

Note from the editor

“Colleagues should take care of each other, have fun, celebrate success, learn by failure, look for reasons to praise not to criticize, communicate freely and respect each other.”

Richard Branson

On Thursday, 17 August, we celebrated the annual Southern African Institute for Industrial Engineering (SAIIE) Awards. There are multiple aspects of the annual SAIIE Awards that are recognised and celebrated, herewith those relevant to the journal:

- **Prof Paul Kruger Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning**
Awarded to: Nosipho Gumede
Prof Kruger was the founder and first editor of this journal. We decided to honour Prof Kruger by renaming the award.
- **SAIIE Award for Best Industrial Engineering Paper Published in the SAJIE**
Awarded to: Jennimi Laubscher & James Bekker for their paper “Base Models For Simulating The South African Forestry Supply Chain”.
- **SAJIE Editor’s Award**
Awarded to: Schalk Claasen
This award goes to a person who contributed significantly to the journal in the past year. Prof. Schalk Claasen is currently a section editor for the journal.

This edition has a total of 11 articles, 7 of which are from authors with South African connections and the remainder from international authors.

The next edition will be our annual special edition, where we publish only the best submissions from related conferences in South Africa. The review process is already underway, and we look forward to showcasing the research and innovative thinking from these conferences.

If you have any suggestions on how we could take this journal forward, please let me know.

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