

# A new decade, a new relationship between SAICE and IStructE

The Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE) established its South African Division in 1937. SAICE also established a Structural Division several decades ago. In 1992 IStructE signed a cooperation agreement with SAICE, primarily as a means to promote the Association Route to IStructE membership and to offer members of both institutions a range of exchange benefits and subscription reductions. This eventually led to a merging of the respective structural engineering committees which, until 31 December 2019, operated as a single entity, i.e. as a Joint Structural Division (JSD).

However, IStructE membership from the Southern African region has been declining over the last decade, which is partly due to the retirement of UK-qualified structural engineers who came to work here and then remained in the region during the latter part of the last century, but mainly due to the growth of local engineering registration bodies serving the needs of indigenous engineering communities within the region, and the need to be locally registered in order to practice.

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IStructE has in recent years developed into an international, outward-looking institution utilising technology through a number of instruments to promote structural engineering, including its Affiliate Scheme which enables those with professional interest in structural engineering to connect with the IStructE membership (see [www.istructe.org/membership/affiliate-scheme](http://www.istructe.org/membership/affiliate-scheme)), e-library, specialist diplomas, technical guidance

notes, business practice notes, confidential structural reporting, etc.

IStructE and SAICE have agreed to enter into a new agreement of cooperation in terms of which cooperation between the two institutions will continue outside of a joint division.

The IStructE Southern African Regional Group (IStructE-SA), which will continue to actively engage and cooperate with SAICE's new Structural Division (see next page), has a Southern African focus. The Chartered and Incorporated routes to membership of IStructE remain open to those wishing to have full membership rights and international recognition of their professional qualifications, as has previously been the case. However, IStructE has recently launched the Affiliate Scheme to provide individuals residing within the region with greater access to the structural engineering profession, industry news, networking opportunities and a range of technical events and publications. The Affiliate Scheme, which has no entry requirements, offers various benefits from £50 per annum, which works out to less than R90 per month (see box above). □



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