



## Eastern Cape Branch

A branch event was held on 22 February 2014 at the EL Museum. Proff. Werner Nel from the University of Fort Hare gave a presentation on Monitoring Global Climate Change at Marion Island and Antarctica. 12 members attended the event. Despite a torrential downpour which prevented many invitees from attending, the event was successful and was enjoyed by all.

The Eastern Cape branch has also been allocated a slot on the agenda for the Environmental Quality Forum which is hosted quarterly by the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism. This Environmental Quality Management Forum (EQM) is composed of environmental officers, air quality officers, waste officers, environmental compliance inspectors as well as environmental managers from the various metropolitan and district municipalities and key parastatals within the Eastern Cape. New and draft policy and legislation is discussed as well as key issues and challenges in the environmental sector in the Eastern Cape.

Brendon Steytler gave a presentation at the EQM forum on the membership benefits of the IAIA SA with the intention of enticing new membership from government at the EQM held on 02 June 2014. A second presentation was given on the proposed IAIA National Conference at the EQM forum held on 13 August 2014. The value of the IAIA Eastern Cape branch as an organisation representing the environmental industry is now highly recognised by the Eastern Cape government and we are now increasingly being asked to assist in providing comment on provincial environmental matters.