

Note from the technical editor

"I feel that the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."

Jonas Salk

The 2026 SAIIE Awards & Gala Dinner was held on 13 August 2026 at the Wallenberg Conference Centre at STIAS in Stellenbosch. The annual event recognises outstanding contributions to industrial engineering across academia, industry, education, and the wider profession.

Among these awards, the Best Industrial Engineering Paper Published in SAJIE recognises an outstanding paper published in the journal. The 2026 award was presented for the paper "Developing an Enterprise Risk Management Roadmap for the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa", authored by Thina-Grace Mangcu, Ferdinand Hassan, and Schalk Grobbelaar from the University of Pretoria.

SAJIE also congratulates Dr Teresa Hattingh, who received the 2026 SAJIE Editor's Award in recognition of her contribution to the journal. Dr Hattingh was also named a SAIIE Honorary Fellow.

Each year, SAIIE recognises an outstanding paper published in SAJIE through the Best Paper Award. Readers are encouraged to keep an eye out for the annual call for nominations and to nominate papers that they believe deserve recognition.

This edition of the South African Journal of Industrial Engineering contains 14 articles across areas such as digital transformation and technology adoption, sustainability and renewable energy, infrastructure and operations, predictive maintenance, healthcare technologies, engineering education, construction, and project management. Seven of these articles include authors with international affiliations, reflecting the continued international participation in the journal.

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