



# **SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION**

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Dear registered professionals and candidates,

As the year speeds toward the end and before the practices close, a final word or two from SACLAP for this year!

## **WEBSITE**

SACLAP is pleased to announce that the website has finally "gone live" – [www.saclap.org.za](http://www.saclap.org.za). Please note that at this stage not all the documents are available, however these are in the process of being finalised as a matter of urgency.

The website is lacking some photographs. Practices are requested to send photographs or suitable graphics to Bruce at [bruce@vdw.co.za](mailto:bruce@vdw.co.za). The photographs and graphics will be acknowledged accordingly. The format should be a jpeg 600x800.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF WORK**

This process is continuing and we are hoping to complete the final draft for a last round of comment early in the New Year. The CBE is keen to obtain our finalised document so as to be able to submit the documentation to the Competition Commission. The anticipated date for gazetting the final documents is July 2009.

## **BUILT ENVIRONMENT PROFESSIONS BILL**

The controversial Built Environment Professions Bill has been withdrawn by newly appointed Public Works Minister Goeff Doidge. The objective of the Built Environment Professions Bill was to foster accelerated transformation of the professions and also proposes the establishment of a new South African Council for the Built Environment where all the existing professional councils would be incorporated as subsidiary boards. At a media briefing in Cape Town, Doige explained that a number of technical and legal details contained within the Bill overlapped and needed to be reworked before it could be tabled again in Parliament. SACLAP will continue its participation in the process and keep you informed.

## **NEWS IN BRIEF**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Johan Barnard and his team are still in the process of preparing the Fees Policy to be in line with the Framework issued by the CBE. The first aspect that is being addressed is the section that deals with the scope of work. This document should be ready within the first quarter of 2009.

### **REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

A reminder to all candidates - please look out for your invoice that you will be receiving shortly and settle all outstanding fees to ensure that you can sit the exam that will take place on Saturday 7 March 2009 as soon as possible. Megan and her team will provide further information as and when required.

To those who still wish to write the exam and have not yet registered. Please do so soonest by obtaining the application form on the internet together with the document detailing the requirements and criteria. The documentation is to be posted to SACLAP and electronic copies forwarded to [Cynthia@vdw.co.za](mailto:Cynthia@vdw.co.za).

**SECRETARIAT**

Please note that the SACLAP secretariat will be closed as from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2008 and will be open to assist you as from Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2009.

On behalf of SACLAP I would like to wish all registered professionals and candidates a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 2009.

Kind regards

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President of Council