



The Conveyor Express

Autumn 2011

PROVISIONAL ANNUAL DIARY – 2011

Members meetings:	8 th June 12 th October
Annual dinner:	26 th May
Beltcon 16	3 rd and 4th August
AGM & Interact Weekend	26 th to 28 th August
Diploma Training Course:	5th to 12th September

EDUCATION & TRAINING

We are pleased to announce that Paul Nel has taken over as **Chairman** for the education sub-committee of CMA.

We are running our **diploma course** in conveyor design twice this year. The dates are as shown above.

The details about the course can be found on our website.

(www.cmasa.co.za) The April course is filling up quite rapidly, so if you wish to participate please apply a.s.a.p. as it is limited to a maximum of 20 students.

The diploma course is fast becoming recognised throughout the industry as a valuable qualification to hold.

The task of setting up a **belt splicing school** is fast coming together.

The objective is to set a CMA approved process for belt splicing that will be accepted and demanded by the end users in the industry.

A 3-day course is envisaged for the long practicing belt splicers and a 3-year technical and practical training course for newcomers to this field.

A **beltsman training course** is also being initiated by CMA whereby employees can be trained on all aspects of safety, maintenance and inspection of conveyor belts in use by end users. A curriculum is currently being devised.

MEMBERSHIP

CMA currently has 64 corporate members.

We are busy attending to the enrolment a 65th member – Lorbrand.

A number of other companies in the industry have also been approached to enlarge our voice in the industry. A full list of members is available on the website.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

We are working on a number of special projects this year, the main ones already under way are:

- A follow up one day ***symposium on safety*** in conjunction with the Department of Mineral Resources. The one day symposium held on 31 August 2010 was considered most successful but there is still much work to be done on this important aspect of our industry.
- Unfortunately the ***CMA Handbook*** on conveyor design was not completed last year. It is proving to be a much bigger project than first imagined. However the sub-committee working on it are targeting the Beltcon conference in August for its release.
- Part 3 of **SANS 1313** for Idlers has now been issued as a Committee Draft for comment. Hopefully this will soon be issued as a draft South African Standard (DSS). Once this is approved the entire SANS 1313 can be published.
- The DSS for **SANS 968** for solid woven belting is already available on the SABS website.
- More ***technical joint forums*** are being organised in conjunction with SAIMH. We will keep you informed of topics and dates as they arise.
- A new working group is currently being formed to review the standards relating to ***reducers*** with especial emphasis on bearing life.
- The possibility of setting up a ***material flow testing centre*** at Wits University is being looked into. TUNRA, Wits and the CMA are driving this project but it is still in the early stages. We will keep you informed of progress.

Regards

The Conveyor Operators

*Perhaps the man with no experience is justified in asking for a higher wage;
The work is much harder when you don't know what you are doing.*

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