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# **PIPES XIII TO MEET IN JOHANNESBURG - WINNERS OF PPXX PAPERS ANNOUNCED**

Johannesburg will host the Pipes XIII Conference on 6/7 September 2022. Given the increasing role of plastic pipe systems in the development of new and improved infrastructure, organizers of the event are keen to share the latest technical advances from around the world.

Jan Venter, Chief Executive Officer of the Southern African Plastic Pipe Manufacturers Association (SAPPMA) explains: "Our South African conferences are run jointly as spin-off events from the main PPCA plastic pipe conferences. Typically, they are attended by about 300 delegates."

"Technical progress showcased at the most recent PPXX Conference in Amsterdam now has important implications for local infrastructure investment. For those of us that were unable to attend PPXX, our conference in Johannesburg offers an excellent opportunity to stay abreast of the news and reviews of the latest technology."

Zoran Davidovski (PPXX Chair) agrees: "Numerous speakers at Pipes XIII are selected from those of our Amsterdam conference on the basis of their cutting-edge experience and expertise."

"For over 85 years, plastic pipelines throughout the world have achieved major environmental, operational and economical benefits. The versatility of plastics is a source of ceaseless innovation for our pipe technology and commerce. By virtue of such dynamic progress and people, our Johannesburg conference is not to be missed."

Topics covered by Pipes XIII will embrace issues relating to HDPE and PVC pipe quality, production and manufacturing trends, installation standards and new international applications.

## Two PPXX Awards Announced

Two presenters of papers from the PPXX conference in Amsterdam have been awarded equal recognition. Both papers involve the delivery of hydrogen gas as blend or replacement for natural gas.

In announcing the awards, Davidovski comments: "hydrogen is already used to power public transport in some parts of the world. Its future use within the gas distribution network is all the more appealing given that it may be generated by wind and solar power."

Derek Muckle from Radius Systems has been awarded a prize for his paper entitled: "*An evidential approach to the use of Polyethylene Pipe for Hydrogen Fuel Gases*".

"Derek Muckle's paper addresses a relevant and actual topic," Davidovski adds. "It proves the 'fit-for-use' of our existing PE-based pressure pipe network to transport hydrogen as (partial) replacement of natural gas to consumers. Such replacement will help society to transition to a circular economy."

"Sjoerd Jansma from KIWA has been awarded for his PVC pipe paper at PPXX. It is equally related to the gas distribution sector and is entitled: "*Finding the relationship between non-destructive test methods and the tensile impact test on PVC pipes*."

"Jansma's paper deals with the increasing importance of establishing the actual material quality of many PVC gas pipelines in The Netherlands. Most of these pipelines will reach their specified lifespan of 50 years within the decade," Davidovski concludes.

Prize for each presenter is an iPad sponsored respectively by PE100+ Association and PVC4Pipes.

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