

Annual Dinner 2010

This year's Annual Dinner and Awards Evening was held at the Wanderer's Club in Illovo on Friday evening, 30 April. Each of the sixty SAIT members and guests who attended this gala event enjoyed themselves enormously, not least the marvelous Wanderers buffet meal, and the wines, flowers and menus sponsored by Engen.



A warm welcome of gentle popular tunes by Isabel Bradley on flute



Guest Speaker Dave Collins and his wife Gisela



Engen Table



John Fitton presented the SAIT Student Award to Kgaugelo Mokwazo

SAIT President, John Fitton, welcomed everyone; Grace was said by Johan de Koker, and Anton Allner proposed the Toast to the SAIT.

David Collins was the after-dinner speaker. Dave consults on climate change response and energy strategies to many top companies, the SA coal industry and to various industry organisations. He has recently participated in several radio and TV shows. His fascinating, though somewhat alarming presentation on the looming crisis of civilization as driven by climate change, the end of cheap fossil fuels and population growth was much appreciated.

The Annual SAIT Awards:

John Fitton presented the SAIT Student Award to Kgaugelo Mokwazo of the University of Pretoria for her Undergraduate Final Year Research Project in B.Eng Chemical Engineering: "Effect of Biodiesel Addition on the Lubricity of Petroleum Based Diesel."

The Best Technical Presentation went to Warren Walker of SKF Bearings for his presentation, "Optimising Energy Efficiency within Rolling Bearings", given at the Technical Meeting on 29 September 2009. Warren was unfortunately not present.

Gerald Leibstein of Engen Petroleum Ltd, was awarded the SAIT Best Technical Achievement Award for his work on "Electric Energy Savings by using Synthetic Oil instead of Mineral Oil".



John Fitton presenting the Best Technical Achievement Award to Gerald Leibstein of Engen

We were honoured to have Dr Louw Alberts, Patron of the SAIT attend the Dinner, and present the Louw Alberts Award to George Peratides, "in recognition of his ongoing support of the SAIT through lecturing and administration in the training programme, and as a mentor, giving willingly of his time and expertise in enthusiastically passing knowledge and experience on to the next generation".



John Fitton, Dr Louw Alberts and George Peratides with the Louw Alberts Award



The final award of the evening went to SAIT Secretary, Gill Fuller, Secretary of the SAIT for 21 years!



Professor Philip & Mrs Corné de Vaal

The 2010 Annual Dinner was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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