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IMESA CONFERENCE 2019

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WITH HANSLAB
EXHIBITORS

INTRODUCTION:

BY JUSTIN KUMKURREN



Eighteen years into democracy and South Africa remains highly unequal, where the rate of development is hindered due to several challenges which we are faced with as a society and a country. In contributing and addressing these challenges of a developing nation, one of the key solutions to improving our nations' economy, environment and socio-economic status is the level of infrastructural development implemented throughout all sectors of service delivery.

One of the most crucial and critical interlinking sectors and contributors of initiating the development of our country, is the component of transportation service delivery. This includes the facilitation of mobility throughout society via the formalization of new and existing transport routes and infrastructure which promotes the service delivery of major basic needs such as electricity, water and sanitation to civil society.

A major organization which is responsible for creating a benchmark and substantial impact in the infrastructural, development and planning sector is the Institute of Municipal Engineering of South Africa (IMESA). IMESA's main aim and motive is to create a platform for all Municipal Engineers and associated development professionals and practitioners to share and exchange ideas and technological advancements which contribute to creating a more optimal approach in the establishment of infrastructure. This in turn has a ripple effect of improving the status of our nations social and biophysical environments.

One of the major tools in acquiring all the insights and creating a platform for all professionals in the infrastructural development and planning sector is an annual conference which is hosted by IMESA. This conference includes influential role-players in the industry to share and showcase their new innovative technologies, research as well as insights regarding shortcomings and solutions which have been experienced throughout their experience.

The 2019 IMESA conference was hosted on the 02nd to the 04th of October at the International Convention Center (ICC) which is in Durban, KwaZulu- Natal. Hanslab Environmental Consultants had the opportunity to exhibit their services alongside several other active organizations, municipalities as well as parastatals in illustrating their role, functions, importance and key positions in the development. These key assets continuously strive to improve the collaborations and essential inputs that they have by meeting the demands of our civil society as well as our biophysical environments via their common goals of infrastructure and development.

HANSLAB'S INVOLVEMENT

BY JASHMIKA MAHARAJ

The Hanslab team was thrilled to exhibit at the IMESA 2019 conference. The atmosphere at the exhibition arena was packed with beautiful stands representing over one hundred different companies from all over South Africa. The Hanslab stand certainly made an impression with the delegates that attended the conference and commented on how simple yet outstanding it appeared. This was a major compliment to the staff members that designed the exhibition stand within a very short time-frame and was entirely DIY. The team was represented by Shriya Nankhoo, Jashmika Maharaj, Cameron Singh and Justin Kumkurren.

When visiting our stand delegates were greeted cheerfully and were welcome to ask questions related to the company. The interaction received from delegates were overwhelmingly positive and many were genuinely interested in the services offered by our company as well as the impact the company has made on the industry since opening in 2015 and with such a young team. It was also interesting to meet professional engineers who also showed concern for the environmental impacts related to their current projects, and the team was enthusiastic to offer advice and assist these delegates where possible. Visitors were also given tokens of appreciation by the team and were allowed to enter into a lucky draw. The winner of the draw was given an outdoor braai stand and the draw was held on the final day of the conference.

One of the outstanding events for me was the opening cocktail evening, as this allowed for delegates and exhibitors to interact on a more social level. This was a great ice breaker and positive networking gathering, as delegates laughed the night away with a cocktail or mocktail in hand and made a new friend or potential client. It was an overall fantastic experience to attend the IMESA conference and we look forward to attending in 2020.





CONCLUSION

BY CAMERON SINGH

The IMESA conference 2019, proved to be an overwhelming experience. Hundreds of companies and delegates were in attendance of this technology driven conference. Hanslab Environmental Consultants were given the privilege to exhibit and introduce the company to many professionals within the field. Not only did we engage on a professional level, but on a social one, making bonds that stretched the length of the conference.

The conference provided the perfect platform for a young, inspiring, Level 01 BBBEE company to expose our services at a national level. Networking with companies and individuals proved to be the greatest benefit of the conference. In the future we would have hope to also present an article to the delegates and introduce them to the sustainable concepts and ideas relevant to the Enviro-engineering field.

The next IMESA conference is scheduled to take place in Cape Town. Hanslab looks forward to being a lead Environmental Exhibitor at the conference. The experience at this years conference introduced us to the professional world of conferencing and provided us with lessons to take into the future. Hanslab Environmental Consultants eagerly await the next conference, to introduce more of our services and innovations to the engineering world.

Hanslab Exhibition Stand: ICC

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IMESA Social Event: Greyville Racecourse

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