was very accommodating of the motivation presented to them and has requested SAWPA to draft a framework/procedure for their consideration.

## **TALKING ROT**

- The SAWPA website has been updated. Please visit the website at [www.sawpa.org.za](http://www.sawpa.org.za) and let us have your comments. SAWPA had 14143 hits on its website during July 2010, and 16520 during August 2010.

- Complete Environmental Services launched a unique service for developers and proponents, assisting them to determine if environmental authorisation is needed for their proposed development and if so which process is required. Please see their website: [www.completenvironmental.co.za](http://www.completenvironmental.co.za). For more information please contact Sue.
- SAWPA, as a member of the Wood foundation, participated in the recent Interbuild Show which was the official launch of the Wood Foundation. We also participated at the recent Sabie Forest Fair and made use of the opportunity to promote our industry.



INTERBUILD SHOW HOUSE



WOOD FOUNDATION CORNER - SABIE FOREST FAIR (ARCH WOOD PROTECTION STAND)

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