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No 1.

Jobless Survey.

The recent request for information originating from the Department of Public works via ECSA was circulated to members. Unfortunately, due to information later received from ECSA and CBE, the data we had accumulated was not of use. This was mainly due to changed requests and some confusion as to exactly what was required. The format of the data was also not clear. A suggested template from the CBE only catered for Companies and not individuals, mentors etc.

Other Voluntary Associations have experienced the same problems.

The State appears to be willing to spend vast sums of money on all sorts of random activities. They should then also be prepared to spend money getting the sort of information that they require. Getting it free from Voluntary Associations such as ours may undermine its value right from the onset. The engineering profession and our association have provided piles of data in the past and it rarely added any value to the situation.

The net result is that this project has been put on hold.

A letter to ECSA was sent and it is reproduced below for your information.

Eng. S. Madonsela
Chief Executive Officer
Engineering Council of South Africa
By email to: ceo@ecsa.co.za
4 June 2020

Dear Mr Madonsela,

VA DATABASE REQUEST

We, the undersigned members of the South African Forum for Engineering (SAFE) refer to recent correspondence from ECSA to our respective organisations conveying a request to submit information on a template provided by the CBE to assist the DPWI in ensuring that they have the correct information on under-employed, unemployed professionals, candidates, graduates and retirees, broken down by province, district and local area.

From our collective experience, previous attempts to build member databases of this nature rarely adds value, simply because the information is soon out of date, and in the end does not match the profiles identified.

We believe that a more appropriate approach would be for the DPWI to provide a comprehensive list of professional engineering resources that are required (including, discipline, area of expertise, location,

remuneration and other terms and conditions). We would willingly share this information with our members, and invite those who were interested to contact DPWI directly.

In this way, the DPWI will be in a well-informed position to balance their needs with the available supply.

Yours sincerely,

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No 2. Obituary.

The letter received from ECSA below says it all so we have not compiled a separate one.

Terry is sadly missed by all at IPET Council.

IPET Admin.

Dear Friends and colleagues of Dr Terry Stidworthy, a foundation member of IPET.

We have learnt with consternation the passing of our dear friend and colleague on Monday, 01 June. We are grieving the loss of an extraordinary Professional Engineering Technologist, and a man of steely determination in the engineering fraternity, Dr Terry Stidworthy.

Dr Stidworthy's passing is a profound loss not only to his family, but also to all of us in the engineering community. Although no words can really help to ease the pain and loss we collectively bear, his family must know that they are very close in our thoughts and prayers. We pray that God will comfort you and will sustain you both during the bereavement period and in the future.

Albert Einstein said, "The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive". Dr Terry Stidworthy was a man who gave. He gave much to his work; he had been a registered Professional Engineering Technologist with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) since 1985, a registered assessor with the Sector Education and Training Authority (SETA), former president of the Institute of Professional Engineering Technologists, a Fellow of the Institute of Professional Engineering Technologists and in 2004 the Nelson Mandela University awarded him an honorary Doctorate of Technology for his significant contributions to the engineering fraternity.

Dr Stidworthy served ECSA for many years as a Council member and was involved in the development of some of the most prolific documents in the organisation. He was a strategic thinker, a visionary who was brilliant, innovative and creative. As such, he contributed much to the development of the engineering profession. He generously gave freely his knowledge, his expertise and his skills.

He was deeply concerned with improving the engineering profession and he was very keen to impart his skills and knowledge. During the 35 years of being professionally registered he served on various qualification and accreditation committees. He served on the Technology Qualifications and Evaluation Committee, Technology programme Accreditation Committee as well as the Engineering Programme Qualification and Evaluation Committee.

He was also an assessor, moderator and reviewer for professional technicians and technologists. Dr Stidworthy's work was not limited to South Africa; he was also member of the working groups for assessment of foreign qualification applicants for both engineering science qualifications and technology qualifications.

Through the Educational Accords and Competence Agreements and as a member of the International Engineering Alliance (IEA); he was instrumental to ensuring that South Africa enforces internationally benchmarked standards for engineering education and expected competence for engineering practice.

Dr Stidworthy negotiated and signed agreements for the International Recognition of South African Technikon Qualifications, leading to registration as candidate or professional engineering technologists.

As a member of the International Committee, he represented ECSA on behalf of the Engineering Technologists and Technicians over the years in Canada and Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, London, Ireland and

Washington. He had been the chairperson for the International Engineering Technologist Mobility Forum from 2001 until 2005.

He served on the various executive committees such as Central Registration Committee, Registration Committee for Professional Engineering Technologist, Committee on Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Engineering Standards Generating Body and Standards Generating Group for Technologists. Dr Stidworthy remained loyal and dedicated to the engineering profession until the very end. ECSA recognised him for his contribution to the engineering profession with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the ECSA Engineering Awards in November, 2019.

In his career as a professional engineering technologist he worked with passion, integrity and energy. By his death all the people who knew him will miss a highly intelligent, vibrant individual with a rare friendliness and charm of personality. Dr Terry Stidworthy was a genuinely warm and wonderful individual—one we will miss greatly. Our sorrow is lessened only slightly with the comforting thought that we had the privilege to know him.

May his soul Rest in Peace.



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