

Entrepreneurship Workshop for Scientists and Engineers - South Africa, 20 – 24 May 2013

VENUE

The workshop will be held at PROTEA HOTEL – KARIRIDENE BEACH in Durban, South Coast, South Africa.

<http://www.karridene.co.za/hotel.htm>

TARGET AUDIANCE

The workshop is targeted at scientists and engineers from across Africa who are interested in learning entrepreneurial skills to commercialise their scientific inventions. The participants will benefit from the international perspective and local African experiences in commercialisation of scientific research which will be provided in this workshop by both experts and co-participants.

PURPOSE AND NATURE

The purpose of this workshop is to introduce scientists and engineers in the region to the process of innovation, generation and protection of intellectual property, technology transfer and commercialisation of inventions. The workshop will consist of lectures by invited speakers, case studies, group discussions and role-playing sessions related to the transitioning of research into innovative products

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE

Scientists and Engineers as Entrepreneurs; Opportunity and Value Assessment; Intellectual Property; Basics of Patenting; IP management and Global IP Protection; Business Plan Fundamentals, Technology Readiness Levels, Invention to Product: Development Timelines and Processes; Case Studies and Group Projects. A special session on how to introduce Entrepreneurship Curriculum into science and engineering degrees will also be included.

PARTICIPATION

Scientists and students throughout Africa are welcome to attend the workshop. Although the main purpose of the workshop is to help young scientists and engineers, aspiring students are also welcome to apply. Limited travel funds are available for some participants to be selected by the organisers.

CONTACT DETAILS

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SPONSORS

- South African Institute of Physics (SAIP)
- Institute of Physics (IOP) UK
- American Physical Society (APS)
- International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
- Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS)

SPEAKERS

- Mr. Richard Brooks (UK)
- Dr. Joseph Niemela (Italy)
- Ms Yumiko Hamano, (Switzerland)
- Dr. Surya Raghu (USA)
- Prof. David Secher (UK)
- Prof. Tony Bunn (SA)
- Prof. Dawood Parker (UK)
- Dr Beth Taylor (UK)
- Others (TBA)

ORGANISERS

- Dr Dipali Bhatt-Chauhan, IOP UK
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APPLICATION DEADLINE

15 March 2013

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REGISTRATION DATES

Registration Opens - 25 Feb 2013

Registration Closes - 31 March 2013