

WESTERN CAPE REGIONAL NEWS

The recent bout of refresher workshops presented on the Code of Practice for the Wiring of Premises, Certificate of Compliance, Regulations pertaining to Generators and the two Estimating and Tendering courses held have been well subscribed and well received. We have also organised a comprehensive two day course on Amendment 6 to the Code of Practice for the Wiring of Premises and this too is well subscribed.

The Cape Town training centre continues to run with fully subscribed practical training courses and it is hoped that the one vacant position of training officer can soon be filled with a suitable incumbent. This is not proving to be an easy task.

National negotiations for the 2009 new Wage Agreement have commenced with the trade union and unfortunately there is no positive feedback at this stage.

Positive feedback is in the main being received regarding the new Medical Scheme introduced recently and teething problems with the move over have been minimal. Earlier this year members were encouraged to move to the new Scheme given various problems experienced at the time with the then Scheme. The previous Scheme has subsequently been liquidated and this has posed financial implications for some members of the Scheme and the Medical Scheme sub-committee of the Bargaining Council is investigating such.

It is with sadness that we heard of the sudden passing of Sandy Gold, Direct of Plumstead Electrical Wholesalers who was a good friend and supporter of the Association for many years. Abie Margolis previously of Goodwood Electrical, a long standing member of the Cape Town Branch for more than 25 years also recently passed away. Once again our condolences to the families.

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**ECA CAPE TOWN TRAINING CENTRE
COURSE SCHEDULE**

The following practical training courses are scheduled by the training centre for the period November to December 2008.

| DECEMBER | | |
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| M6 Testing | 1 December to 5 December | 1 week |
| M0 Induction | 8 December to 12 December | 1 week |
| M1 Wireways | 15 December to 19 December | 1 week |
| JANUARY 2009 | | |
| M2 Cables | 19 January to 23 January | 1 week |
| M3 Wiring | 26 January to 30 January | 1 week |

For any further information or to register for any of the above courses, contact the ECA Cape Town Training Centre on 021 462 2690 or e.mail ecact@iafrica.com