

NI Technical Symposium 2013

Professional Development for Engineers, Scientists and Educators

DATE: Cape Town: 15 October 2013; Johannesburg: 22 October 2013

TIME: 08h30 to 17h00

COST: No Cost, free-of-charge

VENUE:

Cape Town: Protea Hotel Durbanville, 99 Jip de Jager Drive, Tyger Valley
Johannesburg: Vodacom Corporate Park, 082 Vodacom Boulevard, Midrand

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Eskom Expo for Young Scientists

Thanks to the sponsors of the special Hendrik van der Bijl Awards

Following EE Publishers' call for sponsors for the Hendrik van der Bijl Awards at the 2013 Eskom Expo for Young Scientists, we are pleased to advise that the value of the awards sponsored this year has been increased from R44 000 in 2012 to R115 000+ in 2013.

A special thanks to all the sponsors listed below, and in particular to Dr. **Stafford Smithies** of Victor Solomon & Associates, **Hans van de Groenendaal** of EE Publishers, and the **Hendrik van der Bijl Awards Organisers** for their sterling efforts.

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The **2013 Eskom Expo for Young Scientists** national finals are held this week from 25 to 28 September at the Birchwood Hotel in Boksburg . Presentation of the Special Awards will take place at a Dinner and Special Awards Ceremony on Friday 27 September from 17h30 to 21h00, with the main Prize Giving and Lunch taking place on Saturday 28 September from 09h00 to 13h45.

BACKGROUND

Supporting the annual **Eskom Expo for Young Scientists** is far more than spending a few thousand rand from the corporate social investment budget - it is an investment in the development of skills to support the future of South Africa.

More than 60 000 learners from schools in 26 regions around the country submit their science projects at the regional Expos, demonstrating their research, design, entrepreneurship, innovation and inventiveness. Then, over a thousand learners participate in the national finals.

Gold, silver and bronze medals are awarded at the regional and national finals. A number of special awards also recognise outstanding projects, and selected learners are also offered the opportunity to participate in international science fairs.

The special **Hendrik van de Bijl Awards** are broad-based, with awards available for all aspects of science, technology, engineering mathematics and innovation exhibited at the Expo.

To simplify the handling of award funds, **EE Publishers** administers the financial aspects of the awards programme, and in addition **EE Publishers** provides three Special Awards for the best entries from township and rural schools, and from young women.