

We take this opportunity to welcome the OYD class of 2019. We have 16 students this year and they are already well into their studies. We wish them every success in the year ahead, and best of luck for the first test on the 14th of March. It is bound to be a watershed year for South Africa with elections, Eskom woes and land reform uncertainty all playing out to set the scene for South Africa's economic development. Watch the WIPSA for news on events around the packaging and related industries to find out how it effects the different stakeholders as we go.

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SAVE THE DATE for the Plastics & the Environment Speaker evening in conjunction with SAFFoST:
Thursday 11 April
US Food Science building
16:00 - 20:00
Includes refreshments

It is with great sadness that we say **"Goodbye" to Emma Dawson**. Emma has been with us on the committee for 15 years and has become more of a friend than a colleague to us all. She has served in most portfolios including an extremely successful 4-year stint as Chairman. However, it is the loss of Emma's editing skills that will be most sorely missed! Every piece of communication shared with you over these past years passed under her eagle eye ensuring a high standard was maintained throughout. We will all have to up our game considerably to fill the gap that she leaves. We wish Emma all the best as she focuses on her new endeavours!



You voted in Leanne Peinke from Nampak R&D to the Western Cape Committee. Leanne joins us as we grow our professional relationship with SACNASP.

What is SACNASP?
The South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) is the legislated regulatory body for Natural Science Professionals in South Africa. SACNASP recognizes and registers natural scientific practitioners and fosters the ethical practise and training of the natural scientific professions. IPSA is investigating registering with SACNASP as a recognised Voluntary Association (VA). Voluntary Associations are involved in the training and development of individuals in the industry and membership to a VA and attendance of courses, training or workshops will allow Registered Scientists to earn Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points.



MARCH PACTOID
BUBBLE WRAP WAS ORIGINALLY INVENTED TO BE USED AS TEXTURED WALLPAPER

The 2019 IPSA Western Cape AGM was held on the 6th of February, and once again the Hotel School at Granger Bay saw a large contingent of Western Cape members networking over sundowners on the Atlantic Seaboard.

Kathleen Hoogenhout presented the AGM for her first time as chairman. After a taking the attendees through the 2018 events, achievements, statistics and formalities, Kathleen congratulated Gill Loubser for the two major honours she has been given this year. Firstly Gill was awarded the WPO's Lifetime Packaging Achiever Award, and secondly Packaging SA renamed the local Packaging Achiever of the Year Award the Gill Loubser Award. Both honours are well deserved and our congratulations go to Gill.

Jamiel Soeker presented his Student Goldpack Golden Egg for best project – the 7th year straight that the Western Cape has brought the trophy home. The five students that represented us at the competition were all soundly congratulated.

The OYD student graduation followed. Eighteen of the class passed, of which two achieved distinctions (Marushka Craig and Cedric Minnies) and five graduated Cum Laude (Delicia Bavuma, Yumna Dollie Seedat, Jamiel Soeker, Annemie van Niekerk and Janet Campbell). Our congratulations go to these outstanding performers, and the class of 2018.

Our Keynote speaker, Anthea Fransman of Recycle 1st, showed us how it is possible to be a successful entrepreneur as well as a tireless warrior for the environment. In the course of growing her operation from the back of a bakkie and a storage unit to 1500m² of warehouse, 33 staff and 5 trucks, Anthea has diverted 520 tonnes of recyclables from landfill. In an interesting pop-up quiz we were asked to identify several items of household waste as recyclable or not. It appears that not everything that is recyclable is easily recycled, and it pays to understand which is which before deciding which bin to use.

A few hours of networking over a delicious buffet supper followed.



Top: Class of 2018 who graduated and received their certificates along with their One Year Diploma Lecturer, John Byett

Left: Anthea Fransman from Recycled 1st taking us through the basics of Cape Towns' recycling collection framework.

Below: Jill Loubser receives a standing ovation from the local IPSA members for being honoured by the World Packaging Organization with the Lifetime Packaging Achiever Award.



Top: Janet Campbell receives the Andrew Walker trophy from Jill Loubser and Andrew Walker for Top Western Cape Student 2018.

THE OVERVIEW OF PACKAGING TECHNOLOGY

- Are you looking for a quick entry into the packaging world? Do you need to understand the basics of packaging language in the course of your job? Would it help to know if plastic or glass is better for your product? Sign up for our 9-week OPT. During this time you will acquire a very practical, working knowledge of the different packaging technologies, materials and their uses.
- You can join one of our classes or host a bespoke in-house course if you have three or more students to benefit from the content.
- These courses are run on demand.



ONE YEAR DIPLOMA IN PACKAGING

- Packaging Technology is a multi-faceted discipline and science, requiring the packaging specialist to have an all-round understanding of both technical and business related aspects. This course addresses these needs and is suitable for both the relative newcomer to the field as well as the more experienced. The course begins by reviewing the major business aspects with which the packaging specialist requires to be conversant, from economics to marketing. The course majors on the technical aspects of packaging covering the essentials of protection, preservation and distribution for a wide variety of consumer and industrial goods throughout the supply chain, in particular the requirements of foodstuffs, pharmaceutical and industrial goods. Other pertinent aspects addressed are graphic design, printing processes, environmental issues, legal aspects, specifications and materials handling.



THE ADVANCED PACKAGING DIPLOMA

- ONLY 3 places left!
- If you have been working in packaging for a while or are an IPSA graduate and would like to take your skills to the next level, hurry and book your place in the 2019 APD class.
- The course is intended to ensure that delegates are properly equipped with the right understanding to fill a management role in the packaging industry. Each module is lectured by a highly regarded professional who is currently working in the specific field, and the content is thus current and relevant.
- The course covers broader, conceptual business training with a focus on the role of packaging in the organisation as a whole. Training in presentation techniques forms a part of the final project work leaving the students with an invaluable skill set.
- The course will start at the end of May and will run to mid - November



The Three-Tiered Education Programme The Overview to Packaging Technology (OPT) course offers a seamless introduction to the more in-depth content of the Institute's One Year Diploma in Packaging Technology (OYD). The Advanced Packaging Diploma (APD) is the final step in the Institute's portfolio of educational courses. All our courses are endorsed by the World Packaging Organization.



EDUCATIONAL TOURS



The 2019 students had their first educational tour on 26 February at SAB Newlands. The visit was efficiently run and covered a lot of ground, both through the factory and via questions that were expertly fielded along the way. The students learnt much about the making and high speed packing of beers.

