



IMASA Newsletter



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CONFERENCE 2008 - DURBAN

For those of you who have not heard, the 2008 National Conference of IMASA will be held from 18 to 20 June 2008 at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban. Registration for the conference can now take place. The registration form is available at www.imasa.org.za. The organising branch decided to extend the date for late registration to 15 May 2008.

The National Conference is **the occasion** where IMASA members, councillors, sponsors and other interested person's network and exchange ideas and experiences relevant to the workplace. This is the 10th Annual Conference and the occasion calls for a celebration. Long past are the days when IMASA had its first conference in Bellville in 1998. Since that date, local government changed and offered new challenges which should be faced and conquered. This is where IMASA is willing and able to play a decisive and leading role.

The draft program of the Conference is exciting and shows that the Organising Branch gave it much thought. The program is a draft and in a state of flux at the moment. It is subject to last minute changes but promises to be of current interest.

Durban is of course, this time of the year the ideal place to be whether wise. While the rest of the country is shivering with cold, the weather is mild and very pleasant.

Come and enjoy a few days in the company of colleagues and friends, share your experience in the workplace and leave challenged and motivated.

See You There!!!

<i>Program</i>	
16 June	NIC meeting, City Hall @ 14:00
17 June	NIC meeting continues
18 June	Registration @ ICC from 07:30 Opening Ceremony @ 09:00 AGM of members, Convention Centre @ 14:00 Civic Reception hosted by the Mayor of Durban @ 19:00
19 June	Key note address @ 08:45 Educational sessions Visit to uShaka Marine World Gala Dinner @ 19:00
20 June	Plenary Sessions (Various Speakers) Closure



BRANCH NEWS

NORTH WEST

The first General Meeting for members was held on 18 January 2008. The Action Plan for the Branch was discussed. Suggestions can be submitted to the Secretary. The AGM of the branch was held on 4 April 2008.

WESTERN CAPE

The Branch AGM took place on 8 February 2008 when the mancom was elected. All the members were re-elected. A planning meeting was scheduled for 4 April 2008. The NIC met on 17 and 18 April 2008 at Langebaan as guests of the Western Cape Branch.

GAUTENG

The AGM of the Branch will be held on 9 May 2008. Two educational sessions will also be held. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

LIMPOPO

The Branch AGM had been held and the new leadership had been elected. The Branch plans to hold a further education session during May 2008.

KWAZULU NATAL

The Branch AGM will be held on 8 May 2008. As can be expected, the Organising Committee of the branch is kept busy organising the 2008 Conference. Good luck with the arrangements!!

EASTERN CAPE

This newly established branch is anticipating holding its first educational session on 1 June 2008 in East London. Members are encouraged to attend this session which will be held as a result of the demand for similar sessions in the Province.



MANCOM WESTERN CAPE BRANCH

Members (fltr): Andre Viviers (Chairperson)
 Andre Coetzee (Treasurer)
 Nicky Ceaser (Boland)
 Marius Moelich (Deputy Chairman)
 Elrina Versfeld (Secretary)

Upcoming Educational Sessions

Limpopo Polokwane

21/22 May 2008

- Policies and Bylaws within Local Government
- Report Writing and Minute Taking
- Performance Management Systems
- Electronic/Manual Records Management
- How to Manage Cleaning Services

(Further details are obtainable from the Secretary of the Branch at msnalegal@limpopo.co.za)

Gauteng City of Johannesburg

9 May 2008

- Legal Framework and Procedure for the Alienation of Land By Local Authorities.

- What is an IDP, the Public Participation process, Ward Committees, etc.

(Further details may be obtained from the Secretary at ndzungum@ekurhuleni.com)

Eastern Cape East London

1 June 2008

- Report writing and minute taking.

(Further details may be obtained from the Chairperson sigonyela@nelsonmandelametro.gov.za)

North West

- Rules of Order
- Delegations
- Report and Minute Writing
- Secretary Course

(Details of anticipated dates may be obtained from the Branch Secretary at cwanrensburg@klerksdorp.org)

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 - Region XI Director
 - Past Chair of International Relations Committee
 - Board Liaison Educational Committee
 - Panellist/presenter at several Annual Conferences
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"Did you stop trying when you last failed or did you fail when you
stopped trying?"

F Scott Fitzgerald.