

## **The South African Institute of Chemical Engineers' guest speaker at Dinner and AGM**

On the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 the brightest minds in Johannesburg gathered together at the Wanderers to hold the AGM of the SA Institute of Chemical Engineers (SAIChE). Everything was beautifully set up and we welcomed over 50 members of the Institute who all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. What struck us this year was the amount of new faces we encountered and new members we got to know a little bit better. The food was just awesome and the guest speaker, Dr Kelvin Kemm, was the definite highlight of the evening. With Energy always being very topical, it was fitting that the guest speaker presented on this topic. He is the current chairman of the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation (NECSA), the recipient of the Lifetime Achiever's Award in Science and Technology and shared his views with us about the past, present and likely future of the South African New Nuclear Build Programme; he was brilliant and motivational for all South Africans. Countries all over the world are using South African skills in the nuclear industry if they want things to be done efficiently and technically correct; we have a lot of experience and knowledge to share. He for sure could make the whole world go nuclear!!

During the AGM Lizelle van Dyk give her outgoing President's report, the financial statement was discussed with the Treasurer and the new members of the committee for the upcoming year were elected with Carl Sandrock as the new President of the Gauteng branch. The 2016/2017 committee also includes Linda Jewel, Danielle Bearman, John Bewsey, Nigel Coni, Dominique Tharandt, Nirvana Rampersad, Shaan Oosthuizen, with the new committee members being Zita Harber, Michael Daramola and Qasim Fakar.

The Gauteng committee is planning meaningful seminars and interesting presentations at least every two months, so please do come and join us for one or all of these upcoming events:

- June 30<sup>th</sup> we have arranged a panel to discuss the new ECSA NRS registration process
- August 31<sup>st</sup> Carl Sandrock is showing off some really cool apps specifically aimed at making a chemical engineer's life easier
- October 26<sup>th</sup> the South African Association of Food Science and Technology will discuss the chemical engineers' role in the food industry

The events also serve as excellent networking opportunities and are always a place with good food and wine while having stimulating conversations. Anybody is welcome so please do pass on the event notices to anybody that you might think would be interested and benefit from attending. We are looking forward to welcoming you! If you have any ideas for new events then please also do let us know





A captive audience throughout the AGM



Guest speaker Dr Kelvin Kemm presenting the nuclear programme in South Africa