

ICEE / ICIT 2013 Cape Town
iNEER Tribute to Nelson Mandela, and
Progress Reports on Day 1 and Day 2 Events (Dec 9 & 10, 2013)
Sent by e-mails to Win Aung, Secretary-General, iNEER, Potomac, MD, U.S.A.

Tribute to Nelson Mandela
December 7, 2013, 1:44 AM (EST – U.S.A.)

TO:

Professor L.V. Mazwi-Tanga, Rector
Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Host of ICEE / ICIT 2013 Conference
Cape Town, South Africa

CC:

Professor Bennett Alexander
Head, Department of Information Technology

Professor Nico Beute
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Cape Peninsula University of Technology
Cape Town, South Africa

Dear Professor Mazwi-Tanga:

On the eve of the opening of the ICEE/ICIT 2013 Conference in Cape Town, we join you in mourning the passing of Nelson Mandela. On behalf of the iNEER Board, we extend to you and the entire Cape Peninsula University of Technology community, our heartfelt condolences on the death of your great leader, Nelson Mandela. A symbol of reconciliation and freedom, he was respected and beloved around the world. He fought against racial inequality and injustice, and created a democratic South Africa. For his work, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize which he richly deserved.

As we mourn his death, we salute his legacy and his vision.

Sincerely,

Tomas Cermak
Chair, iNEER Board
Rector Emeritus
VSB Technical University of Ostrava
Ostrava, Czech Republic

Win Aung
Secretary General
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Potomac, MD, USA

Progress Report 1
December 9, 2013, 1:12 AM (EST – U.S.A.)

Good morning Win,

Thank you for your tribute to Nelson Mandela [see below]. I will give due acknowledgement of this at the opening session this morning.

I am really sorry that you were unable to make the trip to Cape Town. I trust that you and your wife are in good health. We will certainly miss you at our conference.

Our opening event last night went well and was well attended. The audience was highly appreciative of the event which also honored the memory of Nelson Mandela. Prof Anthony Staak delivered a really good speech in contextualizing our conference. Perhaps his speech should be published on the conference site.

I look forward to a good conference. I'll keep you posted.

Regards,

Bennett.

Sent from my iPad

Prof Bennett Alexander
ICEE / ICIT General Chair
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Progress Report 2
December 9, 2013, 07:03 (EST - U.S.A.)

Dear Win,

We did have our first function this evening – it went well – everyone enjoyed the beautiful seaside surroundings of our Hotel school in Granger Bay and many were glad to meet old friends as well as new friends for many!!

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Progress Report 3
December 10, 2013, 4:56 AM (EST – U.S.A))

Good day Win,

Day 2 was good. The VC, Prof Tanga, delivered the Welcome which happened to be her last official action for the university since she's retired as of tomorrow. The passing of Nelson Mandela was of course ever present through the VC's presentation and all the keynotes for the rest of the day.

Radim Farana delivered a really warm and engaging address on behalf of iNEER. He showed several photographs from previous conferences which I believe helped the audience appreciate the iNEER "culture".

Dr Harold Wesso of our National Department of Communication delivered a very competent keynote which was well received by all delegates but especially the South African and African delegates.

Mugendi M'Rithaa's presentation similarly directly informed ICT as an essential aspect of sustainable development in the modern era. His presentation was visually very appealing.

The three industry keynotes by CISCO, Microsoft and Oracle were very informative and indeed highlighted the need for urgent public-private partnerships to support the serious (global) shortage of appropriately skilled ICT human resources.

The evening social programme too was good. The Higher Education ICT Association HEICTA hosted the event at the Two Oceans Aquarium. PK Ramdeyal delivered an invitation on behalf of HEICTA for collaboration and proposed an ongoing association with iNEER. CPUT's DVC Research and Innovation, similarly, extended an open invitation for continued engagement. He proposed that we explore collaboration around specific research areas at today's Rector's Forum.

Regards,

Bennett.

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