

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For the past two years the NACA Journal has been silent. This was due to the attempt to provide our members with the NACA Magazine, a combination of the traditional journal content and more contemporary air quality matters. The financial outset proved not viable and I am pleased to welcome back our trusted Journal. This publication covers feedback from the 2009 Annual Conference and the 2009 winning papers.

Even though the Journal was silent for the past two years, NACA was not. The organisation actively pursued its objectives through expanding education programmes, renewal of our work relationship with the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), keeping an active website and involvement in the International Union of Air Pollution Prevention and Environmental Protection Associations (IUAPPA). Two new NACA branches were established namely the Mpumalanga Branch and the Limpopo Branch. NACA has focused intensely on promoting and expanding education programmes over the past two years. The organisation in association with the University of Johannesburg presented six accredited courses on Air Quality Management and Dispersion Modelling during this period. These ranged from a two-day course to a 10-day course. The organisation realised the need for more accessible courses, whilst keeping it affordable. As a start, the University of Pretoria was approached to host these short courses with the intention to roll these out to other tertiary institutions in the country.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NACA and DEA is coming to an end in March 2011. Given the good working relationship, both parties agreed on renewing this contract. The renewed MOU was signed on the 12th of October 2010 with the back-to-back hosting of the DEA Lekgotla and the NACA Annual Conference dubbed "The Annual National Air Quality Week". This sets the path for a working towards a common goal in achieving clean air in South Africa.

Our long standing members will recall the very successful hosting of the 11th IUAPPA World Congress in 1998 in Durban, and more recently the regional IUAPPA Conference held in Nelspruit in 2008. NACA did it again and I am proud to announce that we will host the 16th IUAPPA World Congress in

2013 in Cape Town. This Congress will focus on the link between air quality related issues in the developed and developing world placing NACA in the ideal situation to bridge the gap and assist in promoting the international air quality objectives of IUAPPA.

As I step down as the NACA President I am confident that this marks the start of a remarkable period in the organization's existence and that under the leadership of Mr. Abel Sakhau, our new president; we will achieve all our objectives in promoting clean air in South Africa.

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