

South African affiliate of the

**IAIA**

**International Association  
for Impact Assessment**



# ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

**IAIAsa**

PO Box 85410, Emmarentia, 2029

Tel +27(0)11 6462834

Mobile +27(0)82 3304013

Fax 086 662 9849 | Postal address:

Email: [operations@iaia.co.za](mailto:operations@iaia.co.za)



## **SOUTH AFRICAN AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013**

#### ***President's Summary***

*IAIAsa is a voluntary professional association that strives to lead Integrated Environmental Management (IEM) in Southern Africa. We do this by providing a regional platform for advancing innovation and communication of **best practice** in IEM so as to further the development of local, regional and global capacity for sustainability. We aim to provide leadership for defining quality and enhancing **professionalism** in the practice of IEM and promote **sound science and integrated participatory decision-making** to support sustainable development. Our vision for the 2012/2013 year was to focus on the implementation of our 2015 strategy.*

#### ***Difficulties experienced***

*The greatest difficulty that we experienced in the 2012/2013 year was the non-performance of Service Providers which resulted in a significant delay in the implementation of our new website and associated information management systems. This, in turn, has placed a huge burden on the committee members and staff responsible for those functions, and reduced the offerings to our members. This issue has, however, now been addressed by replacing one of the Service Providers, and implementing stricter controls specifically with regards to the confirmation of the scope of works and an insistence on Contracts.*

*Outstanding debt has also been an increasing problem which has been addressed by implementing strict control on the non-attendance of non-payers of activities, and particularly the conference, if the required fees are outstanding.*

#### ***Achievements***

*Implementation of the Strategy required obtaining a Tax Clearance certificate and **amending our Constitution** to enable us to register as a Not for Profit Organisation (NPO) and after that a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO). We also appointed an Operations Manager and part-time assistant, while retaining some of the support that Glaudin Kruger has provided over the years.*

*We are excited to be launching our long awaited new **Website** at the IAIAsa 2013 conference.*



Although we did not implement the IAIAAsa endorsed **Continued Professional Development (CPD)** system as envisaged, we did, in conjunction with SAIEA and with generous funding from the UNDP, undertake a series of workshops on “Integrating HIV and gender issues into Environmental Assessments”.

An increase in the number and severity of complaints received against the conduct on IAIAAsa members led to the development of a **Disciplinary Procedure** to provide a framework for dealing with complaints transparently, constructively and consistently. A copy of the procedure is available on the website. Dealing with the first case is currently underway.

Requests for IAIAAsa to endorse guidelines led to developing and implementing an **Endorsement Policy** which enables us to be transparent, structured and consistent in responding to such requests.

In April 2013 we responded to a call from the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on the Environment and Water Affairs for comment on **The Efficacy of South Africa’s Environmental Impact Assessment Regime**: A call for responses to Government’s legislative and policy framework to strengthen environmental governance and the sustainability of our development growth path. Our response emphasised the need for and value of the EIA regime, and proposed the urgent recognition of a Registration Body in terms of Section 24H of the National Environmental Management Amendment Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998, removing the requirement for independence, bringing mining under the jurisdiction of NEMA, increasing the use of review, developing norms and standards and guidelines, strengthening EIA follow-up, integrating authorisations across sectors and the need for strategic planning. A presentation was subsequently made to the Committee.

The Department of Environmental Affairs is developing a **National Environmental Impact Assessment Management Strategy (EIAMS)** for South Africa. A member of the NEC of IAIAAsa serves on the Project Steering Committee where it represents the interests of its members from the EAPs perspective. IAIAAsa also served on the Conflict Resolution Committee constituted to deal with a dispute related to Theme 2 in April 2013.

IAIAAsa’s **annual conference** remains a highlight of the year for the NEC, members and associated organisations. Kruger and Associates were again appointed as conference organisers to assist the Free State local organising committee in planning and implementing the Thaba ‘Nchu event from 16 to 18 September 2013..

**Branches** remain the heart of IAIAAsa and our Strategy identifies improving the quality and number of branch events. Our Branch Co-ordinator has facilitated improved interaction between the branches and NEC and a total of 37 branch events took place in the last year.



*Branch activities have been supported by an increased use of **Facebook** and **LinkedIn** during the last year as mechanisms to quickly and effectively distribute information and platforms for discussions amongst members.*

**Conclusion**

*2012/2013 has been a busy and challenging year for the leadership, staff and volunteers of IAIAAsa. Persistent hard work and commitment to serving our members and achieving our vision from many individuals has resulted in achieving several tangible milestones towards transforming our association to the professional leader in IEM in Southern Africa that we strive to be.*

**Thank you.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Terry Calmeyer'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a faint, hand-drawn oval.

---

**Terry Calmeyer**  
**IAIASa President 2012/2013**

## SOUTH AFRICAN AFFILIATE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR IMPACT ASSESSMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

### TABLE OF CONTENTS

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| <b>1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE .....</b>                          | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>2. VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES .....</b>                        | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>3. ORGANISATIONAL FORM, STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY .....</b>           | <b>2</b>  |
| 3.1 MEMBERSHIP .....  | 3         |
| 3.2 CONSTITUTION AND REGISTER AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION (NPO)..... | 4         |
| 3.3 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS .....               | 4         |
| 3.3.1 <i>Appointment of staff</i> .....                               | 4         |
| 3.3.2 <i>Financial Report</i> .....                                   | 4         |
| 3.3.3 <i>Disciplinary Procedure</i> .....                             | 5         |
| 3.3.4 <i>Endorsement Policy</i> .....                                 | 5         |
| 3.3.5 <i>Website and Social Media</i> .....                           | 5         |
| 3.3.6 <i>E-briefs and social media</i> .....                          | 5         |
| 3.3.7 <i>Standards and Guidelines</i> .....                           | 5         |
| 3.3.8 <i>Policy and Legislation</i> .....                             | 5         |
| <b>4. STRATEGIC ALLIANCES BETWEEN SECTORS AND DISCIPLINES.....</b>    | <b>6</b>  |
| 4.1 EAPASA .....  | 7         |
| 4.2 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS .....             | 7         |
| 4.2.1 <i>Endangered Wildlife Trust</i> .....                          | 7         |
| 4.2.2 <i>UNDP and SAIEA</i> .....                                     | 9         |
| 4.3 ACADEMIC PRESENCE.....  | 9         |
| <b>5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT .....</b>                              | <b>9</b>  |
| 5.1 CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.....                           | 9         |
| 5.1.1 <i>CPD Programme and IAIAAsa Accreditation</i> .....            | 9         |
| 5.1.2 <i>Courses</i> .....  | 9         |
| 5.1.3 <i>Conference</i> .....   | 11        |
| 5.2 BRANCH EVENTS .....   | 12        |
| 5.2.1 <i>Eastern Cape</i> .....                                       | 12        |
| 5.2.2 <i>Free State</i> .....   | 13        |
| 5.2.3 <i>Gauteng</i> .....  | 13        |
| 5.2.4 <i>KwaZulu-Natal</i> .....                                      | 13        |
| 5.2.5 <i>Limpopo</i> .....  | 2         |
| 5.2.6 <i>Mpumalanga</i> .....   | 20        |
| 5.2.7 <i>Northwest Province</i> .....                                 | 20        |
| 5.2.8 <i>Western Cape</i> .....                                       | 20        |
| 5.3 AWARDS.....   | 21        |
| <b>6. CONCLUSION .....</b>  | <b>22</b> |



## APPENDIX A: ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report is on the activities of IAIAAsa, the South African Affiliate of IAIA, for the year September 2012 – September 2013. It has been prepared by the National Executive Committee.

## 1. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 2012/2013 National Executive Committee (NEC) consisted of 8 branch chairs, 8 nationally elected members and one co-opted member (Gerrie van Schalkwyk), as indicated below.

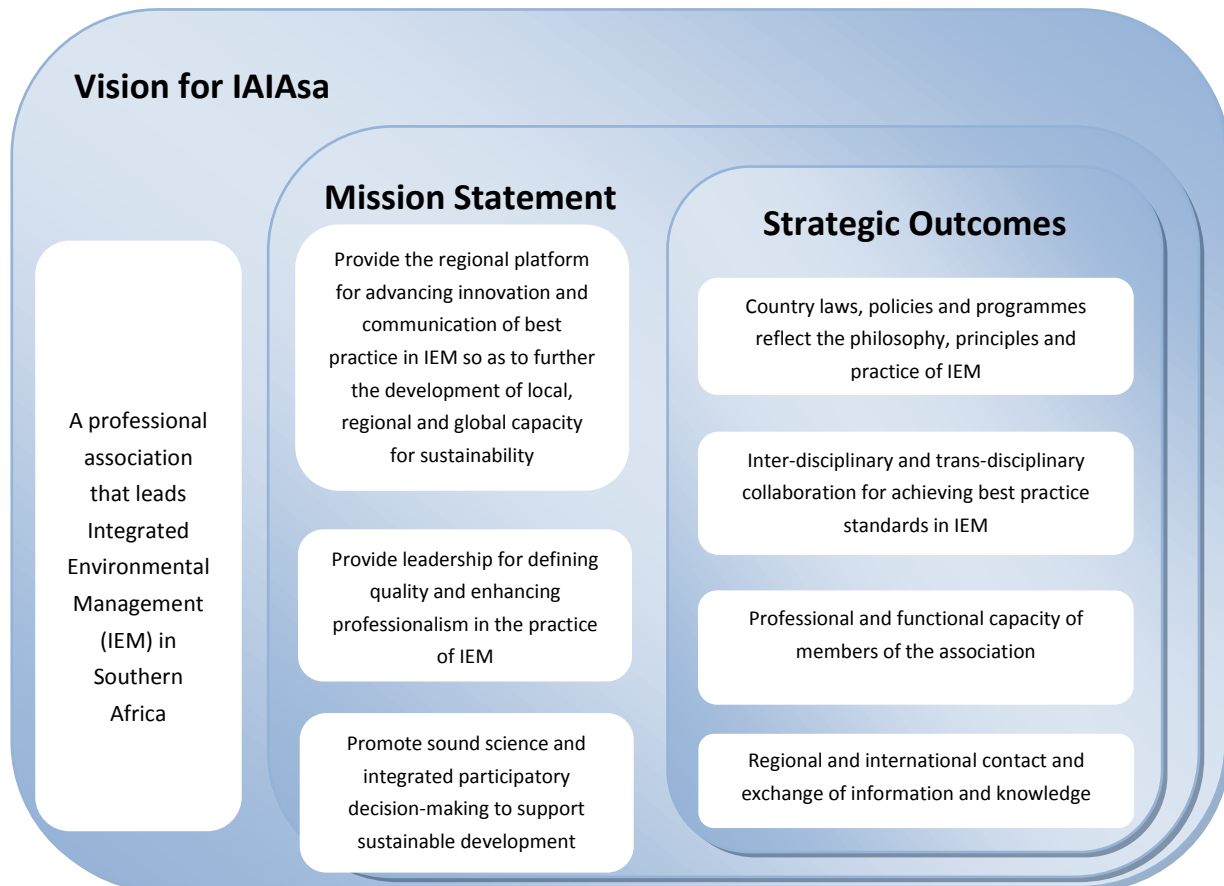
|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| <b>President:</b>                                 | Terry Calmeyer       |
| <b>President Elect:</b>                           | Patrick Sithole      |
| <b>Past President and Strategy and Relations:</b> | Steve Stead          |
| <b>Branch Representative:</b>                     | Sue George           |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>                                 | Jenny Mitchell       |
| <b>Secretary:</b>                                 | Bronwen Griffiths    |
| <b>IEM Standards:</b>                             | Robyn Luyt           |
| <b>Policy and Legislation:</b>                    | Gerrie van Schalkwyk |
| <b>Membership Development:</b>                    | Marius Marais        |
| <b>BRANCH CHAIRS</b>                              |                      |
| <b>Eastern Cape:</b>                              | Brendon Steytler     |
| <b>Free State:</b>                                | Elbi Bredenkamp      |
| <b>Gauteng:</b>                                   | Lené Grobbelaar      |
| <b>KwaZulu-Natal:</b>                             | Dave Cox             |
| <b>Limpopo:</b>                                   | Setenane Nkopane     |
| <b>Mpumalanga:</b>                                | Mette Rossaak        |
| <b>Northwest Province:</b>                        | Jan Albert Wessels   |
| <b>Western Cape:</b>                              | Fabio Venturi        |

The NEC held a Strategic Planning session on 26 August 2012, a mid-term meeting on 9 – 10 March 2013 and monthly teleconferences on the following dates:

- 17 September 2012
- 15 October 2012
- 19 November 2012
- 21 January 2013
- 18 February 2013
- 18 March 2013
- 29 April 2013
- 10 June 2013
- 15 July 2013
- 5 August 2013, and
- 2 September 2013.

## 2. VISION, MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

This review has been done against the 2015 IAIAAsa Strategy, and in particular the Institutional Priorities (2011 – 2015).



## 3. ORGANISATIONAL FORM, STRUCTURE AND CAPACITY

This priority gives attention to the following needs:

- To revise the membership categories of IAIAAsa, based on predetermined criteria, in order to establish a range of categories (with associated fees and benefits per category) to accommodate the new service focus;
- To amend the Constitution of IAIAAsa to reflect the changes that are necessary to give effect to the new strategy;
- To reconstitute the organisation to become a Non-Profit Organisation in order to be incorporated into South African law and to derive the associated benefits of being a more formal entity; and
- To strengthen the organisation structure and management systems in order to improve capacity for delivering professional services to members.

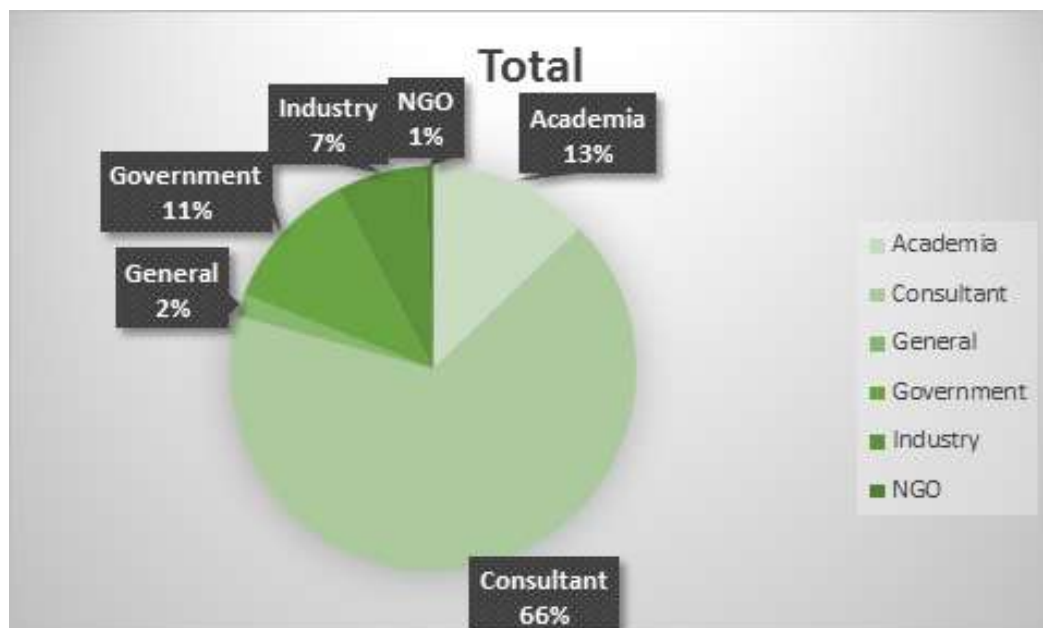


### 3.1 MEMBERSHIP

On 2 September 2013 IAIAAsa had 722 fully paid up members distributed as indicated in the table below. In addition there were 121 members whose membership had expired in the previous 30 days and 76 members whose membership had expired in the 30 to 60 day period. Some of these members are expected to renew their membership before they are over 60 days.

| Branch              | Paid up members at 2 September 2013 |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Eastern Province    | 32                                  |
| Free state          | 27                                  |
| Gauteng             | 241                                 |
| KwaZulu Natal       | 149                                 |
| Limpopo             | 28                                  |
| Mpumalanga          | 19                                  |
| North West province | 50                                  |
| SADAC               | 12                                  |
| Western Province    | 162                                 |
| <b>National</b>     | <b>722</b>                          |

Consultants remain the largest group of members (66%), followed by Academia and Government.



No progress has been made on the development of membership categories.



### **3.2 CONSTITUTION AND REGISTRATION AS A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION (NPO)**

An extensive review of the existing constitution was undertaken with specific reference to the requirements of a Non-Profit Organisation. Proposed amendments were distributed to members in August 2013 and will be tabled for acceptance at the 2013 AGM.

A valid SARS Tax certificate has been obtained and the finances are in the process of being audited. Once these tasks are complete an application to register as an NPO will be submitted.

### **3.3 ORGANISATION STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

#### **3.3.1 Appointment of staff**

Liz Warren was appointed as IAIAAsa's Operations Manager from February 2012 and is subsequently being supported by an administrative assistant. The Secretariat function of IAIAAsa has moved to the Operations Manager and address of the organisation to Johannesburg.

#### **3.3.2 Financial Report**

The IAIAAsa Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2013 are attached as **Appendix A**. The Association has cash of R805,682 available. The cash reserves have strengthened from R731,711 last year to R805,682 at the end of June 2013. The majority of cash is held in a notice deposit account to maximise the interest earned.

An amount of R253,806 is owed to the Association as at 30 June 2013. Of this amount R196,935 relates to outstanding income from the 2013 conference. An amount of R50,943 is still owed in respect of outstanding 2012 Conference fees. Reserves have increased from R707,523 to R965,824 in the current year. An amount of R93,664 was owing to trade creditors and SARS at year end. These amounts have been paid after year end.

The income statement reflects a net surplus of R258,301 for the year. A net conference surplus has previously been reported. This year detailed conference income and expenditure is disclosed. Membership fees are up by 46%. Membership fees are recognised as income once received, as membership is not compulsory and lapses if not paid within 60 days. All other fee income is recognised once invoiced.

As in previous years the branch accounts have not been consolidated. A National Executive Committee decision has been taken to close all of the branch bank accounts and to centralise the financial administration of the branches.

No provision for taxation has been made in the financial statements. Due to legislative amendments, SARS has requested the submission of certain documents in order to confirm the exemption status of the Association.

### **3.3.3 Disciplinary Procedure**

An increase in the number and severity of complaints received against the conduct on IAIAAsa members led to the development of a Disciplinary Procedure to provide a framework for dealing with complaints transparently, constructively and consistently. A copy of the procedure is available on the website. Dealing with the first case is currently underway.

### **3.3.4 Endorsement Policy**

Requests for IAIAAsa to endorse guidelines led to the development and implementation of an Endorsement Policy which enables IAIAAsa to be transparent, structured and consistent in responding to such requests. The first request for endorsement from EWT for their Guideline on Dealing with Birds in Wind Energy projects has been accepted.

### **3.3.5 Website and Social Media**

The greatest challenge and difficulty that IAIAAsa experienced during the 2012/2013 year was the failure of a service provider to implement a new website. This has led to an extensive amount of additional work being required by the Operations Manager and conference organisers. The service provider has been replaced and the new website will be introduced to members at the 2013 conference.

### **3.3.6 E-briefs and social media**

A Facebook page and LinkedIn account were created for IAIAAsa this year. The Facebook page is open to the public while the LinkedIn account is for member access only. E-briefs continue to be distributed to members, usually weekly on a Friday.

### **3.3.7 Standards and Guidelines**

No development of Standards or Guidelines took place this year.

### **3.3.8 Policy and Legislation**

IAIAAsa contributed to the development of Policy and Legislation this year by serving on the Project Steering Committee for the development of the **Environmental Impact Assessment and Management Strategy (EIAMS)** for South Africa, and by responding to an invitation from parliament to comment on the **Efficacy and Efficiency of the EIA regime in South Africa**.

## **Environmental Impact Assessment and Management Strategy**



The EIAMS aims to address key concerns and constraints within the current environmental impact management system in South Africa and will shape the manner in which impacts are managed in the future.

Eleven (11) Subtheme reports were commissioned, two of which were later combined.

Capacity, Skills, Knowledge, Transformation and Public Participation are addressed in the Theme 2 report. The second draft Theme 2 report was made available to the represented sectors, Advisory Group as well as the wider Reference Group for comments by 13 November 2012. The second draft Theme 1 report was made available in March 2013. The Theme reports were finalised in July 2013.

The drafting of the Strategy has now commenced and the PSC has developed 9 platforms (interim objectives) which will form the building blocks of the Strategy. The draft Strategy will be made available to all project structures for comments in November 2013.

The final Strategy will be published in the Government Gazette for comments from the general public.

The PSC members have started discussion on some of the main trends coming through in the Subtheme reports- on the <http://eiams.environment.gov.za> website.

IAIASa was also represented on the Environmental Impact and Management Strategy: Conflict Resolution Committee: Theme 2 which met on 26 April 2013.

#### **Efficacy and Efficiency of the EIA regime in South Africa**

Written comments were prepared in response to a call for comment by Parliament on *'The Efficacy of South Africa's Environmental Impact Assessment Regime: A call for responses to Government's legislative and policy framework to strengthen environmental governance and the sustainability of our development growth path'* and submitted in April 2013.

This was followed by a presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Water and the Environment on 31 July 2013.

#### **4. STRATEGIC ALLIANCES BETWEEN SECTORS AND DISCIPLINES**

This priority gives attention to the following needs:

- To strengthen the relationship between IAIAsa and EAPASA in order to foster mutual benefits;



- To create new and strengthen existing relationships with other statutory bodies, associated organisations and/or Voluntary Associations (VA's); and
- To secure a strong academic presence in IAIAsa through relationships with academic institutions.

#### **4.1 EAPASA**

IAIASa believes that the successful implementation of Integrated Environmental Management is dependent on the competence and ethical values of Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) in the private sector as well as officials responsible for review and decision-making within government. IAIAsa therefore recognised the critical need for a registration authority for Environmental Assessment Practitioners, and has played a key role in supporting the creation of the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA), which was finally launched on 7 April 2011.

However to date, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs has still not recognised EAPASA as a Registration Authority (RA) in terms of Section 24H of the National Environmental Management Amendment Act (NEMA), Act 107 of 1998. IAIAsa holds the view that until such time that EAPASA is recognised as a RA, South Africa's EIA Regime, current or amended, cannot achieve efficacy. Continued unregulated poor environmental practice within the sector will simply continue to undermine any intentions to improve the current EIA Regime.

IAIASa therefore drafted a letter to the Minister dated 9 April 2013, urgently requesting that the EAPASA Board is expedited as a Registration Authority soon as possible.

A response undertaking to consider the application was received on 14 July 2013.

#### **4.2 RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS**

##### **4.2.1 Endangered Wildlife Trust**

###### **National Biodiversity Workshop**

IAIASa partnered with the EWT in their presentation of a National Biodiversity Offsets Workshop at The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) on 15 – 16 July 2013.



National Biodiversity Offsets Workshop at The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) on 15 – 16 July 2013

#### **Wildlife and Transport Programme**

The Endangered Wildlife Trusts Wildlife and Transport Programme (developed out of individual projects on airport bird strike reduction and roadkill research) looks at the impacts of the transport industry in the sectors of airports, roads, rail and marine shipping with the following five important aims:

- Establish a central database for all existing data (knowledge management);
- Conduct on-going research to improve our understanding of road ecology in South Africa thus enabling more effective mitigation measures to be put in place;
- Raise awareness of the impacts of roads on biodiversity;
- Develop recommendations for mitigation that can reduce the impact of road infrastructure on biodiversity, as well as contribute towards possible norms and standards for future road design and improvement; and
- Provide input into Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) to aid effective decision-making about road developments and upgrades.

Further unpacking of the last point has indicated that there is insufficient guidance and understanding on what is required for an adequate assessments of roads (e.g. level of effort required, pre- and post-construction monitoring etc.) on wildlife in terms of collisions and the disruption of ecological processes. We have currently initiated several projects looking at improving:

- The information available to EAPs when conducting assessments (a Sensitivity Map showing the advantages or limitation of an area proposed for road development);
- Developing communication networks to improve information sharing, accessibility to stakeholders, contacts within the industry (who to go to for what) etc.



- Developing operating guidelines for mitigation measures (their advantages and disadvantages, which ones work best and where, and for which species)
- Best practice guidelines on pre- and post-construction monitoring.

IAIASa provided a link between the EWT group and IAIAsa members to facilitate this discussion using IAIAsa's social media presence.

#### 4.2.2 UNDP and SAIEA

IAIASa collaborated with SAIEA and UNDP to present a course on Integrating HIV and Aids into Environmental Assessment.

#### 4.3 ACADEMIC PRESENCE

Student branches have been active in KwaZulu-Natal and the North West Province.

### 5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This priority gives attention to improving the quality and number of informal and formal learning opportunities for members through:

- A CPD Programme that is aligned with the professional development needs of members;
- An improvement in the quality and number of branch events.
- To develop Special Interest Sections (specialist groups or forums) in order to provide opportunities for members with mutual interests to generate debate around topics and areas of concern to the specific disciplines; and
- To improve and raise the profile of the IAIAsa Premier Award to reflect the standard of professionalism we are advancing with the new strategy.

#### 5.1 CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

##### 5.1.1 CPD Programme and IAIAsa Accreditation

No progress on the CPD programme and IAIAsa accreditation was made.

##### 5.1.2 Courses

###### **Course on Integrating Hiv and Gender-Related Issues Into the EA Process**

Throughout eastern and southern Africa, governments are prioritizing large capital projects and investment in extractive industries and infrastructure as a strategy for enhanced competitiveness, job creation, poverty reduction and, ultimately, economic growth. However, recent research indicates a strong correlation between the execution of large capital projects and HIV prevalence, particularly in communities close to project sites. This is where environmental assessments (EAs) can play a key role in characterizing the risks and predicting the possible environmental and social

impacts. However in practice, health impacts in general, and HIV in particular are not comprehensively addressed in EA reports, and the standard mitigation measures to prevent the spread of the disease are failing to have the desired effect. There are many reasons for this, ranging from weaknesses in the legislation, institutional capacity constraints and a lack of knowledge about how to address community health impacts in a systematic and comprehensive manner.

In order to address these problems, the UNDP, in collaboration with the Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SAIEA), embarked on a four-phase project to better integrate HIV and gender-related issues into the EA process. One of the outputs is a Guideline for Integrating HIV and Gender-related Issues into Environmental Assessment in Eastern and Southern Africa, which has been developed for the benefit of national environmental authorities, government ministries including those for health, gender and labour, EA practitioners, research and academic institutions and civil society organizations. A programme of training is currently being rolled out based on this Guideline and a number of government personnel from across the entire eastern and southern African region have been, and are being trained.

IAIASa in partnership with SAIEA, and with generous funding from UNDP ran a series of training courses specifically for environmental assessment practitioners, based on the Guidelines. At the end of the course, participants will be better equipped to:

- Advise their clients about HIV and gender-related issues;
- Ensure that HIV issues are suitably addressed during scoping;
- Provide suitable fora within host communities for the discussion of HIV during the public participation process;
- Ensure that the terms of reference for specialist studies on health include HIV as a specific aspect requiring a systematic study so that predictions in the EIA can be based on sound data;
- Provide meaningful, long-lasting measures to prevent or control the spread of the disease; and
- Present an EIA report which provides decision-makers with sufficient information to make an informed decision about the short, medium, and long term impacts of a project on, inter alia, community health.

The course drew on a number of case studies in the region and comprised a mix of theory and practical work.

80 delegates attended courses that were run in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Cape Town and East London.





Integrating HIV and Gender Issues into Environmental Assessments Pretoria Course delegates

**5.1.3 Conference  
IAIAsa 2012**

The IAIAsa 2012 conference took place at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West from 27 to 29 August.



## 2012 Gala Dinner

### IAIA 2012

The president-elect represented IAIAAsa at the international conference that took place in Calgary, Canada from 13 – 16 May 2013. At the conference an updated Memorandum of Understanding between IAIA and IAIAAsa was signed.



## 5.2 BRANCH EVENTS

37 branch events took place during the 2012/2013 year.

### 5.2.1 Eastern Cape

#### 7 November 2012

An event was held at the East London Museum where we had two presentations by guest speakers. Alistair McMaster (Renewable Energy Manager – Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism gave a presentation on “Enabling sustainable energy in the Eastern Cape” This was followed by second presentation by Cherie-Lynn Mack and Greer Hawley (Environmental Assessment Practitioners – CES) on “Winds of Change – EIA challenges on wind farming in South Africa” A healthy discussion followed. Approximately 15 people attended the event from the East London, Bhisho area.

#### 20 March 2013

The Eastern Cape branch of IAIAAsa together with IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd and the Environmental Law Association hosted a Cocktail Networking Event at Kenton-on-Sea.

Dr Russell Chalmers gave an enlightening talk on coastal ecosystem monitoring, marine spatial planning and adaptive management: A review of recent approaches in

Algoa Bay. The event was attended by approximately 10 people who were mostly from Grahamstown and Port Elizabeth.

### HIV/Aids training course

The branch assisted in advertising hosting the IAIAsa Hiv/ Aids training course which was held in East London. This was attended by 8 people and was deemed a big a success.

### 5.2.2 Free State

The Bloemfontein Branch held 3 Branch Meetings, and 1 Annual General Meeting. The Branch meetings ranged from Honorary Nature Conservation in Free State to Waste Management in the Free State and Northern Cape. Attendance varied from 20 to 45.

### 5.2.3 Gauteng

The Gauteng Branch had eight (8) events during 2012/2013:

- September - ECO and their challenges (Craig Burne);
- October – LPG – A cost effective solution (Rian Botha)
- January – SACNASP (Rolf Becker)
- February – EIA Tariffs (Boniswa Belot)
- March – Alternative Energies
- April – Health Impact Assessment (Danie Neumann)
- May - Airborne Tailings Dust: Implications for Ambient Air Quality (Matthew Ojelede), and
- July AGM and A Perfect World for EIA and the reality (Sean O'Beirne).

### 5.2.4 KwaZulu-Natal

The branch organised the following events during the year:

| DATE                         | TITLE   | SPEAKERS  | ATTENDANCE |
|------------------------------|---|---|------------|
| July 2012 (Durban)           | <b>AGM</b>  | Bruce Burger, Ryan Phelan and Mthandeni Zama  | 45         |
| August 2012 (Ballito)        | <b>An Introduction to Air Quality Management</b> in South Africa for Environmental Assessment Practitioner's and Managers | Dr Ian James BSc (Hons) PhD, WKC Director<br>Tristan Coleman BSc (Hons) MSc, WKC Director<br>Marc Blanché BSc (Hons) MSc, WKC Senior Consultant | 75         |
| November 2012 (Westville)    | <b>Mini Conference</b> - Presentation of papers KZN representatives at the National conference.                           | Jessica Brislin, Dave Cox, Shoni Makhwedzha Sabelo B Nkosi, Chumisa Thengwa, Marita Thornhill   | 35         |
| December (Spring Grove Dam - | <b>Spring Grove Dam Tour</b> Presentations on   | Kogi Govender and Ryan Phelan   | 21         |

|                   |   |   |            |
|-------------------|---|---|------------|
| Midlands)         | Environmental aspects and challenges followed by a site inspection and Drinks/braai.  |   |            |
| February (Durban) | <b>Independence Day</b><br>Discussion regarding DEA ruling that specialists cannot be from same company as EAP.             | Legal view and opinions from Corporate and Independent companies, I&APs, Applicants as basis for discussion                         | 30         |
| April 2012 (Pmb)  | <b>NGOS - towards improved understanding of their role within IEM sector</b>  | Bianca Morgan (McKelvey) WESSA, Andrew Venter (Wildlands), Jean Lindsay (KZN Conservancies Assoc) Doug Burden and Penny Rees (DUCT) | 30         |
| May 2013 (Durban) | <b>"Managing our Water Footprint"</b> Essential processes & new information to assist practitioners, managers & water users | Nyamande Tovhowani - DWA. Ian Bailey – Umgeni Water. Andrew de Villiers - Groundtruth. Bart Fokers – DUCT.                          | 28         |
|                   |   | <b>Total</b>  | <b>264</b> |

The range of topics at branch meetings have varied from addressing burning issues such as independence to informative events such as the air quality event, and practical experiences such the Spring Grove tour hosted by TCTA. Different people attended the different events which is an indication that at some level that we are catering for the diversity of the membership.

Spatially events have varies along and between the main centres of Pietermaritzburg and Durban with Ballito being the one event held further North. The challenge remains to extend events to the outlying areas of the province – particularly the north (Richards Bay) and south coasts. We have also tried to address the fact that not everyone can attend events by making **video recordings** of those events that we felt were important to a large number of members, such as the Independence Debate. This is an example of how we are trying to broaden our coverage and add value to the service provided. We have also varied the timing from morning to afternoon and evening events.

An area of improvement from previous years is providing more **advanced warning** of events with 2-3 weeks provided in most cases, with follow up and reminders. This was definitely a weakness in the past. Advertising has been undertaken through email, but also through the Hadedda and at times sms. So we are trying to make use of all options available.

We have also used the **Hadedda** to provide a summary of the events for those who could not attend.





An important decision made half way through the year, in response to need to increase value to members, was that members will not be charged for events (the AGM being an exception). We felt it was important to increase the incentive to be a member.

We also decided that the AGM must be a 'kick arse' event every year. The committee has gone to great lengths to achieve that this evening - from having a dress code to the entertainment and getting in a high quality guest speaker. The fact that we have been oversubscribed for this evening suggests that we have made a good start towards achieving this goal.

### **Communication**

There are various mechanisms through we communicate with members. Rod has produced the most issues of our newsletter, the Hadede ever in a single year – six. Again, it should be noted that we are one of, if not the only branch which has a regular – high class, informative and humorous newsletter. A positive aspect of the Hadede this year has been the increased contributions from the committee.

John has had a busy year advertising events, circulating information via the email system, which goes out to both members and our friend's database. It is no small task keeping contacts updated and John has worked closely with Jess and Liz in making sure this happens. Importantly, he also proof reads message is compile - which is essential given that accuracy is not a strong point of mine.

The IAIAAsa website has for some years been an unfriendly animal. Significant effort has been placed by the NEC and Liz Warren in getting the new site up and running. They have been challenged by very poor service providers - and have against odds made real progress so that the new site should be in place in the new year. Sabelo has contributed to the development of the new site and done his best to work with the old animal.

### **Awards**

This is the third year in a row that the Branch has run the **Hidden Talent competition**. It's success at the National conference we hosted in 2011 has prompted the NEC to adopt the style and focus of the award for the national award. Again, KZN, is the only branch to run this at a provincial level and will again sponsor tonight's winner the attendance fee for the annual conference.

### **Partnerships**

Another avenue for providing members with a broader range of information, events and exposure is through partnerships with associations with which have common points of focus. We continue to circulate ELA, IWM event information and other information. This is a two way relationship, and the intention is to hold joint events with these organisations in the new year.

The lack of members from the government sector is a concern, and it has been a long term aim to develop a formal relationship with the DAEA. There is much to be gained for both parties from such a relationship, and I am pleased to report that the Department have agreed to a meeting to set this process in motion.

### **Marketing**

We created a new portfolio this year which has been filled by Liz Dralle. Liz developed a prospectus that explains who we are and what we do. This will be important in assisting us in accessing funding and sponsorship in the new year as our 'slush fund' runs down. So this has been another positive step - many thanks to Liz for this.

### **Committee**

John Richardson - member communication. John has also taken on the role of vice chair and will take over as Chair in 2015.

Sue George – is involved in absolutely everything IAIAAsa and has assisted Kogi and myself with the finances. Sue has also performed a very important role of co-ordinating branch activities with NEC – in my view, the most important job on the NEC. But she has gone beyond this role by contributing to the full spectrum of items on the NEC agenda.

Rod Bulman - Rod has been a committed IAIAAsa member of an extended period and is a wealth of experience which I draw on regularly. In addition to the Hadedu he is our resident source of humour. Long may his interest and involvement last.

Jess Brislin – In addition to handling the membership portfolio, Jess always has great ideas for marketing the branch and specialises in fun. She is the master mind behind tonight's quiz.

Andrea-Murray Rogers – has acted as secretary and assisted with organisation of events. Andrea is always willing and very able to do anything you ask of her.

Kogi Govender – Kogi has had the challenging task of taking over the treasury portfolio, in addition to which she organised and hosted the Spring Grove Tour.

Sabelo Nkosi – Was a great addition to the committee. In addition to handling the challenging website, Sabelo has provided important links with and involved his colleagues from the EPCD at the Ethekwini Municipality. As you see tonight he has also stepped in to act a judge on the HT.

Phillipa Emanuel - As past chair has provided continuity that is so important, and assisted with whatever has been require of.

Liz Dralle – In her first year has provided new energy and in addition to developing the prospectus also assisted in organising the NGO event.

Danielle Michel – The events coordination portfolio is probably the most demanding. And while there is always assistance from other members, Danielle has done a fantastic job in making the events happen in an efficient and professional way – most notably the AGM.

Kate Strachan – Kate provided the interface between the provincial and student branch who have been very supportive and assisted us in various ways at almost every function. The student branch was again a first for KZN and continues to go from strength to strength. One of the greatest benefits we can provide as members to students is to involve them through internships and short term contracts to give them the experience they require to get that first job. I have personally benefitted from this relationship and urge all members to contact the student committee when they have such a need. We hope they are getting as much from us as we have from them.

Kate has been elected for the new position created on the NEC for 2014 of student represented.

### 2014 Committee

Phillipa Emanuel has been a long serving member and is past chair will be stepping down from the committee. As she was serving as past chair she did not have a specific portfolio. Two positions did become available due to members coming to the end of their two year term - Andrea Murray Rogers and Danielle.

Both stood for re-election and there were three nominations for Katherine de Jong, Tamryn Hale and Janice Tooley.





KwaZulu-Natal events 2012/2013



### 5.2.5 Limpopo

The Limpopo 2013/2014 Branch Committee was elected on 2 August 2012 and comprised of the following members:

- |                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| Chairperson      | : Mr Setenane Nkopane    |
| Vice chairperson | : Mr Arthur Buyisonto    |
| Treasurer        | : Mr Desmond Musetsho    |
| Secretary        | : Ms Ennica Thokolo      |
| Vice Secretary   | : Mr Elijah Monyai       |
| Member 1         | : Patrick Sithole        |
| Member 2         | : Thato Ramoreswi        |
| Member 3         | : Marius Marais          |
| Member 4         | : UNILIM Chair (Elliot)  |
| Member 5         | : UNIVEN Chair (Mashudu) |



The following events we undertaking during this year:

### **October 2012**

Workshop with University of Limpopo students to provide them with information about IAIAAsa and to invite them to apply for membership.



Workshop at University of Limpopo

### **April 2013**

Evaluation and adjudication of research proposals for University of Limpopo honours students for possible submission and presentation at IAIAAsa Annual Conference.

### **May 2013**

A field excursion to Assmang Chrome Mine was undertaken with some students from the University of Limpopo as part of their learning/academic programme to expose them to practical environmental challenges and management thereof in the mining sector. A total of 23 students, 1 lecturer and 2 IAIAAsa members attended the mine visit.



## Assmang Chrome Mine Field Excursion

### **September 2013**

An annual general meeting (AGM) for the Limpopo Branch is scheduled for the 06th September 2013 to elect the new committee members and outline plans for 2013/2014.

### **5.2.6 Mpumalanga**

#### **Branch Committee**

Chairman - Mette Stavnsbo Rossaak

Treasurer - Sikhumbuzo Dlamini

Secretary - Ria Wilken

NEC Representative - Robyn Luyt

#### **Branch Activities:**

A full day workshop on issues related to the NEM: Waste Act regulations was held in November 2012. This workshop was attended by 33 people.

A presentation was given in August by Mervyn Lotter from MTPA on the updated Mpumalanga Biodiversity Strategic Plan. 30 people confirmed their attendance.

### **5.2.7 Northwest Province**

The following events took place:

- November – Ingula-Eskom Student site visit (Alaistair Campbell)
- February – Introduction to IAIAAs (JA Wessels, Taryn Botha)
- May – Fiscal Environmental Instruments (Prof Sandy Paterson)
- June - Student - Finland visit feedback (Danie Labuschagne / Paul / Manna Stander)
- July - Latest court cases and judgments ( Chris de Bryun, Anel du Plessis, Francois Retief, JA Wessels, Reece Alberts)
- August - AGM

### **5.2.8 Western Cape**

The following events took place:

- March 2013: (Annual breakfast event) with Member of Parliament Lance Greyling.
- March 2013: Environmental Case Law with Richard Summers from Smith Ndlovu Summers is currently the Chairperson of the Environmental Law Association (ELA) of South Africa

- April 2013: Fracking – The BIG Debate: Roger Parsons spoke about the “Impact of Hydraulic Fracturing on Groundwater Resources of the Karoo”; Jeanie le Roux of Treasure Karoo Action Group spoke on “Shale Gas Facts and Application for the South African Context and Global Social and Environmental Trends”; and Nigel Rossouw spoke about “The Potential of Shale Gas in South Africa: Using the Environmental, Social and Health Impact Assessment to Answer Critical Questions about Sustainability”
- July 2013: Climate Change Workshop with Dr Mandy Barnett who presented on the UNFCCC’s Global Adaptation Fund and Mr Alex Hetherington who discussed his views on why we will need more than a carbon tax to address climate change.
- August 2013: AGM breakfast with Guest Speaker Cormac Cullinan

### 5.3 AWARDS

During 2012, the NEC took the decision to investigate the option of reactivating the IAIAsa Premium Award (as it was then branded) after a number of years of dormancy. During early 2013, it was decided to rebrand the award integrating the lessons learnt from the Premium Award and the Hidden Talent Award process of 2011.

The new award was branded as the “**The IAIAsa Annual Award**” with the aim being “to recognise excellence in Integrated Environmental Management practice that advances the Environmental Profession through showing best practice and demonstrates a clear contribution to Environmental Sustainability.” In honour of this a new trophy has been designed and will be unveiled at the IAIAsa 2013 National Conference in Bloemfontein.

The formal nomination process was opened in May 2013 with the process closing in early July. A number of nominations were made, but the final number of complete submissions (i.e. with all requested information) totalled at 3 (three). Interestingly enough all 3 were tools for use by decision makers within the feasibility consideration of projects, rather than site-specific projects. This shows a strong move away from awards going to Environmental Impact Assessment (especially larger projects) alone.

The final adjudication process took place in August / September. The final stages involve presentation of the submissions at the conference to the members, and then after final consideration by the judges, the award will be given at the IAIAsa 2013 Conference Gala Dinner.



## 6. CONCLUSION

2012/2013 has been a busy and challenging year for the leadership, staff and volunteers of IAIAAsa. Persistent hard work and commitment to serving our members and achieving our vision from many individuals has resulted in achieving several tangible milestones towards transforming our association to the professional leader in IEM in Southern Africa that we strive to be.