



South African Wood Preservers Association

Dear Members,

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Members are invited to the next round of SAWPA regional meetings for 2017 scheduled for the dates and venues given below. Members are requested to forward proposals for agenda discussions at the meetings. Please specify if it is intended for discussion in your specific region or if you would like to add it as a discussion point at all the regional meetings. If specific preparation is required by SAWPA, the required background details need to be submitted together with the agenda item. Please note that during this round of meetings the regional chairpersons for the next year are nominated and appointed by the members present.

Regional Meeting Schedule August /September

Region	Date	Venue
Mpumalanga	30 August 2017	Forever Resorts, Badplaas
KwaZulu-Natal	1 September 2017	Victoria Country Club, Pietermaritzburg
Limpopo	4 September 2017	Pietersburg Club
Gauteng	6 September 2017	SAWPA Boardroom, Isando
Southern/Eastern Cape	8 September 2017	Pine Lodge, George
Western Cape	11 September 2017	Lourensford Estate, Somerset West

All regional meetings will start at 10:00. Refreshments will be served before the meetings, and upon conclusion of each meeting lunch will be served. For seating and catering purposes please notify Sue at 011 974 1061 or sawpa@global.co.za if you will attend.

IRG49 JOZI – 29 APRIL TO 3 MAY 2018



As reported in Newsletter 211 of June, the annual conference for the International Research Group on Wood Protection will be held in Johannesburg from 29 April to 3 May 2018. IRG49 will be the first IRG-WP conference to be held on the African Continent and SAWPA are proud to be a host and local organiser, already hard at work to make IRG49 an event for all our international guests to remember. The official website has been created as www.irg49.co.za and although currently under construction, it will go live soon. The website will contain information regarding the venue, accommodation, travel and transport options, sponsorship, conference programme, registration details etc., which will be updated as and when more information becomes available. We have been fortunate to already receive sponsorship pledges from both local and international companies and organisations, i.e. Accys Technologies (Ne), Arch Wood Protection South Africa (Lonza), DAFF, Dolphin Bay

Chemicals, FFS Refiners, Lanxess (Ger), Spiess-Urania (Ger), Timberlife, and TimTech (Aus), whom we would like to thank and acknowledge for their generous and speedy response in pledging support. Hosting of an international conference of this nature is not possible without sponsors, and we trust that we will receive further pledges from the other organisations and companies who we approached. Any company that did not receive a sponsorship letter but wants to be a sponsor for hosting IRG49 can contact us for information on the sponsorship packages. The packages allows for different levels and gives recognition through exposure before and during the conference, depending on the level of sponsorship given. As reported in Newsletter 211, in an effort to increase local and African participation, the IRG-WP approved reduced conference fees for all domiciled African delegates, as well as travel assistance for African domiciled students selected to present a paper at the conference. More information on this will also be made available through communiques and the IRG49 Website.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FORESTRY CERTIFICATION STANDARD

For members who have forestry interests, South Africa is in the process of developing a South African National Forestry Certification standard as part of the South African Forestry Assurance Scheme (SAFAS), which will seek endorsement by the Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). This standard is based on the National Principles, Criteria, Indicators and Standards Framework (PCI&S). Interested parties are invited to comment on the second draft the SAFAS certification standard which is downloadable from link <http://www.forestry.co.za/safas/>

Stakeholders have 60 days to comment on the standard. The closure of the comment period will be the 28th of September 2017. Please write your comments in the appropriate column next to the requirement. General comments can be added on a separate document or e-mail. E-mail comments to Craig Norris craig@nctforest.com . If you have any queries or require additional information contact: Craig Norris or David Everard David.Everard@sappi.com

NEWSLETTER OFFCUTS

- Decorex Joburg – SAWPA is hosting a stand at Gallagher Convention Centre from 9 to 13 August 2017. Decorex is a premier décor, design and lifestyle exhibition aimed at designers, specifiers and home owners with the 10th & 11th is focused on the trade with the 9th, 12th & 13th focusing on the general public.
- Just a friendly reminder that the Cape Construction Trade Expo is being held in Cape Town at the CTICC from the 23-24 August 2017.



- AGFO 2017: Calling all sponsors and exhibitors for AGFO Expo 2017. The annual Agriculture and Forestry Expo (AGFO) 2017 takes place at the Casterbridge Lifestyle Centre in White River, Mpumalanga, from 14 to 16 September 2017. For more information, visit www.agfo.co.za, email admin@agfo.co.za or call 071 134 4197.
- The hits to the SAWPA website for June and July was respectively 21727 and 39185.

Regards

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