

# 9th Quantity Surveying Research Conference 2016

Port Elizabeth – South Africa, 19 – 21 October 2016

## MAIN CONFERENCE THEME:

# Sea-change: Navigating the waves of change

## DATE

19 – 21 October 2016

## VENUE

Boardwalk Hotel, Convention  
Centre and Spa, Port Elizabeth

# INVITATION TO ATTEND

The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP) and Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) invite you to join them for another informative and worthwhile gathering of likeminded individuals. The ninth SACQSP Research Conference provides an internationally endorsed forum for academics, post-graduate researchers and practitioners to address and debate the key challenges affecting not only the Quantity Surveying Profession, but all built environment professions.

The South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession has long understood the importance of research for the growth and sustainability of the profession. This Council has, and will continue to provide a platform for debate and the sharing of knowledge by quantity surveyors, other built environment professionals and academics in the form of an annual research conference.

The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's Department of Quantity Surveying has been selected to be the event and content organisers of the ninth Research Conference. NMMU has placed transformation high on its list of priorities. In order to remain relevant and continue to be leaders in our field, the theme of "Sea-change: Navigating the waves of changes" has been proposed for this Quantity Surveying Research Conference.

"Sea-change" is a pun. We want to "see change", and we want it to start here, at the "Campus by the sea", Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University.

The term has been defined by the Oxford English Dictionary as an "alteration or metamorphosis [or] a radical change". It dates back further than that, to Shakespeare's "The Tempest", in which the spirit Ariel sings:

*Nothing of him that doth fade,*

*But doth suffer a sea-change,*

*Into something rich, & strange.*

These words remind us that change is difficult. It is to "suffer", but it is also to emerge "richer", more valuable. It is not about losing the essence of who we are, but rather adding to it in significant, forward-focused ways.

## The proposed sub-themes for the conference are:

- ▶ Competition and competitiveness
- ▶ Contracts, dispute resolution and ethics
- ▶ Education and training
- ▶ Entrepreneurship and business modelling
- ▶ Environment, adaptation and sustainability
- ▶ Equality and diversity
- ▶ Infrastructure development
- ▶ Innovation and technology

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

### Wednesday, 19 October 2016

- 12:00 – 13:00** Early registration
- 13:00 – 17:30** Estimating workshop  
Facilitator: Mr Johann Slabber (NMMU)  
Target group: Candidate quantity surveyors (50 seats available)
- 13:00 – 17:30** Academic writing workshop  
Facilitator: Prof Louise Vincent (RU)  
Target group: Emerging researchers & postgraduate students (50 seats available)  
*RSVP for the workshops on the registration form (First come first served)*
- 18:00** Ice-breaker function

### Thursday, 20 October 2016

- 07:00** Registration
- 08:00** Welcome
- 09:30** Corporate and personal transformation keynote speaker -  
Ms Bronwyn Crawford
- 11:00** Research paper presentations
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** South African economic outlook keynote speaker - Mr Sizwe Nxedlana
- 15:00** Research paper presentations
- 18:00** NMMU/UPE quantity surveying alumni reunion get together
- 19:30** ASAQS gala dinner

### Friday, 21 October 2016

- 07:30** Late registration
- 08:00** Leadership keynote speaker -  
Mrs Lynette Ntuli
- 09:00** Research paper presentations
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Business strategy keynote speaker -  
Mrs Chantell Ilbury
- 16:30** Prize-giving and farewell function

## CPD HOURS

All delegates will earn the following CPD hours:

- ▶ Attendance of estimating workshop: 3 hours
- ▶ Attendance of conference on the 20th and 21st of October: 11 hours

## PRIZES

- ▶ Best academic paper (**R10 000**)
- ▶ Best transformation and sustainability paper (**R10 000**)
- ▶ Best overall youth presentation U/35 (**R10 000**)
- ▶ Best female youth presentation U/35 (**R5 000**)
- ▶ Best overall first time presenter (**R5 000**)
- ▶ Best presentation and innovation paper (**R10 000**)

## FEES\*

- ▶ Delegate: R4 000 + VAT
  - ▶ Student delegate: R1 300 + VAT
  - ▶ Gala dinner accompanying person: R500 + VAT
- \*Includes: Workshops, Ice breaker function, ASAQS gala dinner*  
*\*Excludes: Accommodation which should be arranged by the delegates themselves*

Online registration can be done here:

[http://www.sacqsp.org.za/event/Sea\\_Change\\_2016](http://www.sacqsp.org.za/event/Sea_Change_2016)

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Show your support to the academic community and expose your company to participating delegates by being a sponsor. The following sponsorship packages are available:

- ▶ [Platinum sponsor - R50 000](#)
- ▶ [Gold sponsor - R25 000](#)
- ▶ [Silver sponsor - R 15 000](#)

*The sponsorship benefit details are available on the conference website*

## ENQUIRIES

Enquiries regarding abstracts, papers, programme and sponsorship packages should be addressed to:

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## NMMU / UPE ALUMNI REUNION

In the last four decades, education has also experienced some change; from academics who have to meet the high standards of the academic world to students who have changed their study habits because of social changes and technological and other advances. If you are interested in the 'Sea change' of your NMMU/UPE alma mater, come and join us for an hour where we will highlight some of these changes since the Department of Quantity Surveying was instituted in 1970. With pride and joy we thus invite all NMMU/UPE QS graduates to share some of these changes and to meet up with old class mates on 20 October 2016, 18:00 – 19:00, before the ASAQS gala dinner. If you intend to join us for this special hour, please contact Prof Fanie Buys at [Fanie.Buys@nmmu.ac.za](mailto:Fanie.Buys@nmmu.ac.za)

## FURTHER DETAILS

More detailed information is available on the conference website <http://qsconference.nmmu.ac.za/>