

SA Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (SAIOSH)

Managing health and safety in the workplace

In terms of human resources, finances and quality and speed of development, safety and health in the workplace has become a critical aspect and one which with time is only to increase in relevance.

Occupational safety and health has numerous applications, from painting a ceiling without adequate equipment, to handling hazardous materials and from driver safety to dealing with psychological effects in occupational situations. It is literally as wide as life itself, but within the workplace is has certain ramifications requiring to be dealt with in a professional and effective manner.

It is for this purpose that the SA Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (SAIOSH) has been established as a professional coordinating and regulating body.

The first meeting in Bloemfontein was held on 16 March 2011 at the Lettie Fouché School, Bloemfontein, with 48 persons attending and establishing the

Central Free State branch of SAIOSH. Also in attendance were SAIOSH President, Robin Jones, and SAIOSH National Registrar, Neels Nortjé.

On 2 June 2011 the Central Free State Branch of SAIOSH held its first event, with 50 members and guests attending. Guest speakers were Dr. Faan Oosthuizen, an occupational medical practitioner and Annemarie Marais from the Dept. of Labour.

At the following meeting of 11 August 2011, Hullen Maloisane and Deidre Aucamp from the Department of Labour were the guest speakers.

SAIOSH Free State are holding monthly events, with relevant topics on safety, health and environmental aspects in the workplace on the table for discussion. Appropriate experts are being invited to lead discussions. Time is also allocated for social interaction and industry networking. For more info on branch activities, visit www.saioshfs.blogspot.com.



Present at the SAIOSH Central Free State monthly meeting on 11 August 2011 at Lettie Fouché Conference Venue, were, from left, Johan van Wyngaard (Chairperson SAIOSH Free State), Thato Ndweni (Vice Chairperson), Johan Bothma (Treasurer), Niel Fourie (NOSA Bloemfontein), Flip de Jager (SHE Consultant) and Deirdre Aucamp (Dept. of Labor). Various issues concerning health and safety in the workplace are put under the spotlight at these meetings.