

Report by the MD

NIASA AGM, December, 2016

1. SAYNPS Conference, Midrand 2 - 3 March

SAYNPS held a very successful conference where NIASA contributed R50,000 towards the costs. SAYNPS has since sent a thank you letter and financial statements

2. Meeting Murray & Roberts Executives – 10 March

The MD visited M&R and met with 3 executives to discuss the company's involvement in NIASA

3. Roundtable Discussion with Nuclear watch Europe – 14 March

The MD participated in a Roundtable discussion with Nuclear watch Europe at Westcliff Hotel.

4. New Member

Stefanutti has re-joined NIASA.

5. NIASA and Spintelligent

NIASA has entered into a cooperation agreement with Spintelligent and will be participating at the Africa Utility Week 17 – 19 May, 2016 at the Cape Town International Conference Centre. A Nuclear Power Africa side event will be held on the will be held on the 19th May. A NIESA EXCO meeting will be held on the 20th May.

6. NIASA and the Nuclear Industry Association of Turkey (NIATR)

A cooperative agreement between the two organisations has been signed. Arnaud Lefevre, from NIATR, will be in South Africa and has proposed to meet with NIASA for discussions and meetings with other members who may be willing to explore business opportunities.

7. Nuclear Africa Conference 16 – 17 March

The MD and other NIASA members participated in the Nuclear Africa Conference.

8. Meeting Geoff from American Embassy - 30 March

A certain Geoff Schadrak requested a meeting with the MD to discuss about the South African nuclear program.

9. NIASA Quality WORKSHOP

The planned NIASA workshop on quality had been set to take place on 25 – 26 February but was postponed to 8th April, 2016.

10. Meeting with eon

The MD held a meeting with eon on 28 April and made proposals that will be presented to NIASA.

11. Meeting Power Engineers

Following their attendance at the NIASA Road to Compliance workshop, Power Engineers have expressed an interest to join NIASA and discussions took place on 4th May.

12. NECSA Information Session with Industry Associations – 6th May

This meeting was at the Hyatt hotel. Follow up meetings are being arranged by the MD.

13. NIASA Outreach Programmes: 20 – 24 May

Following on to the successful Nuclear Build Africa hosted by Spintelligent, Tom Bless gave a talk at Labia Theatre in Cape Town on Friday 20th May afternoon. After this, Tom travelled to join the NIASA team for the outreach program in Eastern Cape. On the 23rd, we had an information session about the economic benefits of nuclear at the Coega Offices. This was followed by a similar presentation in Jeffreys Bay on the 24th May. We found there was a lot of appetite from the public to hear about nuclear. The people at Jeffreys Bay were basically asking us why it took NIASA so long to finally make an appearance in the area. The issues they were raising were centred around how the local community can benefit from the new nuclear build. The anxiety is around the prospects of outsiders swarming in to take the created jobs because the locals may not be skilled enough to do them. The other issue was about companies from outside the area taking advantage of the business opportunities, leaving the locals empty handed. We have given the local communities an assurance that NIASA will continue the engagement.

14. VISIT to Atomex 16

A number of journalists from South Africa joined others at the Atomex 16 in Moscow from May 30 to June 3.

15. NIASA Takes a team of journalists to NECSA - 7 June

The PR Subcommittee arranged for a visit by a small delegation of journalists to NECSA. These were Pierre Potgieter from EE Publishing, Elvira Wood from Media 24, Keith Campbell from Engineering News and Minx from SAIEE. An overview of NECSA was given by the and the Chairman CEO of NECSA. We visited the NTP facility, the SAFARI reactor and spent fuel store. We got very positive feedback from the journalists and more such visits are planned, especially to Koeberg.

16. IWULA – Public Participation Forum – 15 June

The MD was asked to chair a public forum for the application of water use licence at NECSA.

17. New Members

Two Professionals/Individuals joined NIASA.

18. Manufacturing Indaba 28 -29 June

NIASA was invited to participate in the Manufacturing Indaba at Emperors Palace. The chairman of the SCSC agreed to represent NIASA but could not make it due to other commitments and someone (Mr Wynand Adlem) from Group 5 fielded the panelist position. Such opportunities are strategic for NIASA as the audience is wider than the nuclear industry. We had representatives from Denel and Gautrain. The Premier of Gauteng and the mayor of Ekurhuleni were in attendance (audience). PRASA and the DTI were panelists in other sessions. There are lots of lessons to be learnt from what other industries are doing for localisation.

19. Meeting Mr Silas Zimu – President’s special adviser on energy

The MD had an informal meeting with Mr Silas Zimu on the 30th of June, to discuss his take on the nuclear new build. He was accompanied by Dr Bheki Mfeka, the president’s special economics advisor. He was very emphatic that it is definitely going to take place and urged NIASA to be more aggressive with the education campaigns. He indicated that he will be happy to address NIASA members at an appropriate occasion.

20. NIASA and the Nuclear Industry Association of Turkey (NIATR)

Arnaud Lefevre, from NIATR, will be visiting South Africa the last week of September and has proposed to meet with NIASA for discussions and meetings with other members who may be willing to explore business opportunities.

21. PowerGen Africa Conference 19 – 21 June

The MD, representing PIESA, presented a paper at the Rosatom Seminar on the auspices of the PowerGen Africa Conference, on 'Challenges Facing Africa's Power Sector'.

22. EWSETA Strategy Session 26 – 28 July

A strategy session with the new chair of EWSETA, Frans Baleni, was held. An important insight is the emphasis on nuclear skills development as a new stream to be added to the scope of the EWSETA activities. The QCTO and EWSETA are busy developing the Level 5 Radiation Protection Practitioner Qualification. Mr Raymond Pillay approached the MD to represent NIASA in this process. After consultation with the Chair of the ETSC, NIASA agreed. However, on the 1st of August, a delegation from South African Radiation Protection Authority (SARPA) met with the MD to raise a concern for the EWSETA process. The delegation indicated an interest in affiliating SARPA to NIASA. A proposal in this regard will be made to NIASA.

23. Visit Eastern to Cape with NECSA delegation

The MD was invited by NECSA to join in a delegation to brief the Eastern Cape Provincial Government, Coega Development Corporation, Kouga and Sarah Baartman municipalities on developments with the new nuclear build and NECSA's capabilities. The delegation started in Bisho and addressed the Premier and his MECs. The delegation was well received and a pledge to continue engagement to ensure the momentum on the nuclear build is kept. The next stop was the Sarah Baartman delegation in Port Elizabeth. The Kouga Municipal delegation declined to participate and the new mayor is quoted in the media as having said Kouga will not be bulldozed into the nuclear deal. The next stop was CDC where NECSA was exploring cooperation with CDC.

24. Women in Energy Summit, Birchwood Hotel 6-7 Sept, 2016

NIASA was invited to participate in the DoE sponsored summit. The attendance was very impressive – around 1000 delegates, 95% women, naturally. This was another opportunity for NIASA to showcase itself to a new audience instead of the usual people. Similar participation should be encouraged in future. Both ministers of the DoE and Small Enterprises and their deputies were in attendance. The deputy ministers attended for the full 2 days.

25. Black & Veatch

Meeting to discuss Black and Veatch participating in the industry on 26th.

26. 1st NNR Regulatory Information Conference

5 – 7 October at the CSIR Conference Centre. NIASA presented a paper on the readiness of the industry for the NNB. NIASA also had an exhibition stand.

27. King IV Launch 1st Nov, at Sandton Convention Centre

King IV was launched and keynote addresses by Mervin King, Ruel Khoza and Chief Justice Mokgeng Mokgweng were delivered.

28. 2nd Nov – Key NIASA stakeholder meeting

A meeting to align stakeholders in the nuclear industry was convened by the PR Subcommittee at the JCC Woodmead.

29. Austrian Nuclear Industry Association visit to NECSA – 8th Nov

NIASA was invited to present a paper on the status of the industry. The MD had another commitment and asked Mr Myoli to present on behalf of NIASA.

30. In general, media releases and responses

There has been a lot of media activity relating to nuclear following the minister's announcements about the RFP and the Public Protector's Report.

31. Thyspunt Nuclear Development Forum

NIASA supported the above forum which was launched in Jeffreys Bay on the 23rd November.

NIASA also took part in the discussions with the Sarah Baartman District Municipality and the Kouga Municipality officials about the new nuclear program. More discussions are scheduled to take place to bring the parties to a common understanding and share the same vision.

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