

Newsletter 179

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REGIONAL MEETING DATES

We would like to invite you to our next round of Regional Meetings.

LIMPOPO	4 JUNE 2012	Lalapanzi Louis Trichardt N1
MPUMALANGA	6 JUNE 2012	Cradle of Life Tourism Centre Badplaas
KWA-ZULU NATAL	8 JUNE 2012	Ascot Conference Centre 217 Woodhouse Road Scottsville, Pietermaritzburg
GAUTENG	11 JUNE 2012	Shuma Valley Lodge Pelindaba Road Lanseria
SOUTHERN CAPE - GEORGE	13 JUNE 2012	Pine Lodge Cnr Saasveld and Knysna Roads
WESTERN CAPE - STELLENBOSCH	15 JUNE 2012	Wood Sciences Department University of Stellenbosch

ALL MEETINGS START AT 10H30

See attached provisional agenda

For catering purposes please advise Sue on 011 974 1061 or on sawpa@global.co.za whether or not you will be attending

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS

Members are reminded that the Waste management regulations published in July 2009 requires anyone who operates as a waste management company to be licensed and approved. If not, such companies are operating illegally. What this implies in practice is that companies who store, recover, treat and/or dispose of hazardous waste need to be specialist end experts in this field, i.e. it needs to be their core business. Suppliers of wood preservatives are therefore not qualified and allowed to dispose of treatment plant hazardous waste on behalf of the treatment plants, as was the norm in the past. The subject has also been included in the agenda of the upcoming regional meetings where the implications, concerns and possible solutions will be discussed.

THE WOOD FOUNDATION - EXECUTIVE OFFICER APPOINTED

SAWPA is happy to announce that Mr Keith Rudd was recently appointed as the interim Executive Officer of The Wood Foundation. Keith was originally in the executive committee when the Timber Marketing Forum (now The WOOD FOUNDATION) was formed and we welcome him back on board. Keith hails from the timber frame building industry where he previously held the position of president of the TFBA for a period of 10 Years. The Executive Committee of the Wood Foundation realised that we needed to engage a dedicated person to drive the objectives and function of The WOOD FOUNDATION and his wealth of knowledge and passion for wood will surely be to our advantage. Keith is an ardent supporter of the use of preservative treated wood and has long held a strong believe and support that preservative treated structural sawn timber should be used in all the regions of South Africa. He has also played a big role in eliminating the public's negative perception on timber buildings. For more on Keith and his appointment please visit:

http://www.thewoodfoundation.co.za/newsletters/may2012/welcome_keith.htm

**DEPT OF AGRICULTURE – REGISTRAR ACT 36 of 1947
RENEWAL OF AGRICULTURAL REMEDY REGISTRATIONS**

All chemical supplier members are referred to the attached notification letter from the Registrar of Act 36 of 1947 informing registration holders of Agricultural Remedies (including wood preservatives) of possible expiry of registrations on the 31st of May 2012.

Talking Rot

- Promotional leaflets and posters – Please make use of the informative posters and leaflets which SAWPA makes available to the members free of charge. For more information visit our website or contact SAWPA. We also have some laminated A3 posters available of the recent flyer on CCA Treated Wood – Safety, handling, use and disposal warnings
 - Hits to the SAWPA website during the month of April were 37573.
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR JUNE 2012

SAWPA REGIONAL MEETINGS

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Approval of the previous minutes
3. Matters to be added under agenda items 4, 5 and 6
4. Regional Affairs
 - 4.1
 - 4.2
5. National concerns:
 - 5.1 SANS Product Standards – Presentation of changes made
 - 5.2 NRCS update and feedback
 - 5.3 Creosote shortage – Outcomes following industry meeting of 7 May
 - 5.4 Hazardous Waste disposal
 - 5.5 Statistics??
 - 5.6 Expiry/validity of dates on pole markers
 - 5.7 Safety and warnings on treated timber
 - 5.8
 - 5.9
 - 5.10
6. General - Open discussion
 - 6.1
 - 6.2
7. Appointment of regional chairperson/vice chairperson
8. Close of meeting (12:30)
 - a. All invited for lunch