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2014 is picking up speed towards the festive season and into 2015! SAIIE had an eventful, successful 2014! Perhaps the song “Hard hard year” (George Jones) applies to your 2014, or could it be that you “Set fire to the rain” (Adele) and “It was a very good year” (Frank Sinatra)? Whichever applies to 2014, 2015 needs your brilliance and grace to make a difference towards a better South Africa!

SAIIE ended 2014 on a high note with presenting the prestigious SAIIE Award to two WITS students at their Annual Valediction Ceremony on Thursday 20 November, which is held to celebrate WITS students' academic achievements. The SAIIE Award for Best Industrial Engineering Poster on “Improving preventative maintenance at Foxtec-Ikwhezi” was awarded to Vishal Shrivastava and the Best Industrial Engineering Presentation on “Agent based optimisation of the dial-a-ride problem” was awarded to Matthew Winter. Professor David Kruger and Dr Kemdall Ramdass acted as adjudicators and presented the awards on behalf of SAIIE.

As a new year’s resolution, kick-start your career and work towards getting registered with ECSA. Being registered allows you to:

- Demonstrate your competence
- Gain recognition as a professional
- Earn more
- Boost your career prospects
- Work independently
- Add the designation Pr Eng, Pr Techn Eng or Pr Techni to your name

Although it is December some interesting events are being held. One of these is the interesting event organised by the Walvis Bay Corridor Group, “Visiting the port of Walvis Bay and the Launch of the Namibian Logistics Hub Forum” on 4 and 5 December 2014 at the Port of Walvis Bay and Protea Hotel Pelican Bay. The contact person there is Mildred Beukes. The hotel's contact number is +264 64 21 4000. Click here for agenda and to register.
The National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF) would like to remind all, “Have you nominated your candidate for the prestigious 2014/15 NSTF-BHP Billiton Awards?” Nominations for the prestigious Awards are now open! If you know someone who deserves to be nominated for this prestigious award please make the time to nominate him/her. You can now submit nominations for an outstanding contribution to science, engineering, technology and innovation (SETI) from your favourite researchers (including social), scientists, engineers, technologists, innovators, science communicators, research capacity builders, human capacity builders, organisational managers/leaders, and/or research managers. The process consists of two stages: Deadline of first stage - 5 December 2014: Identify your candidate and register your nomination online through the Notice of Intent to Nominate before the close of business. The NSTF will acknowledge receipt by e-mail, and provide the nomination forms for completion by the second and final deadline. The deadline of the second and final stage of the process - 12h00 on 6 March 2015: Complete and submit your completed nomination form/s on e-mail to the NSTF. For more information click here.

Articles

An interesting article! If you were ever perplexed reading a financial article, this is for you! In a BDlive article of 25 November 2014, “The stupid things experts say”, Michel Pireu writes: It’s hard not to keep parroting the Motley’s Fool’s Housel when he keeps coming up with such good stuff. “My job requires reading a lot of financial news,” he says in his latest missive. “It gives me a front-row seat to the downside of financial journalism: gibberish, nonsense, garbage, and drivel. And let me tell you, there’s a lot of it about.”

Among the "dumb things" on Housel’s list: earnings were positive before one-time charges. Wall Street’s equivalent of: "Other than that, Mrs Lincoln, how was the play?" Earnings missed estimates. No. Earnings don’t miss estimates; estimates miss earnings. No one ever says "the weather missed the forecast". They blame the weatherman for getting it wrong. For more click here.

It is that time of the year when some of you are awaiting your graduation. Here is some advice you need. For those of you who have already graduated and thought you had a great foundation for joining the working world, here is some graduation advice you wished for but never received.

One of the most memorable graduation speeches was famously delivered by World War II British hero, Sir Winston Churchill, at Harrow School in 1941. Graduates were not only pleased with Churchill’s brevity, but were inspired by his message. It was simple, positive and to the point.

Churchill famously said, “Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never — in nothing, great or small, large or petty — never give in, except to convictions of honor and good sense.” While the British Prime Minister was a wonderful orator, he kept his graduation advice short, clear and inspiring. His speech has become a legend and icon in the graduation advice universe. Read on.

In a LinkedIn article “How lego can help solve any problem”, Danny Schuman writes: “One of the most interesting things I learned about having a plan was how important it was to not always stick to it. To solve successfully, even the most creative people need a plan. And even the most structured people need to step away from the plans they create.” Read on, this is really awesome!
Job Vacancies

Login to your profile at www.saiie.co.za and click on “Job Vacancies” for more information.

Industries who would like to advertise job vacancies on the SAIIE webpage are asked to register at http://industry.saiie.co.za/. Do not hesitate to contact SAIIE Administration for more information on this.

We conclude by wishing that all our Christian members will experience God’s greatest gift, and to all our other members that you may be truly blessed during this festive season. To all, a prosperous and peaceful 2015!

And, in the New Year please remember Arnold Glasow, an American businessman and humourist’s words, “The key to everything is patience. You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it.”

Godspeed until again, in 2015!

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