

Note from the editor

“Recognition is not a scarce resource. You can’t use it up or run out of it.”

Susan M Heathfield

The Southern African Institute for Industrial Engineering (SAIIE) Annual Awards ceremony was held on 14 August in Stellenbosch. Two journal-specific awards were presented at this function:

- The *SAIIE Award for the Best Industrial Engineering Paper published in the South Africa Journal of Industrial Engineering (SAJIE)*. This year, the best article was awarded to “*The Development of an Action Priority Matrix and Technology Roadmap for the Implementation of Data Driven and Machine-Learning-Based Predictive Maintenance in the South African Railway Industry.*”, authored by Lindelani Nethamba and Schalk Grobberlaar, from the Department of Engineering and Technology Management, University of Pretoria. (<https://doi.org/10.7166/34-3-2958>).
- The *SAJIE Editor’s Award*, which was presented to Prof Tinus Pretorius (Emeritus Professor at the University of Pretoria), for his support to the journal over many years as sponsor and reviewer.



Our next edition will be the special edition, where the best submissions from related conferences in South Africa are published. The review process and selection for the SAIIE conference is already completed, and we are looking forward to showcase the research and new thinking from those conferences.

This edition has a total of 12 articles, with nine articles from authors with South African connections and the balance from international authors.

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

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