



Promoting Packaging  
Professionalism



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## THE INSTITUTE OF PACKAGING SA

### NETWORKING, EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONALISM



IPSA aims to promote high standards and professionalism in the packaging industry to provide opportunities for networking and education and to promote the recognition of packaging as a profession.



Key programmes and events are organised by the Institute of Packaging SA (IPSA) with the objective of furthering these aims. The IPSA Gold Pack Awards recognise outstanding achievements in packaging. The IPSA Student Gold Pack Awards are used as an educational tool and to promote packaging as a career. The IPSA One Year Diploma in Packaging Technology provides specialised training in the field of packaging. The IPSA Advanced Packaging Diploma and other custom designed courses and programmes are available to provide more specialised training and skills development in the field of packaging.

A range of seminars, workshops and conferences are held, which are intended to spotlight and debate the industry's most pressing, thought-provoking and challenging issues. Regular regional meetings include formal speaker presentations, factory visits and social events.

IPSA as a body is represented on the board of Packaging SA and enjoys close cooperation and support through this representation. Packaging SA in turn has representation on the IPSA National Executive. IPSA is a full member of the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) and the African Packaging Organisation (APO), which facilitates contact and exchange among international packaging institutes, corporations, trade associations and individuals.

Membership is open to individuals engaged in any aspect of South Africa's broadly based packaging industry, to give packaging professionals a sense of belonging and the opportunity to keep abreast of the many important issues affecting the packaging industry.



# THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

## PROMOTING PROFESSIONALISM

- Regular meetings in the regions – Gauteng, Western Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape. These are in varied forms including speakers presenting relevant and up-to-date topics of interest, visits to plants of interest to packaging personnel and social events.
- Regional newsletters informing members of dates and venues of meetings in their region as well as other newsworthy items.
- National and regional symposia and conferences.
- Free personal subscriptions to Packaging & Print Media, the official journal of the institute.
- Participation in recognised packaging exhibitions.
- Educational courses, workshops and training.
- Executive breakfasts.
- Social functions.
- Golf days and sports days.
- Members' dinners.
- Reference and textbooks.
- Representation with Packaging SA.
- The Institute of Packaging SA (IPSA) is a full member of the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) and the African Packaging Organisation (APO).



The events, programmes and facilities offered by IPSA are intended to develop professionalism in the industry, stimulate education and create networking and business opportunities.





# MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES



The events organised by the institute create a forum where people from the packaging and allied industries can meet and discuss matters of mutual interest – from packaging design and marketing to technical innovation and new legislation.





By joining IPSA and encouraging colleagues to join and regularly attend meetings, packaging professionals not only develop a sense of belonging, they keep abreast of the many important issues affecting this fast developing industry. Visits to places of common interest are also arranged.

### MEMBERSHIP OF IPSA IS OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES:

- Sales and marketing of packaging raw materials, packaging equipment, packaging and of the end users of packaging, the supply of packaging materials and machinery, and the supply of consumables used in the packaging process.
- Graphic and packaging design.
- Product supply chain.
- Purchasing of packaging.
- Printing and converting.
- Packaging research and technology.
- Anybody related to any aspect of South Africa's broadly-based packaging industry.



 **IPSA aims to promote and maintain packaging as a profession in South Africa.** 

#### **OVERVIEW OF PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY**

This short course is intended for those embarking on a career in packaging and provides a broad and basic introduction to the many aspects they will encounter in the industry.

#### **ONE YEAR DIPLOMA IN PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY**

This widely recognised and respected course covers a wide spectrum of packaging related subjects. Lectures are held in the major centres at times to suit working participants. A distance learning facility is open to those students who are further afield.

The course is also attended by those engaged in the production, purchasing, quality control and marketing disciplines so as to gain a wider understanding of the packaging requirement facets of their functions.

The diploma qualification is accredited by the World Packaging Organisation, the Packaging Society (UK), and the Australian Institute of Packaging. The syllabus is based upon IPSA's own publication "A Handbook of Packaging Technology" and both this text book and the course itself have established an excellent reputation, locally and internationally.

#### **ADVANCED PACKAGING DIPLOMA**

This course is aimed at those who are preparing themselves for senior or management level positions in the industry. The Advanced Programme is open to all graduates of IPSA's One Year Diploma in Packaging Technology and others with appropriate qualifications or experience. It is intended to build on the basic course. This program is offered in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town only once each in every three years in rotation, and features guest facilitators who are leaders in their various fields, sourced from all over South Africa.

#### **OTHER IPSA COURSES**

The institute also offers tailor made in-company short courses in consultation with client companies on specific packaging subjects to suit their own needs.

More Information please visit our website: [www.ipsa.org.za](http://www.ipsa.org.za)

Direct enquires regarding education facilities can be made to [education@ipsa.org.za](mailto:education@ipsa.org.za)



CREATIVITY, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY



The IPSA GOLD PACK AWARDS have grown into a competition of considerable importance and prestige. Winning an IPSA GOLD PACK medal is now more meaningful than ever!



The IPSA GOLD PACK AWARDS are designed to showcase the very best of the South African packaging industry. Gold Medals are only awarded to the very best in each category. Silver and Bronze Medals are awarded to those placed second and third. All finalists and medal winners qualify for entry into the international WPO World Star Awards.

The judges are a selection of impartial and experienced people with a wide range of packaging knowledge. They look specifically for the excellent application and execution of anything that may involve new, innovative or creative design, marketing or technology applied to packaging in South Africa. Imported technology, components, constituents etc. must be declared, to precisely identify the South African input. The Star of Africa medal has been introduced to allow packaging converted in South Africa, but outside of South Africa to be recognised as well.

The GOLD PACK Awards presentation event is a true celebration for the African Packaging Industry, honouring excellence across a wide range of entries.

More Information please visit our website: [www.goldpack.org.za](http://www.goldpack.org.za)



The Student Gold Pack Competition specifically aims to expose students to the world of packaging and the industry at large



## ATTRACTING AND DEVELOPING TALENT

The Student Gold Pack Competition is a key aspect of IPSA's Education objective. This competition specifically aims to expose students to the world of packaging and the industry at large. Through participation students tackle projects that illustrate the skills required and the challenges that the discipline offers. Project briefs are created to give students insight into the role packaging plays in the supply chain and marketing of a product as well as the benefits and functionality of packaging.

The competition is split into three main entry categories, - Design, Packaging Technology and Food Science. Prizes are awarded in each of these categories, which have different project briefs and are judged individually.

This annual competition opens in mid-March and culminates with a prestigious awards ceremony held in October, bringing together key players within the packaging industry, students and their lecturers, as well as relevant media partners.

For more information on the competition, please visit our website:  
**[www.studentgoldpack.org.za](http://www.studentgoldpack.org.za)**



# IPSA GRADES OF MEMBERSHIP & 2022 SUBSCRIPTIONS

## MEMBER

### M.I.PKG(SA)

Any person actively engaged or who has an interest in the packaging industry and who qualifies for membership in the manner laid down by the National Executive from time to time, and who does not fall within any of the other membership categories recorded herein.

**2022 annual subscription: R 1 420.00 (ex. VAT)**

**R 1 633.00 (incl. VAT)**

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### M.I.PKG(SA) GRAD

Any member who holds a Diploma or Certificate issued by the Institute upon successful completion of a course of study offered by the Institute, or a diploma or certificate in respect of a course of study recognised by the Institute.

**2022 annual subscription: R 1 420.00 (ex. VAT)**

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## COMPANY MEMBERSHIP

Any company, partnership or enterprise actively engaged or who has an interest in the packaging industry may qualify in the manner laid down by the National Executive from time to time to apply for membership on behalf of its employees. The qualifying company shall then have the right to appoint from amongst its employees up to 10 delegates for the flat group fee. A prorata subscription will be applied to delegates more than the qualifying 10. Each member delegate has one vote. The Company shall have the right to withdraw a previously nominated employee as a member at any time, and to substitute a new employee to take his / her place, provided that the Institute shall upon each occasion be advised in writing of this intention.

**2022 annual subscription: R 10 650.00 (ex. VAT)**

**R 12 247.50 (incl. VAT)**

## COUNTRY MEMBER

Any person actively engaged or who has an interest in the packaging industry and who qualifies for membership in the manner laid down by the National Executive from time to time, and who is situated geographically outside of any of the regional areas or even outside of South Africa and is therefore unable to attend functions may be offered Country membership, which is non-voting.

**2022 annual subscription: R 994.00 (ex. VAT)**

**R 1 143.10 (incl. VAT)**

## MEMBER (RETIRED)

Any person who is no longer employed but retains an interest in the Institute. At the sole discretion of the Regional Committee, on application by the member, a member may continue as a non-voting member and to use the affix of his/her previous grade of membership.

**2022 annual subscription: Nil**

## STUDENT MEMBER

Any person who is enrolled with the Institute for the purpose of studying any course, which may prescribe non-voting membership.

**2022 annual subscription: Included in course fees**

The following categories of membership are appointed only by the National Executive.

## PATRON

### PATRON.I.PKG(SA)

The National Executive may nominate to the office of Patron of the Institute a person of standing in the field of packaging or any related industry. **No administrative duties, subscriptions or responsibilities shall devolve upon the Patron who shall be the Institute's highest office bearer.**

## FELLOW

### F.I.PKG(SA)

Awarded at the sole discretion of the National Executive to those persons who have rendered meritorious services to the Institute and have made a substantial contribution to the profession of packaging.

## HONORARY MEMBER

### HON.M.I.PKG(SA)

Awarded at the sole discretion of the National Executive to those members who have rendered meritorious service to the Institute.

## GRATUITOUS MEMBER

Any person appointed with the approval of the National Executive upon recommendation of a member of the National Executive. The continuation of such members in this grade of non-voting membership shall be reviewed at least once annually by the National Executive.



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