



## South African Wood Preservers Association

Dear Members,

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER REGIONAL MEETINGS

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of regional meetings for 2018 are scheduled as per the table below. If you have any specific matter that you feel needs to be discussed at the meeting/s, please forward it to SAWPA and indicate if it is intended for discussion at regional or national level. Kindly supply any background information that can assist SAWPA in preparing for such a discussion. Please note that during this round of meetings the regional chairpersons are nominated and appointed by the members present, and it would be appreciated if you can keep this in mind in the run up to the meetings.

#### Meeting Schedule August /September

	Date	Time	Planned Venue (TBC)
Limpopo Regional	29 August 2018	10:00	Pietersburg Club
S/Eastern Cape Regional	31 August 2018	10:00	Pine Lodge, George
Western Cape Regional	3 September 2018	10:00	Erinvale Hotel & Spa
Gauteng Regional	5 September 2018	10:00	SAWPA Boardroom
KZN Regional	7 September 2018	10:00	Victoria CC, PMB
Mpumalanga Regional	11 September 2018	10:00	Forever Resort, Badplaas
Chemical Forum	26 September 2018	12:30	SAWPA Boardroom
Executive Committee	27 September 2018	9:30	SAWPA Boardroom
Annual General Meeting	27 September 2018	14:00	SAWPA - SAFCA conference room

For seating and catering purposes please notify Sue at 011 974 1061 or [sawpa@global.co.za](mailto:sawpa@global.co.za) if you will attend.

### INFORMATION LEAFLET ON ILLEGAL TREATMENT

As cited in past newsletters and regional meetings, SAWPA was asked to develop a leaflet to educate and inform the general public, especially those in rural areas who are misled into buying illegally treated timber. The attached English version has been finalised and is available to members wanting to distribute and use the brochure. We are in the process of translating the leaflet into IsiZulu, Sepedi, Tshivenda and IsiXhosa, being the languages used in the worst affected areas. The leaflets will also be posted on our website soon. Members can request hardcopies of the English version from Sue at [sawpa@global.co.za](mailto:sawpa@global.co.za) or 011 974 1061.

### THREE NEW SAWPA GUIDANCE NOTES ISSUED

As part of our objective to inform and educate users of treated timber, a further three guidance notes have been completed in addition the previous five already launched in 2017, and they deal with:

- Decking Substructure – Regulations and Preservative Treatment, which aims to inform the end user on the correct materials, hazard classes and applications when constructing the loadbearing substructure for a deck.
- Natural Durability of Wood, which explains the term natural durability of wood, a characteristic that can occur in the heartwood of timber species and varies from non-durable, moderately durable, durable and to highly durable, and can, if occurring in a given specie, contribute to a longer extended service life when exposed to biological agents.

- Heartwood and sapwood, explains the difference between the two areas found in the trunk of a tree and their ability to be easily treated or not.

These and previously launched Guidance Notes can be found on our website at <http://sawpa.co.za/guidance-notes>, which falls under the “General Public” Heading and ‘Information’ section.

## GUIDE TO THE AMENDED FOREST SECTOR CODE & SCORE CARD

The Amended Forest Sector Code against which all forestry sector related companies must be assessed when measuring and determining their BBEE status, was gazetted in April 2017. To assist companies in understanding and applying the sector code, the Forest Sector Charter Council developed “A Users Guide to the Amended Forest Sector Code and Scorecard” that can be downloaded from the SAWPA website at <http://sawpa.co.za/topical-issues>.

## WOODPRO - INTERBUILD AFRICA



SAWPA will be occupying a stand at the Woodpro – Interbuild Expo, being held from 15 to 18 August at the Nasrec Expo Centre in Johannesburg. Members who would like to attend can register online at <https://woodpro.interbuild.co.za/> for free entrance. The Institute for Timber Construction will also be hosting a CPD accredited Timber Construction Conference on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 14:00 aimed at professionals such as engineer and architects, but also anyone else with an interest in timber structures. Speakers will talk on timber frame housing, site made vs prefabricated trusses, certification of structural timber, outdoor finishes, and lastly also timber preservation, standards and regulation. The last two presentations will be presented by Willie Conradie (Timberlife and SAWPA member) and Bruce Breedt (SAWPA) respectively. For more information go to <http://itc-sa.org/itc-sa-host-cpd-accredited-timber-conference-interbuild-africa/>

## ITC-SA’s TIMBER ENGINEERED PRODUCTS AWARDS EVENING

The Annual ITC-SA Timber awards evening took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July at the D’Aria Wine Estate. The evening was held to honour and award members of ITC-SA for their engineered structural timber creations in different categories ranging from decks, alterations & additions, new homes and roofs. SAWPA was proud to be one of the sponsors of the evening event that showcased structures containing preservative treated timber produced by SAWPA members in most if not all the structures.

## NEWSLETTER OFFCUTS

- The hits to the SAWPA website for May-July totalled 206 667.
- The Cape Construction Expo will take place on 12 and 13 September at Grand West Exhibition centre in Cape Town. If you are interested in attending, go to <https://www.cape-construction.co.za/> where you can register online for a free entry to the exhibit.

Regards

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