



University of the Witwatersrand

Construction Symposium

An intellectual platform for the construction industry – stimulating debate, research and the industry

The School of Civil and Environmental Engineering, invites you to join us on
25 August 2009, 13h00 – 17h30 for an afternoon conversation

Venue: **Senate Room, 2nd Floor, Senate House, Wits University**
(Directions will be provided)

Theme:

The project management profession: adding value

The challenge:

Clients and industry are searching for better ways of managing process and relationships that deliver win-win project outcomes on civil engineering and building projects.

The search poses several challenges, among them are the role of ***the project management profession and its value*** in a global and developing country context.

Do we share a common understanding of the process to manage client goals and risk, as well as stakeholder and service provider expectations? How does dedicated Project Management differ from the traditional role of Principal Agent or Engineer in managing the delivery process to successful conclusion, including

- a quality product, delivered on time and within budget?
- contractual arrangements that promote team effort, efficiency and improved value?
- value to society (including safety, health, environment and development aspects)

The response:

On the afternoon of 25th August the Wits Construction Symposium will host the internationally renowned **Dr Martin Barnes CBE** to lead a discussion on this topic, supported by insights from local industry leaders and practitioners on aspects of the South African experience.

Dr Martin Barnes is President of the Association for Project Management, the professional body for project managers in the UK. Martin invented the classic Time/Cost/Quality triangle and a number of other project management techniques over the years. He is the originator of the New Engineering Contract, a system of contracts designed to facilitate and stimulate the use of modern project management across all the contributors to a project.

The agenda -

The provisional programme for the Symposium is set out overleaf

RSVP to Moray van Aardt to book your place for this event by 21 August 2009

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With co-sponsorship by: the Joint Civils Division of the ICE and SAICE together with leading South African construction companies.



Programme Tuesday 25 August 2009

12h30	Registration	Tea, coffee and a snack
13h00	Welcome & opening: Prof Yunus Ballim, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic)	
13h10	Keynote presentation and discussion: Developments in project management, and construction delivery in the United Kingdom <i>Dr Martin Barnes CBE, President of the Association for Project Management</i>	
	Questions, comments, issues	
14h35	A South African client perspective: The learning curve of Wits' R1billion capital projects programme and other project insights <i>Spencer Hodgson, Emannuel Prinsloo, Dr Ron Watermeyer, Dean Barnes (Wits Capital Projects Program),</i>	
15:00	Tea	
15h35	An industry perspective: Gautrain – a major project challenge <i>Jerome Govender, CEO, Bombela Concession Company</i>	
16h05	A developing country perspective: Issues we should not overlook <i>Dr Sean Phillips (Former Head of Department of Roads, Limpopo and COO, Department of Public Works)</i>	
16:30	Panel discussion chaired by Prof Raymond Nkado	
17:30	Drinks and snacks	

Wits post graduate researchers will seek to capture key ideas raised in discussion and provide feedback to participants, assisted by the Joint Civils Division of SAICE and ICE.

The Wits Construction Symposium has 3 aims:

- To stimulate fresh thinking through the inputs of international and local experts who have unique perspectives on construction and project delivery
- To enable delegates to share insights in how best practice is achieved in today's challenging project environment
- To capture lessons, stimulate relevant research and create an on-going platform for moving from ideas to action.