

Michelle Cilliers

Michelle Cilliers, BEng (Industrial), Stellenbosch University, M. Com (Business Management), University of Johannesburg.

Michelle is a registered Professional Engineer with ECSA and has over 20 years' experience working for various companies including Anglo American, PricewaterhouseCoopers and SABMiller.

Michelle joined the SAIIE Council in 1994 and was their first woman President from 2000-2002. From 2001 – 2009 she was a member of the Board of ECSA.

Her involvement as member of the Stellenbosch and Pretoria University engineering advisory boards, and as external examiner at Wits University, reflects her belief in the importance of strong links between academia and industry to enable graduates to deliver value from the get-go.

Michelle is currently based in Canada with her husband Jo and their 3 sons, where she consults to industry, mentors young engineers, and promotes engineering whenever she gets the chance. She strongly believes that there has never been a better time to be an Industrial Engineer! (Admittedly she says this every year...)

Michelle remains immensely grateful to SAIIE for the many wonderful, super-bright and hard-working servant leaders – with their great sense of humour – that she has been privileged to meet and maintain friendships with over the years.

