NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas

The South African Right of Way Association (SARWA) is a Chapter 83 of the International Right of Way Association (IRWA), the first IRWA chapter to be launched outside North America. The SARWA newsletter is the voice for the multi-disciplinary professionals involved in the acquisition of land and related real rights, for infrastructure development.

A very merry Christmas to SARWA members ……..

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A Christmas message from the president

Merry Christmas

Prosperous new year

I can't believe it's that time again. It seems as if it was only a short while ago that we saw curtains close on 2016 festive season. As we prepare to unwind, relax and celebrate in the company of loved ones and friends, it is important to pause for a moment and reflect on our work of the past year.

Looking back at 2016, we can all be proud of our daily endeavours to enhance the SARWA brand and position ourselves as an organisation of choice for all rights of way professionals in South Africa and across our region.

It's been an eventful year, one filled with many exciting innovations and initiatives aimed at developing well rounded, internationally qualified rights of way professionals.

Some of the memorable highlights for the year include the signing of revised MOU with IRWA, the successful hosting of the 19th SARWA Educational Conference, the holding of the first ever Community of Practice (COP) seminar and the roll out of various educational and training initiatives, amongst other things.

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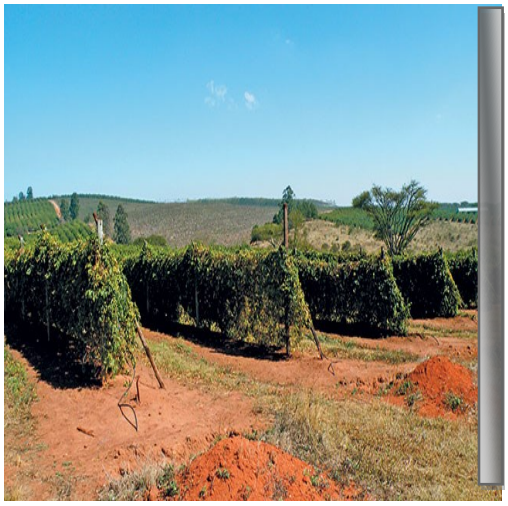
Our special relationship with IRWA remains as strong as ever. We are forever grateful for IRWA's continuing stewardship and unwavering commitment towards the development and growth of the right of way professionals in this part of the world and Africa as a whole.

During the year, two brand new courses (Course 700 – Principles of Property Asset Management and Course 203 – Alternative Dispute Resolution) were rolled out as part of the continuous drive to further the career paths and professional development of our members. Plans are underway to introduce some stimulating new courses in 2018, as well as expand networking opportunities. Watch this space.

It was also heartening to witness steady organizational growth despite the tough economic climate. This is a positive sign for the future of our organization, and we must re-double our efforts in order to realise our full potential. As we begin our journey towards 2018, I implore everyone to recharge sufficiently during our well deserved break so that we tackle the challenges that lie ahead with much vigor and effort.

To my Exco colleagues, SARWA support staff and all members of our organisation, you deserve the warmest of holiday seasons. I wish you all a very merry, safe, and joyous Christmas. Drive safely wherever you are headed for, and take care. God bless

Jacques Du Plessis (SARWA President)



Legislative update ….

The following right of way related pieces of legislation were in differing stages of finalization at the time of writing. We will endeavor to notify our members as and when updates are received.

May this holiday season sparkle and shine for all SARWA members and their families.

The Communal Property Association Amendment Bill

Objects: To provide clarity on the objectives of CPA's, in order to protect the rights of beneficiaries, extend the application of the Act to certain labour tenants who acquired land, establishment of the CPA Office and appointment of a Register of CPA's. Public consultative processes underway.

Objects: To bring the provisions of the Act in line with the Constitution, especially as regards the principle of "just and equitable" compensation, amongst other things. The Act was not signed into law by the President amid concerns over lack of public participation.

May all your wishes and dreams come true, and may you feel this happiness all year round.

Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Act

Objects: To re-open window for restitution claims, to allow people to put in claims until 2018, including new claims for land dispossessed prior to 1913. Parliament passed the Act, however the Cons Court ruled it invalid on the grounds of lack of public participation. Con Court also ruled that no new claims may be processed until claims submitted in 1998 are finalized.

Protection of Critical Infrastructure Bill

Objects: to provide for the repeal of the National Key Points Act, to provide for the identification of infrastructure as critical infrastructure and for measures to be put in place for the protection and safeguarding of critical infrastructure. Period for public comments closed 17 Nov 2017.

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UPCOMING EVENTS … 2018

24 JANUARY 2018

Close of nominations for EXCO members

14 MARCH 2018

- 20th Annual Educational Conference
- Election of EXCO Members

12 -13 MARCH 2018

- Course C400 - Principles of Real Estate Appraisal
- Registration closes 23 February 2018

Course C 203

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (On-line)
- Free course, offered by IRWA University

Dates To Be Advised in 2018 ….

- SARWA workshops/seminars
- SARWA/IRWA courses
- COP workshops/seminars
- SARWA Golf/Olympics

STAND OUT in the crowded marketplace...

Education and Accreditation for Rights of Way

SARWA as South Africa's land and rights learning institution offers national and internationally accredited qualifications and have world-class resources that inspire learners to create meaningful futures.

SARWA as a Chapter of the International Rights of Way Association (IRWA) offers learners the opportunity to take courses and achieve international accreditation in the rights of way profession.

At this time the Rights of Way accreditation is an International Accreditation through the IRWA. SARWA is working with the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA) to eventually have a South African Accreditation for Rights of Way. The goal is to have a SAQA accreditation on level seven which is equal to a Degree.

There are three international accreditations starting with the RWA (Right of Way Agent). The requirements are set out below.

The courses that are available in South Africa are noted below and the planned dates for these courses can be found on the SARWA webpage or by requesting dates via email on info@sarwa.co.za.

International Accreditation of Land & Rights Practitioners

Right of Way Agent (RWA) Level 1 accreditation

Requirements: **64 Credit Units**

- 1 year ROW experience
- Degree or Diploma or 128 additional Credit Units of IRWA approved coursework
- Course 103 Ethics and the Right of Way Profession - 8 Credit Units – Available in South Africa
- Course 200 Principles of Real Estate Negotiation - 16 Credit Units – Available online
- Course 100 Principles of Land Acquisition - 32 Credit Units – Available in South Africa
- Course 213 Conflict Management - 8 Credit Units – Available in South Africa

Right of Way Professional (RWA) Level 2 accreditation

Requirements: **168 Credit Units**

- 3 years ROW experience
- Degree or Diploma or 128 additional Credit Units of IRWA approved coursework
- All the RWA courses - 64 Credit Units
- Course 203 Alternative Dispute Resolution- 16 Credit Units – Available online
- Course 215 Right of Way Acquisition for Linear Projects - 16 Credit Units – available in South Africa
- Course 400i Principals of Real Estate Appraisal - 16 Credit Units – will be offered for the first time in South Africa on 12 & 13 March 2018.
- Course 600i Environmental Awareness - 8 Credit Units – only available in USA and online
- Course 700 Introduction to Property Management - 16 Credit Units – available in South Africa
- Course 800i Principals of Real Estate Law - 16 Credit Units – only available in USA and online
- Course 900 Principals of Real Estate Engineering - 16 Credit Units – only available in USA and online

Senior Rights of Way Professional (SR/WA) Level 3 accreditation

Requirements: **232 Credit Units**

- 5 years ROW experience
- Degree or Diploma or 256 additional Credit Units of IRWA approved coursework
- All the RWA & RWP courses - 168 Credit Units
- Course 421 The Valuations of Partial Acquisitions - 32 Credit Units only available in USA
- Course 225 Social Ecology – Listening to Community - 8 Credit Units – only available in USA
- Course 604i Environmental Due Diligence and Liability- 8 Credit Units – only available in USA
- Course 802i Legal Aspects of Easements- 8 Credit Units – only available in USA and online
- Course 901 Engineering Plan Development and Application- 8 Credit Units – only available in USA

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The newsletter can only continue if members supply us with topical information and industry news. We urge you to please send through news on any new developments affecting the right of way profession, or to share with us information on current projects you are busy with.