

Association for Information Systems Southern African Chapter (AISSAC)
SOUTHERN AFRICAN CHAPTER OF THE AIS
Newsletter 1: February 2013

Dear AISSAC member

In this historic, first newsletter we share our vision for 2013, propose some activities for this year and provide information on the discussions at the AISSAC council meeting in December 2012. We also wish to confirm your participation in AISSAC and interest in receiving further communication.

● **Vision for 2013**

Based on the ideas articulated at our founding meeting on 3 October 2012 and further discussions at the first council meeting on 10 December we see the purpose of AISSAC as fulfilling a need for a focussed, academic IS body in Southern Africa to promote global collaboration in IS research and teaching with IS academia in Southern Africa at the core.

● **Events for 2013**

The following events have been proposed and are currently being investigated.

- Host an invited AIS speaker at an event co-located with SAICSIT2013.
- Have a launch event in 2013 consisting of a day seminar where the 2014 conference will also be discussed. Suggestions were made for a conference with a keynote and full-papers in the morning, and short and student papers in the afternoon.

● **Participation**

To confirm that you are interested in being a member and would like to receive further updates of activities for 2013 we request that you do the following:

- Reply to this email by **19 February 2013 and** state that you are satisfied with the *Bylaws* document (attached) or motivate your concerns
- Include your AIS number in the email.

We are aware of earlier problems with the allocation of AIS numbers due to a system update. If you do not have an AIS number yet, please state that and apply as soon as possible. The new https://ais.site-ym.com/general/register_member_type.asp seems to be operating well now.

Documents attached and their purpose:

Document name	Purpose
CHARTERING THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN CHAPTER OF THE AIS.doc	Background
AISSAC CHAPTER BYLAWS 2012-01-24.doc	For approval
AISSAC Minutes Dec 2012.docx	Minutes of the first AISSAC council meeting

Warmest regards

AISSAC Council