

## **Exciting ISE News: South African Region**

Dear Colleagues,

It is with greatest joy in my heart that I inform you that the 70th ISE Annual Meeting will be held in Cape Town (Sept, 2019). As you all know, this will be the first time that ISE will hold its Annual Meeting in Africa. This was one of the outcomes of the recent ISE meeting in Lausanne (Switzerland) which I attended both as the SA Regional Representative and a member of the Scientific Meetings Committee (SMC).

It has been one of the boldest decisions ever taken by the ISE. The question remains, would we be able to attract up to 1,000 participants to Africa considering that we are very far away from the rest of the world, and only few people do electrochemistry? The ISE feels it is a big risk, but they are willing to take it. So, please, WE MUST STRATEGISE on how best to pull this off as we cannot fail Africa. All hands must be on the deck, every one of us must be involved to raise Africa's flag high in this global professional body. Our most important strategy is to continue our recruitment drive, last year (2013) we were top 10 countries with highest number of membership, regrettably, we lost this position in 2014. We must move back to that position in 2015 and beyond.

I will like to use this opportunity to congratulate Prof Priscilla Baker for being the 2014 overall winner of the DST Women in Science Award for her excellent contributions in electrochemistry. Congratulations, Priscilla! Viva Electrochemistry, viva!

Also, Prof Baker is one of the six contenders for the Chair-Elect of the Division 1 of the ISE, please do remember to cast your votes for her when the time comes. It is important that we are visible in all the ISE divisions. We can only make a change when we participate actively in the ISE matters.

Best regards,

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