

Message

Message from the NACA President

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The Clean Air Journal is a product of the National Association for Clean Air (NACA) that the organisation is immensely proud of. This is the 83rd edition of the journal, which was first published in 1971. The success of the journal is unquestionable and attributable to the hard work of many individuals that make valuable, selfless contributions and notably the co-editors, Dr. Gregor Feig, Dr. Rebecca Garland and Dr. Caradee Wright. I would hence like to take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt gratitude to the co-editors for volunteering their time and expertise towards ensuring that the journal grows from strength to strength. The success of the journal was recently rewarded by being accepted for inclusion in Scopus, the world's largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed research literature. This is certain to result in increased international visibility of the journal, and increased opportunity for articles being cited and improved contribution to the wider scholarly community within the subject field.

The year 2017 has been an eventful one for NACA. Council welcomed three new members, namely, Ms Gabi Mkhathshwa, Dr Herman van der Walt and Mrs Nicolette von Reiche. Council members unanimously voted Prof Stuart Picketh in as NACA Vice President. The work of Council kicked off early, following the formation of several sub-committees to assist with the organisation of the various NACA events and activities.

A successful 2017 Air Quality Week was hosted in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Affairs at the Cedarwoods of Sandton. A total of 161 delegates attended the conference, significantly up from the previous year, and a total of 25 scientific papers were presented. The conference is the premier event in the South African air quality calendar and the most important meeting place for the air quality family of industry, government, consultants, academics and civil society.

A total of six branch seminars were hosted this year. A total of four training courses were presented in Gauteng and KwaZulu on the "Introduction to Air Quality Management" and the "Introduction to Dispersion Modelling". Several training courses have also been scheduled for next year with the "Advanced Dispersion Modelling" course likely to be the highlight. For this, we will be graced with the presence of Jessie Thé of Lakes Environmental.

A special thank you also to Ms Beverly Terry for arranging sponsorships for the Journal through advertising and in turn to the many advertisers for their generous contributions.

Benton Pillay
NACA President

News

Leadership in Air Quality award

Willie Kok (Chair NACA Awards Committee)

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The NACA awards are used to recognize and reward special efforts towards achieving NACA's goal of obtaining clean air in South Africa. The awards are presented annually at the NACA Conference.

The award categories are as follows:

- Industrial/Mining Award
- Leadership in Air Quality
- Golden Award

A member, branch or council member may make nominations for the awards. NACA membership of the nominee shall not be a factor in either the nomination or the award itself.

This year, the NACA Council & Awards Committee made a decision, based on the nominations received, only to present an award in the *Leadership in Air Quality* category.

The *Leadership in Air Quality* award was presented at this year's Annual NACA Conference to EnviroNgaka for the development of a manual for the Stack Testing Association of South Africa (STASA) which will serve as an exceptional guidance to industry to be accessible and technically correct. This dedication to develop a "tool" to industry to educate all practitioners responsible for stack emissions is something that has to be recognized. Congratulations to Jan Potgieter for his dedication and guidance for many years to industry.