

## "Tackle a Block at a Time".

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### No 1. Festive Season Message.

2007 has been an eventful year what with global warming, crazy weather, religious and political intolerance and a new "higher education act" to get to grips with in 2008.

I have always thought of Christmas as a good time; a kind, forgiving, generous, pleasant time; a time when men and women seem to open their hearts freely. Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to have the real spirit of Christmas."

"To all a Happy, Happy Christmas, that can win us back to the pleasures of our childhood days. It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air. If there is no joyous way to give a festive gift, give love away."

"Christmas gift suggestions to IPET members:

- To your enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your heart.
- To a customer, service.
- To all, charity.
- To every child, a good example.
- To yourself, respect."

"After all the best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."

"May Peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!"

From the Editor, Viv Nel, on behalf of all the IPET Council.

Ons het in die jaar 2007 ons deel van ellendes beleef, en sien almal uit daarna uit om 'n nuwe blaadjie om te slaan met die koms van 2008. Elke Kersfees bring ons almal vir 'n wyle tot stilstand en gun ons die geleentheid om opnuut te herbesin oor ons lewens en die mense naaste aan ons.

Mag hierdie tyd van rus en vrede aan u elkeen die geleentheid bied om die verlede te verwerk en te aanvaar, en om die toekoms met lewenslus aan te pak. Laat u lewe oorheers word deur geloof, hoop en liefde.

Groete vir die volgende jaar.

Redakteur, Viv Nel, namens IPIT Raad.

### No 2. Special Offer To Members.

Our sister organisation, The Chamber of Engineering Technology has negotiated a special one year subscription rate of **only R186.00** with the publishers of Popular Mechanics for their and our members. This amounts to a 40% discount on the regular rate for what is probably SA's most popular multi disciplinary science, engineering and technology magazine.

This is a one-year subscription rate for 2008 only.

**The offer is only open to fully paid up members resident in South Africa.** The limited period offer is only open until the end of February 2008 so prompt payment is advised. **Terms and conditions apply.**

A flyer from Popular Mechanics advertising the offer is included in this mail shot. **You must pay via IPET** by cheque or direct deposit. In the case of direct deposit you must fax/post a copy of the stamped deposit slip or EFT transfer printout to us. If you wish to take up the offer you must also complete the **Info Update Form with your details, your valid postal address and mark it Popular Mechanics and Fax or Post it to us** with your proof of payment to the address above.

**Direct deposit to IPET, Standard Bank Industria, Branch Code 5005, A/c 002440741**

### No 3. New President for ECSA.

The Engineering Council of SA recently announced that it had appointed Mr Trueman Goba, Pr Eng, to be their new President for 2007 /2009. Mr Goba is a Civil engineer with experience in SA and the USA. He is a past President of the SA Institution of Civil Engineering.

#### **No 4. IPET News Is On E-Mail & The Web Site.**

The latest news is to be found on the IPET Web Site. If you did not get the last IPET E News sent out a month or so ago then your supplied E-mail address may be a problem. Some Internet Service Providers (ISP) block our E News as they suspect that it is Spam. If you have any E mail News problems take it up with your computer expert and your Internet Supplier or internal Company IT person.

Our database shows that over 90% of all our members have valid E Mail addresses. **If you do not have E-mail then you will miss out on news as we seldom publish a hard copy of news.** For a number of years we have warned members that due to postage costs and the unreliable nature of the postal system we would be going the way of E News and Internet news on our Web site. For those few who do not have E Mail we humbly suggest that you consider getting E Mail or at least visiting an Internet Café occasionally so you can view our Web site. It is cheap and easy and you will find a whole new world of information out there!

#### **No 5. Membership Notes.**

**If you have paid your 2007 annual fees then your membership is valid until 31/03/2008.**

The Institutes financial year runs from 1st April to 31st March each year. Invoices / Statements are normally sent out under separate cover. Kindly note that continued membership is dependent on the receipt of the annual membership fees each year. Your original **Membership Certificate**, which was posted to you after joining IPET, is still valid.

**We do not issue new Certificates each year and neither does the Engineering Council of SA (ECSA)!!**  
**Current membership validity may be checked by visiting our Web site <http://www.IPET.co.za>.**

Kindly note that our office is staffed mainly by volunteers and on a part time basis. This means that when phoning you may get our answering machine. Please leave a message and repeat your contact details including Fax and Postal address and the nature of your enquiry. We get some calls on very bad lines and persons speaking so fast that it is impossible to decipher what they are saying. Calls from Cell phones are particularly bad. Often return numbers given are indecipherable or incorrect and dial codes are also often not given!

Calls and E-Mails are normally answered on the next working day.

**Thanks**

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