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Welcome back to all our SAIIE members. Hope you had the time to relax and spend time with your friends and families during the festive season. Whilst some already took the 2015 “bull by the horns”, some of us may still wonder – What is in it for me? Whatever is in it for you, Theodore Roosevelt, 26th U.S. president, has some advice, “Get action. Seize the moment. Man was never intended to become an oyster.”

Hearty congratulations to all Industrial Engineering students from various institutions who received SAIIE Awards for special achievements during 2014. They are: Stefan Knoblauch (SUN), Matthew Winter (WITS), Vishal Shrivastava (WITS), Christo Semmelink (TUT), EM Mawela (TUT), Thomas Cibin (NMMU), Nomore Musikavanhu (NMMU), JM Kingsburgh (WITS), NS Sheik (DUT) and Liezl Koornhof (UP).

Another Industrial Engineering student, Shanè Naidoo, a third year student at WITS, is one of 12 finalists in the Miss South Africa pageant. What a combination of beauty and brains! For more information on this special young lady, click here!

 Universities and SAIIE Student Branches are welcome to share their news and events with the rest of the SAIIE community. Contact SAIIE Administration for assistance.

SAIIE strives to be a vibrant, learned society, representing and promoting Industrial Engineering in Southern Africa. Please login at www.saiie.co.za with your username and password, go to “News” and click on “Council” in the dropdown menu for information on our 2014 achievements as well as our strategies for 2015.

**SAIIE and other Events**

You will find some action at the Transport Forum's Special Interest Group meeting on “Sustainable Public Transport” to be held at the Polokwane Royal Hotel, 34A Jorissen Street in Polokwane on Thursday, 5 February 2015. Registration will be at 12:00. Attendance is free but booking is essential. Click here for more information and to register.

For logistics and supply chain managers and senior personnel and others interested, the course, Mining for Non-Mining Personnel (consisting of ten modules), to be held at the University of Pretoria from 16 to 17 April 2015 could be the answer. CPD points will be provided for engineers registered with ECSA. Read more.
SAPICS is hosting a **Certified Demand Driven Planner Programme** to be held at **Southern Sun Newlands** from **23 – 25 March 2015**. For more information [click here](#).

The University of Pretoria’s **24th Annual IAMOT Conference** will be held from **8 to 11 June 2015**. For online registration [click here](#).

[Click here](#) for the list of CPD courses to be offered, in the first few months of 2015, by UCT. Additional courses will be added to the list as dates for these courses are finalised. Further details and registration information are available at [www.cpd.uct.ac.za](http://www.cpd.uct.ac.za).

**Articles**

Higher Education and Training Minister Dr Blade Nzimande has announced that the National Student Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS) has set aside R9.5 billion in bursaries and loans for 2015. [Read on](#).

A fascinating article is “**Virtuous Traits of a Woman in a Leadership Position**”. Also available to our male members. 😊 For more, [click here](#).

Ralph Keller wrote in his article “**Continuous Improvement – Don’t allow Problems to be Hidden; They’re Jewels**” - In many organizations today, the people doing the value-adding work for our customers in engineering, production, distribution or any other function that is creating value often try to hide problems so they don't "get in trouble." Don't allow this to happen in your organization because these problems are your keys to finding the process problems that need repair and are the fuel for your continuous improvement (CI) efforts. [Read on](#).

**Job Vacancies**

Login to your profile at [www.saiie.co.za](http://www.saiie.co.za) and click on “Job Vacancies” for more information on IE vacancies at **LTS Consulting** (contact person: Wilhelm Boshoff at 021 913 8959) and **North West University** (contact person: Prof Liezl van Dyk at liezl.vanDyk@nuw.ac.za).

Industries who would like to advertise job vacancies, their products/services or events on the SAIIE webpage are asked to register at [http://industry.saiie.co.za/](http://industry.saiie.co.za/). Do not hesitate to contact SAIIE Administration for more information on this.

In conclusion, in this coming month where love reigns supreme, please think about the words of **Edward Estlin Cummings**, American poet, painter, essayist, author and playwright, "Be of love (a little) more careful than of anything." And, a quote from a film, the name of which I had forgotten, "Never underestimate the ability of a man to underestimate a woman." On the other hand, Marilyn Monroe said, “If you can make a girl laugh, you can make her do anything!”

Until again!
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