
In compliance with the new *Engineering Professions Act (No. 46 of 2000)* requirements, ILIASA endeavours to assist her members in keeping up on technological developments that impact on their registration. ILIASA most earnestly support ECSA in their search for *professional service excellence and pursuit of continued professional development*. EDUCOM keeps you up to date on ECSA and industry related news.

ILIASA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM on Friday 16th April, a very good turnout was achieved in that we had a quorum several times over. The following members were nominated for election to the National Executive Committee, subject to final confirmation at the next meeting ...

Chairman	Ben Peyper	Re-elected
Vice-Chairman	Willie du Toit	Re-elected
Gen. Secretary	Theo Kleinhans	Re-elected
Assist. Secretary	Roseline Jood	Ex officio
Exec. Member	Buddie Ceronie	Re-elected
Exec. Member	Schalk van der Merwe	Re-elected
Exec. Member	Brian Crisp	New
Exec. Member	Clarence Thompson	New
Exec. Member	Eric Wood	New

Close competing peers who will most certainly be co-opted to assist with the several ILIASA projects this year are Alfie da Silva, Bruno Isler, Jan van Wyk, Peter Murray, Phillip Glaus and Willie Malan. We congratulate the above colleagues on their selection and look forward to another challenging year for ILIASA and ECSA.

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ILIASA MEETING WITH LABOUR

The Labour Department (DoL) Director of Occupational Safety, Mr Jake Malatse, accompanied by new Deputy Mr Mohlakola Monyaki and Assistant Pieter Laubscher, attended the ILIASA AGM. Jake introduced Mohlakola as the new DoL Lift Portfolio Inspector. Pieter will be assisting with the several newfound projects to bring DoL back on track where they will have a more hands-on control of the lift portfolio and allied Occupational Health regulatory requirements.

Jake explained DoL's more dynamic approach in future, with Mohlakola communicating his head office and regional contact numbers for RLI's to use if they have any problem. These are ...

- **Head Office Phone** (012) 309-4682
- **Head Office Fax** (012) 309-4151

- **Gauteng North** (012) 309-5000
- **Gauteng South** (011) 497-3000
- **MPumalanga** (013) 655-8700
- **Limpopo** (015) 290-1744
- **North West** (018) 387-1800
- **Western Cape** (021) 460-5911
- **KwaZulu Natal** (031) 336-1500
- **Eastern Cape** (043) 701-3000
- **Free State** (051) 505-6200
- **Northern Cape** (053) 838-1500

Of particular concern to the meeting was the importance of registration of new lifts; the regular inspection of these lifts; the level of service and safety on these lifts; and the policing of non-compliances logged by RLI's.

Mr Malatse reminded the Meeting again that it is up to the RLI's to advise DoL when they come across serious non-compliances that the Owners or Service Providers refuse to address in an acceptable manner. Once Mr Monyaki gets his regional inspectors on course, they are going to get more involved with these transgressors.

Please contact your regional DoL inspector with any outstanding problem NOW! If you have any problem, you can contact Pieter Laubscher direct for assistance at ...

pieter.laubscher@labour.gov.za

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ECSA PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY FORUM

This forum that only meets two or three times a year, is as you know, essentially made up of the chairmen of specialist committees and persons who go the extra mile to improve the lot of their peer colleagues. These persons in general have a wider view of our future as regards the needs of the industry in general and the Engineering Council more specifically. New projects in hand (amongst others) are ...

- **Marketing the Recruitment of ECSA recognized Association's membership** - implying that paid-up members of ECSA say under the RLI cadre, can apply for membership at say the South African

Institute of Electrical Engineers (SAIEE), provided that they comply to the minimum registration requirements

- **Unification of the Engineering Profession** - by the establishment of a Council of Presidents of the various disciplines in Engineering in South Africa.
- **Compulsory CPD** - whereby an ECSA-generated annual report-back or technical experience report has to be completed by the registered cadre incumbents. The various ECSA cadres were requested to approach their members again to complete the requisite form. Dr Kleinhans has re-issued this request to existing ILIASA members for completion ASAP and return hopefully by the end of April.
- **Review of the Code of Professional Conduct and Codes of Practice** - a task group had this in hand, which unfortunately does not include the RLI cadre at this stage. Following representation at the April LIRC meeting, this shortcoming will hopefully be rectified shortly.

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ILIASA & ECSA JAARLIKSE SUBSKRIPSIES

U gaan aanstons weer u jaarlikse subskripsiefooi faktuur van ECSA ontvang. Terselfde tyd moet u die ILIASA jaarlikse fooi betaal.

Wat het dié twee met mekaar te doen?

Laas jaar was die standaard ECSA fooi R1200, maar as u 'n opbetaalde lid van ILIASA was, het u net R700 betaal. Toe was die ILIASA fooi slegs R160 vir die jaar. Indien u hierdie jaar 'n soortgelyke verminderde faktuur fooi aan ECSA wil betaal, beter u die ILIASA ledefooie so gou moontlik betaal. As gevolg van volgehoue druk op onkoste, sal die ILIASA fooie desnoots in Mei of Junie aangepas moet word tot R175, slegs 'n 10% inflasie-koers verhoging. Moet nie vergeet dat baie van ons nog aan ander ECSA affiliale ledegeld moet betaal soos Chamber of Engineering Technology en MSAIEE, die elektriese ingenieurs assosiasie, en sovoorts.

Onthou ook dat Roseline slegs aan u 'n betalingsbewys sal lewer indien u ten volle opbetaald is. Daar is huidig nog baie lede wat versuim het om laasjaar en selfs die vorige jaar te betaal. Enige agtestallige jare sal teen die huidige jaar se fooi betaal moet word as u nie weer 'n intree fooi wil betaal nie.

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ECSA LIRC ACCREDITATION OF RLI'S

The LIRC accreditation process has been improved by the introduction of a *guide for assessors* during the accreditation process. The focus is on a preset minimum requirement that takes away any guesswork on the part of the assessor. The two Accreditation Sub-Committees under the Chairmanship of Schalk van der Merwe and Theo Kleinhans require a

minimum quorum of four RLI's to adjudicate on any one application to be appraised for final accreditation ...

The first hurdle is for the applicant to supply a full motivation of why he should be registered. This means certified copies of all courses attended and passed, especially the Lift Inspector's course at the Pretoria Technikon. Of major importance is the date on which you first started to function at *technician level*. This is specified as Foreman or Adjuster, followed by Supervisor and Field Engineer etc.

The second hurdle is for LIRC secretary Chris Matlala to ensure that the application for registration is complete in all respects. Here we have found the referees to be the problem. They do not follow the ECSA guide-notes submitted with the application forms. Chris then has to write to these referees for compliance. So-doing the application is held back. If you accept to be a referee, ***do the job properly 1st time.***

The assessor's guide allows various credit points to be allocated for ...

- Completion of an apprenticeship/learnership
- Academic qualifications N3 to N6 and better
- Post qualification experience at Technician level
- Compulsory short & long course in-house
- Voluntary short & long courses externally

As for any university graduate who requires say 21 credits for a BA degree, a minimum point score of 24 has to be achieved for RLI accreditation and registration, as laid down by ECSA. Therefore the more comprehensively the application forms are completed, the better the Candidate's chance for acceptance becomes.

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FRENCH WORDS USED BY RLI'S IN COURT OR LEGAL CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

Amenda honorable - satisfactory apology

À propos - to the point

Au contraire - on the contrary

Au fait - expert, knowing the full detail

Bien-séance - decorum

Bizarre - odd, fantastic

Blasé - pallid, not worried

Brochure - pamphlet

Comme il faut - exactly as it should be

Coup de grâce - finishing stroke, the final blow

Dieu defend le droit - God defends the right

Double entente - double meaning, ambiguous

Douceur - a bribe

Enfants perdus - forlorn hope

En route - on the way

En suite - in a series, together

Entente cordiale - in good faith

Exposé - exposure of the facts

Fait accompli - has already happened, cannot be changed

Faux pas - false steps, made a mistake

Jeu d'esprit - witty remarks

Mauvais gout - in bad taste, unbecoming

Née - maiden name

Noblesse oblige - obligation imposed by rank of position
Nom de plume - an assumed name
Oui-dire - hearsay, not necessarily the truth
Par exemple - for example
Parole d'honneur - on your word of honour
Pas á pas - step by step explanation
Passé - worn out, out of use
Pièce de résistance - the crowning point of the evidence
Résumé - a summary, in shorter format
Sans cérémonie - without ceremony or aplomb
Vis-á-vis - the opposite or facing

It may be quite surprising to you on how many of these phrases you actually know and use regularly. Many have been anglicized into our normal English vocabulary

In the next issue we will deal with other language phrases

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ECSA SSL REGISTRASIE

Ons bring onder u dringende aandag dat daar nie meer so iets bestaan by ECSA soos 'n SSL Hyser Inspekteur nie. Nuwe registrasie nommers is reeds voor laas jaar aan u uitgegee wat lyk soos

'Registered Lift Inspector No. 200211013'

Enige formele dokumentasie soos bylaag sertifikate en verslae moet dus u nuwe gegewe nommer weerspieël saam met u handtekening om dit te bekragtig.

Alle opbetaalde ILIASA lede het reeds hulle nuwe 2004 - 2005 bewyskaartjie ontvang met dié nuwe registrasienommer. Dié kaartjies kom nou ook uit in kleur en lyk baie professioneel. Baie dankie aan Roseline wat die ekstra moeite ingesit het om kwaliteit en waarde toe te voeg op hierdie projek.

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VOLGENDE HYSER INSPEKTEURS KURSUS TE PRETORIA TEGNIKON

Die volgende kursus is geskeduleer vir Maandag 21 tot Vrydag 25 Junie. Die daarop volgende eksamen is voorlopig 3 Julie, maar sal nog finaliseer word.

Rig aansoeke of navrae aan die Tegnikon se Sorita van der Walt by (012) 318-5819. Die beraamde koste beloop R3600 met 'n R500 deposito by registrasie. Ons stel dringend voor dat as u beoog om hierdie kursus te loop, dat u dit wel in Junie doen. Die hele Hyser Inspekteur opleiding scenario is tans onder die soeklig en gaan verander word, so klim nou in terwyl u kan.

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WE THINK THAT ...

- *It could be the fiscal environment within which the major lift companies operate under pressure of their principals*

that is leading to the current finding of more and more lifts that are operating without valid annexure certificates of compliance. This same suggested pressure appears to be leading to less and less concentration on *total preventative maintenance*.

- *Too much focus is placed on lift compliance to the latest regulations* instead of just getting them to an acceptable level where they operate safely and effectively without excess breakdowns

- *That it is time for the local independent lift companies to be registered or accredited nationally* so that pressure can also be brought to bear on them for compliance in all respects as for the international companies

- *Theft and back-hand dealing in spares has been here for as long as we can remember, especially by the smaller independent lift service providers* mainly because there is no affordable access to these spares. This, coupled to import costs, apparently makes it viable for these spares to be sourced on the black market. The focus should be turned to *prevention* rather than *cure*. We need to assist the industry to negate this theft

- *The major lift companies who are changing their motor room locks to keep out unauthorized access is curtailing the mobility of professionally registered RLI's, who operate under a Code of Conduct when accessing these sites for inspection* since these companies have so far refused to issue the nominated RLI's with complementary keys. ILIASA is under the impression that the proprietary use of these keys can be respected, especially since the keys cannot be duplicated by the around the corner locksmith. We are not the nefarious thieves who steal from motor rooms

- *It is the heartless theft by local independents of motor room spares in general, but more specifically of PC boards from the internationals by swapping their faulty boards with operative boards that is causing the above stated security problems.* The focus should be shifted on to these employees to highlight their nefarious deeds with the view to eradicate it. In most instances their Company Management are aware of or even involved in these deeds but turn a blind eye for posterity. We all know that it is happening, but what are YOU as an RLI doing to safeguard YOUR industry?

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UIT DIE WOORD ...

"Kennis is 'n eienskap van God" (Rom 11:33) en "van die mens" (1 Kor. 8:1 & 7), en "die besit van hierdie kennis is 'n besondere kenmerk van 'n Christen" (2 Kor. 6:6)

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ILIASA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Following our meeting with DoL last week at ECSA, the need for a national *lift inspection-focused conference* again rose to the fore as the vehicle to disseminate information to all and sundry

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in the industry. The focus would undisputedly focus on safety and regulatory compliance. A provisional action committee was set up with ILIASA and industry associates as follows ...

- **DoL Initiator** - Jake Malatse
- **ILIASA Co-ordinator** - Ben Peyper
- **ILIASA Secretarial** - Theo Kleinhans
- **SABS Representative** - Liyung Wang
- **ILSPSA Representative** - Clarence Thompson
- **LEASA Representative** - Bruno Isler
- **SAPOA Member** - Willie du Toit
- **Independent Member** - Schalk van der Merwe

This provisional data is released now in order that you already programme your diary accordingly NOW ...

- **Conference date** set as Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th September 2004
- **The Venue** will be in the Gauteng area, easily reachable from any angle:
 - with adequate secure
 - with all standard conference equipment,
 - and obviously with full catering facilities
- **Suggested Entrance Fee** is proposed at around R160 per head just to cover the catering costs
- **Certificates of Attendance** will be issued in line with the ECSA CPD requirements
- **Notefiles** will be issued to all delegates of all speakers' presentations

Nominations for Speaker Invitations are urgently awaited from any person who can propose such a speaker and his/her specialist topic. We also call on prospective speakers to present themselves. ***This is your conference.*** Please assist us in making it a success. ***Time is now of the essence.***

There will obviously be the opening plenary session say the Tuesday morning to tea, followed by breakaway sessions with different speakers at different breakaway rooms, if we can get enough speakers. We then wrap up after lunch on the Wednesday, closing say at 15h00. This lets the far-traveling delegates get to their homes timeously. We will keep you posted

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Several of the last Educoms posted and e-mailed still came back, ***marked unknown.*** We repeatedly request you for the courtesy of advising us of your change of contact address, as also following up with your work colleagues to ensure that they get their copies. Complaints still come in from RLI's that their colleagues get their copies e-mailed, but not Joe Soap.

It is up to **YOU** to see that **WE** get your correct e-mail and postal address. Make the little extra effort to assist us to serve you better.

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On Friday 23rd April the Lift Inspector Profile was finally wound up along with the *standards generated* for future accreditation and recognition as a *Registered Lift Inspector* on the national, and therefore international forum. Our sincere thanks must go to colleague Mike Barley who tackled this project relentlessly and didn't give up in the face of all adversity. **Thanks Mike from us all at ILIASA and ECSA.**

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REGIONAL NEWS

This is a serious request to all our members to please put pen to paper and let us know what is happening out there. We also need articles that serve a common interest purpose to all readers. We regularly get told verbally to write about this or that, but never offered an article in writing. What happened to the regional colleagues nominated previously to take up the task of co-ordinating meetings in your sector. We become more and more confirmed in our opinion that you would rather criticise than get personally involved. Your silence is most deadening.

- **Western Cape:** ????
- **Eastern Cape:** ????
- **Natal:** ????
- **Free State:** ????
- **Pretoria:** ????

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WORDS OF WISDOM

A BIG MAN is someone who makes you feel even bigger in his presence.

COMPETITION WINNERS are generally the hoard of previous losers who suddenly became lucky. **WINNERS IN REAL LIFE** are those that really put something back into it and go the extra mile in whatever they tackle.

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