



# ***DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA)***

**(SOUTHERN GAUTENG REGION)**

**APRIL 2013**

## **NEWSLETTER**

[From the Pen of the Chairperson: Reflections on 2013](#)



In my last message to you in December 2012, as the Chairperson of this region, I have made an undertaking that the year 2013 should be a more successful year organizationally. Moreover, I have committed the current leadership of the region that the year will be characterized by constant improvements on the different aspects of the organization from having constant meetings, increase the membership, publish regular media release, host at least one training workshop, and etcetera. More significantly, I also made my wish known that I would like to see the year progressing without any major incidents and disasters.

So far the year has started very well organizationally. The region has managed to have all its meetings as expected by the Constitution of the Institute. The region is also slowly increasing its membership. At least in each regional meeting that we had this year, one or two members are rectified to join our organization. On the aspect of the newsletter, so far the new leadership of the region has succeeded in releasing its second newsletter with this one. On the training workshop, the plans to host at least one regional training workshop are already at an advanced stage.

The only regret for this current year is the sad news of the passing of this region's longtime servicing member Ms. Marietjie Joubert membership number 105 in March. A special tribute to this gallant member of the region is included in this newsletter.

In closing and in remembrance of Ms. Marietjie Joubert, I would like to close with this special verse from 1 Thessalonians 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." With this biblical verse may her soul rest in peace!

**Dries Myburgh**  
**CHAIRPERSON: DMISA – SOUTHERN GAUTENG**

**DMISA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2013**



**PRIOR NOTIFICATION**  
**THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA)**  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**THEME: 'BUILDING RESILIENCE: COMMUNITIES GETTING READY'**

**WEDNESDAY 11 TO 12 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**PRESIDENT HOTEL, BLOEMFONTEIN**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 09:00**

The Annual Conference of the Institute is the biggest Disaster Management Conference in Africa and routinely attracts more than 350 delegates. The Institute is recognized as the mouthpiece of the Disaster Management profession in Southern Africa. The institute presents Conference 2013 in partnership with the South African Local Government (SALGA), the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC), SA Weather Service (SAWS) and the United Nations' International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR).

The conference provides an annual opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders in disaster management from across Africa to gather and share skills, knowledge and experience. This year's conference will be **hosted/co-hosted** by the Free State Provincial Government, the SA Weather Service, the Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality and the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) in the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (CoGTA).

The President Hotel is situated at Naval Hill, Bloemfontein and offers 145 bedrooms and restaurant facilities. This hotel is ideal for the business traveler, family stopover, conference, weddings, exhibitions, training workshops and all events.

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**CALL FOR PAPERS:** Language: English

**Important Dates:** Last day for submission of abstract: 1 July 2013 Last day for submission of final paper: 16 August 2013. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted electronically to the Conference Coordinator – Ms Erika Swart: [erikaswart@mweb.co.za](mailto:erikaswart@mweb.co.za) Abstract should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper. DMISA is inviting papers dealing with creating with an enabling an environment of risk reduction at local level by getting communities ready through building resilience. This year's theme is based on phase 2 of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Campaign theme for 2010-2015: Making Cities (**Communities**) Resilient: My City (**Community**) Is Getting Ready (**to implement DRR**). Any aspect of disaster management and disaster risk reduction can be discussed as long as it deals

with the challenge of making communities resilient. More information on the theme and possible topics can be accessed by following the Conference link from [www.disaster.co.za](http://www.disaster.co.za)

**EXHIBITION SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE: Please direct enquiries to Erika Swart – e-mail: [erikaswart@mweb.co.za](mailto:erikaswart@mweb.co.za) or fax: 086 689 6078**

Registration fees, which include all teas as well as lunch on both days and evening functions on 10 September (meet and greet) and 11 September 2013 (gala Dinner) have been set at very reasonable rates as follows:

Members of DMISA	:	R 4 900	Non-members:	R 5 900-00
Late Registration Penalty	:	R 500	Closing date for Registrations:	8 August 2013

Students:  
The first 10 fulltime Disaster Management students, who are in good standing with their study institution and who make proper written application with supporting documentation, will qualify for a reduction in conference fees. (Fees for first ten students whose applications are received not later than 2 August 2013 will be R3 500.00 each)

Please remember the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday, 13 September 2013 at 09:00

Should you have further enquiries, do not hesitate to contact our office between 08:00 and 13:00 (weekdays) and speak to our Administrator, Karin. Tel +27 (0) 11 822-1634 or you can email us at: [karin@disaster.co.za](mailto:karin@disaster.co.za) Our fax number is +27 (0) 86 652 8066 or Website: [www.disaster.co.za](http://www.disaster.co.za) Postal address: PO Box 7130, Primrose Hill, 1417, South Africa.

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## MS MARIETJIE JOUBERT'S PERSONALIA

Membership Number: 105

Ms. Marietjie Joubert joined the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa, formerly the Civil Defence Association, on 28 June 1985 after being convinced to do so by the late Brig. Muller and Commandant Chris van der Westhuizen. Within a year Marietjie was the secretary of the then Owervaal Region, now Southern Gauteng Region. She served on the Regional Committee and later was elected as the Treasurer of the Southern Gauteng Region of the Disaster Management Institute, a position she tackled with great gusto ensuring that the Region always had sufficient funds to utilise for its projects. She also kept a tight rein on the Regions budget ensuring that unnecessary expenditure did not take place.

Marietjie first served on the Council of the Institute during the 2000 – 2002 term and then again during the 2004 – 2006 term of office.

She was a member of the now infamous group of “Young Turks” who travelled to the then Pietersburg to discuss ways in which the face of the Institute could be changed. Although the views and proposals of this group were not immediately accepted, it was not long before the Institute had to accept that change was necessary.

During her time as a member of the Institute she participated in the Council meetings, Conference arrangements and played an important part in ensuring that the conferences were well organised.

Ms. Marietjie Joubert joined the ranks of the then Johannesburg City Council's Civil Defence Section in 1984. She quickly became known as a hard worker and as the specialist Disaster Management Officer for contingency planning and disaster management planning at hospitals and clinics. This came from her nursing background and an in-depth knowledge of how hospitals functioned during normal non-disaster periods as well as under disaster and crisis conditions. She

took many of the then new disaster management officers under her wing and taught them the nuances of contingency planning and disaster planning at hospitals and clinics.

Marietjie, as a member of the Disaster Management Section at the Johannesburg Metropolitan Council developed a disaster management library containing books, publications and newspaper articles in a well organised manner. Many functionaries made use of the services she so expertly provided and much learning occurred due to her at hand information regarding any disaster both past and present.

Marietjie served on many Disaster Management committees and attended many workshops, conferences and discussion groups aimed at improving disaster management country wide. She also participated in many forums including those that dealt with the development of the National Disaster Management Framework. One of her conference tasks was to adjudicate the exhibitors stands, a job which she dealt with, with passion.

Her active participation in the affairs of the Institute over so many years has been a shining example of her passion for the Institute. Her unwavering integrity and loyalty to the City of Johannesburg and the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa are commended.

Prior to her retirement Marietjie Joubert served on various FIFA World Cup 2010 committees making inputs into the development of disaster management plans.

When Marietjie Joubert retired, she remained a valuable source of information and was always willing to share her vast knowledge resulting in the transfer of skills and knowledge. As a result of her commitment to the Disaster Management Institute of Southern Africa she was awarded Honorary Membership in 2010.

Marietjie will be missed by her family and especially her grandchildren, about who she so proudly spoke. She will also be missed by her many friends and colleagues in Disaster Management.

Fairwell Marietjie.

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## **IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DATES**

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#### **NOTICE OF MEETINGS OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA) TO BE HELD ON UNDERMENTIONED DATE, TIME AND VENUE:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF:

#### **THE 67<sup>th</sup> COUNCIL MEETING OF DMISA: 18 APRIL 2013**

**DATE:** Thursday, 18 April 2013

**TIME:** 08:30

**VENUE:** University of the Free State

#### **A DMISA COUNCILLOR ORIENTATION WORKSHOP: 18 and 19 APRIL 2013**

**DATE:** Thursday, 18 April and Friday, 19 April 2013

**TIME:** Directly after lunch on 18 April and at 08:30 the next day

**VENUE:** University of the Free State

#### **A MEETING WITH ABEEDA REGARDING THE PROFESSIONALISATION OF DMISA**

**DATE:** Friday, 19 April and Saturday, 20 April 2013  
**TIME:** Directly after lunch on 19 April and at 08:30 the next day  
**VENUE:** University of the Free State

**Suggested Accommodation:** 1 Union Avenue, Bloemfontein, P.O Box 1851,  
Bloemfontein, 9300

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An Agenda for the abovementioned meeting will be forwarded to you soon.

**Note: Times for the meetings will be fluid and may mean that the training will continue into Thursday evening until approximately 21:00.**

Yours faithfully



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K MULLER (MS)  
ADMINISTRATOR

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## **DATES**

The DMISA Gauteng Southern Region will like to inform its members about the following meetings for 2013.

**1. The Region's Annual General Members Meeting**

Date: 03 May 2013  
Time: 12:00 for 13:00  
Venue: TO BE CONFIRMED

**2. The Region's Committee Meeting**

Date: 05 June 2013  
Time: 12:00 for 13:00  
Venue: TO BE CONFIRMED

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## **DMISA YEAR PLANNER: 2013**

JANUARY	14:	DMISA OFFICE OPENS
FEBRUARY	1:	REGIONAL REPORTS DUE (PERIOD: OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012)
	14:	NDMAF MEETING (10:00)

	22:	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (08:30) - <a href="#">BLOEMFONTEIN</a>
MARCH	1:	MEMBERSHIP FEES RENEWAL NOTICES TO BE MAILED (Due 1 April) PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF CONFERENCE 2013 TO BE MAILED
	18:	NOTICES FOR COUNCIL MEETING TO BE MAILED (19 April)
	31:	FINANCIAL YEAR ENDS
APRIL	1:	NEW FINANCIAL YEAR COMMENCES
	18:	COUNCIL MEETING (08:30) – <a href="#">BLOEMFONTEIN</a>
	19:	COUNCILLOR ORIENTATION (08:30) - <a href="#">BLOEMFONTEIN</a>
	26:	FOUNDERS DAY DMISA: 28 YEARS
	30:	REGIONS TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS WITHIN 40 DAYS
	30:	DETERMINE 20% OF MEMBERSHIP FEES TO BE REPAID
MAY	1:	REMINDERS FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP FEES TO BE MAILED REGIONAL REPORTS DUE (PERIOD: JANUARY – MARCH 2013)
	16:	NDMAF MEETING (10:00)
	17:	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (08:30) - <a href="#">PRIMROSE</a>
JUNE	10:	FINAL DAY FOR REGIONS TO HOLD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS
	10:	FINAL NOTICE OF CONFERENCE 2013 TO BE MAILED
JULY	26:	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (08:30) - <a href="#">BLOEMFONTEIN</a>
AUGUST	1:	REGIONAL REPORTS DUE (PERIOD: APRIL – JUNE 2013)
	5:	NOTICES FOR COUNCIL MEETING (10 September 2013 – 08:30) AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (13 September 2013 – 10:00) TO BE MAILED
	10:	CLOSING DATE: REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE
	15:	NDMAF MEETING: 10:00
SEPTEMBER <a href="#">Bloemfontein</a>	9:	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING WITH REGIONS (17:00)
	10:	COUNCIL MEETING (08:30)
	11:	CONFERENCE 2013
	12:	CONFERENCE 2013
	13:	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (10:00)
NOVEMBER	1:	REGIONAL REPORTS DUE (PERIOD: JULY – SEPTEMBER 2013)
	14:	NDMAF MEETING (10:00)
	22:	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (10:00)
DECEMBER	6:	DMISA OFFICE CLOSES