

# Awarding outstanding service to transportation engineering



Gerard de Villiers (right) receiving the SAICE Transportation Engineering Division Chairman's Award from current chairman Jarendra Reddy

The SAICE Transportation Engineering Division annually presents its prestigious Chairman's Award in recognition of outstanding service to the transportation engineering profession. The recipient of the 2018 Chairman's Award is Gerard de Villiers.

Gerard, who is a professional transportation engineer, practises in the specialised field of freight transport and logistics. His involvement with the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) started when he was graduate representative on the SAICE Council for the years 1983 and 1984. He subsequently served the Institution in the late 1980s / early 1990s as executive director for a period of approximately three years. In 2000 he was elected a Fellow of SAICE.

Gerard's qualifications include:

- BSc Eng (Civil), University of Pretoria 1979
- BCom Hons (Transport Economics), UNISA 1984
- BEng Hons (Transportation Engineering), University of Pretoria 1986
- Certificate in Logistics Management, University of Pretoria 1991

- MSc (Logistics), Aston University (UK) 2009

Gerard is a member of a number of local and international vocational societies and has presented technical papers at numerous conventions, seminars and vocational societies in South Africa, the United States and Australia. He has also acted as conference chairman on a number of occasions, and lectured on the topics of logistics and supply chain management. He acted as guest lecturer at the Gordon Institute for Business Sciences, the University of Auburn in Alabama and the University of Lugano in Switzerland. In addition he is a regular external examiner for the University of Johannesburg and Stellenbosch University.

He was a Council Member of SAPICS (South African Production and Inventory Control Society) in 1993 and served for three years on the local committee of the Southern African Round Table of the Council of Logistics Management (now called the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals), and was Chairman of the Interim Committee of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in South Africa (CILTSA). He furthermore chaired

the Panel of Judges of the Annual Logistics Achiever Awards for many years, and has been Consulting Editor for *Logistics News* since 2000. Gerard also contributed to *Business Logistics Management* (published in 2002), co-edited *Strategic Logistics Management* (published in 2008 and revised in 2016), and contributed to *Land Use Management and Transportation Planning* (published in 2015).

Gerard has represented SAICE in the e-toll debate where he participated in a SAICE Civil Talk on e-toll from a freight transport perspective, and was also elected as an expert to the Gauteng Provincial Government Advisory Panel on e-Tolls.

Speaking at the Chairman's Award Luncheon held in April in Kyalami, SAICE Transportation Engineering Division Chairperson Jarendra Reddy, who presented the award to Gerard, said: "Gerard is someone who has been exceptionally devoted to his craft, continuously improving himself so that he could be of better service to academia, the industry and society at large. This is reflected through the combination of his academic pursuits, involvement in academia, long service to SAICE and his willingness to participate in public discourse on controversial matters."

Indeed a worthy recipient of the Transportation Engineering Division's highest award! □

The minimum criteria that are taken into consideration for the Chairman's Award are the following:

- The nominee must be a civil engineering professional.
- The nominee must be a member of SAICE.
- The nominee must have contributed significantly to the civil engineering profession, particularly in the field of transportation engineering.

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