

SAIT Newsletter, Special Edition!

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‘Lubrication Engineering’ On-line, 2020

The South African Institute of Tribology held its first virtual training course from 27 to 31 July 2020. It was the well-established five day “Lubrication Engineering” course which has proven such a success over the years, since the first course held in April 1989. Numbers to date, including this course, have reached 3280 delegates who have written the exam.

Even when lockdown is completely lifted, this form of learning will enable those in neighbouring countries outside South Africa, to attend the course more easily without the associated travel and accommodation costs.

Live courses will still be held, as many prefer this form of course, and dates will be advertised and confirmed as soon as possible.

This course, LE 126e, had fifteen delegates attending all five very full days without a break. Homework was included Monday to Thursday with the exam on Friday, all done electronically on Zoom and PollEv. Two achieved distinction of 75% and above in the exam. Presenters were Dave Gamble, Patrick Swan, Faiz Regal and John Fitton, with John hosting the whole event, sorting out any problems and making sure everything ran smoothly. The feedback from delegates was all positive with such comments as ‘very professional’, ‘well run course’, ‘excellent presenters and knowledge’, ‘best e-learning course I have attended’. This is very encouraging for the first SAIT on-line course.

Our sincere thanks to the lecturers, who gave of their time, and are all dedicated to furthering the knowledge of tribology. Special thanks to John for his support.

The delegates were from all around the country and one from Zambia. Some of these had moved from the already-booked live course, and some newly interested in this form of learning.

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The Exxaro Group included:



Well done to all, and congratulations to Sarel who achieved Distinction.

Hippocrates, a student from Wits, lived up to his name with distinction and top of the class.



Edzani kept the Matla energy up and running.



From Blendcor in Durban came *Norma*,



and from Zwanda Engineering in Johannesburg, *Pfananani*,

in support of women in engineering.



Thabang pioneered the new format for Fuchs, a long standing SAIT Corporate Member, and big supporters of the SAIT training.



Thato came from Glencore Eastern Mines to give value to the mining industry.

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Brandon came from SA Sugar Association to keep things running smoothly for those of us who have a sweet tooth.



Alfred from Astron Energy in Cape Town, represented the Mother City, and was hopefully not too distracted by the Noonday Gun.

Mulaisho, who will use his selling skills to spread the word of tribology in Zambia



Thank you all for attending!

All the very best success to each of you, and we look forward to having you with us on further events on Zoom.

Gill Fuller
SAIT Secretary