

## **PIESA Board Changes:**

We say farewell to one, and welcome two new Board Members:

### **ZESCO**

On 28 March 2006, the Secretariat was informed by Mr Musonda A. Chibulu that Mr Alvin Monga, the Director - Engineering Development of ZESCO, is the new ZESCO PIESEA Board Member.

Mr Chibulu had served on the Board for the last four years, and we would like extend to him our heartfelt appreciation for his very valuable contributions to PIESEA's development.

### **LEC**

On 24 March 2006, the Secretariat was informed that Mr Gerrard S. Lehloenya, the Engineering Director of LEC, has replaced the late Mr Simon Mhaville as LEC's PIESEA Board Member.

## **PIESA Working Groups Changes:**

Many changes suddenly occurred during this quarter:

In order to align with responsibilities of the Working Group members in PIESEA, ZESCO has revised its list representatives to fall in line with their functions in ZESCO, and this has introduced some changes in Working Group representation.

The several other utilities, as well as the AMEU, have also notified a number of new representatives to the Working Groups.

We say farewell and 'thank you' to those who have left after often several years of contribution to their Working Groups.

We welcome the new Working Group members and hope that they are being briefed by their respective Convenors so as to enable their full participation in the forthcoming meetings.

### **Environmental Working Group**

On 24 March 2006, the Secretariat was informed that LEC's new representative is Ms. Keneiloe Molapo. She is already becoming actively involved and has been in

communication with other members of this Working Group.

On 30 March 2006 Tony Dold confirmed that he is the AMEU's representative in this Working Group. (Apparently, he was previously incorrectly included as a participant of the Power System Analysis Working Group).

### **Power System Analysis Working Group**

On 27 March 2006 the Secretariat was informed that Mr Vusi Sithole has replaced Mr Innocent Sigwebela as Eskom's representative.

On 30 March 2006 the Secretariat was informed that Mr Erastus Kiruja has replaced Dr Humphrey Ndwiga as KPLC's representative.

On 3 April 2006 the Secretariat was informed that Mr Dykman William is the AMEU's representative.

On 6 April 2006 the Secretariat received the news that Mr. Julius Kampamba of ZESCO has replaced Mr Aaron Nyirenda, and will continue as Convenor until otherwise decided by the Working Group.

Mr Aaron Nyirenda had served as Convenor of this Working Group for the past four years, and we would like express our heartfelt appreciation for his dedication to the Working Group's progress during his tenure.

### **Standardisation Working Group**

On 3 April 2006 the Secretariat was informed that Mr Wienand Roy is now the AMEU's representative.

### **Revenue Working Group**

On 3 April 2006 the Secretariat was informed that Mr Fred Fryer is now the AMEU's representative.

On 4 April 2006, the Secretariat was informed that Mr Christopher Mubemba would be ZESCO's new representative.

### **Electrification Working Group**

On 3 April 2006 the Secretariat was informed that Mr Stephen Delpont is now the AMEU's representative.

On 4 April 2006, the Secretariat was informed that Mr Kennedy Sichone would be ZESCO's new representative.

### **PIESA Secretariat News:**

#### ***DIGSILENT training***

The Secretariat has obtained quotations for two options for the repeat of the course on the Protection of Power Distribution Systems. These will be discussed in the April 2006 meetings.

#### ***Diary of PIESA events***

The diary has been posted on the website. However, only the Environmental Working Group's meetings planned for April 2006 could be included as, despite repeated requests, no other information has been received by the Secretariat.

#### ***New Affiliates?***

We await the decision of the Board of Directors of Landis and Gyr who were invited in February 2006 to join the growing number of PIESA Affiliates.

In March 2006 a similar invitation was made to Arup.

The PIESA Secretariat is following up with both of the above.

#### ***Communication with Members***

The Secretariat would like to keep you informed about all relevant news and events, but, despite our requests for updated information, we find that half of your e-mail addresses and fax numbers are superseded. We again appeal to you to notify the Secretariat with your current contact details! This is especially important now that so many changes have occurred during this last quarter in Board as well as in Working Group membership.

#### ***PIESA Web Site: <http://www.piesa.com>***

The user ID is available will be notified during the April meetings in Nairobi.

The following have been submitted and should be in the process of being loaded onto the website:

- o Papers presented in the Cigré Colloquium By PIESA Working Groups;
- o Diary of PIESA Meetings and Events; and
- o Newsletters No 3 and 4.

### **Forthcoming PIESA events:**

#### ***PIESA AGM, Board Meeting, and Joint Board and Working Groups Meetings: 24–26 April 2006***

This is a very final reminder to all of you regarding the forthcoming AGM, Board Meeting (meeting No.19) and Joint Board and Working Groups Meeting to be held in Nairobi, where our host will be KPLC. The invitation was sent by e-mail as well as telefax on 24 March 2006 by Judi Koncz / Kearabetswe Mokoene - on behalf of the Secretariat. If you have not already replied to the numerous communications regarding the event, please do so by return. Attachments to the invitation included an accommodation booking form.

The meetings will be held at the Sarova Panafric Hotel, Nairobi. The hotel offers modern conference facilities including new syndicate rooms, a poolside restaurant and bar set amidst the beautifully landscaped gardens, a 'brasserie' and bar with a panoramic view of Nairobi.



The hotel has newly refurbished superior rooms, and the PIESA Secretariat has secured a 'block' booking for participants in Board and Working Group meetings. Highly favourable rates were obtained by KPLC, but these rates are dependent on the 'block' booking being confirmed by latest 20 April 2006. Therefore, it is very important that you confirm your attendance to the PIESA Secretariat by completing the booking form, and returning it as soon as possible to Kearabetswe Mokoene, by fax to +2711 803 7019 or e-mail [kearabetswe@sad-elec.com](mailto:kearabetswe@sad-elec.com) or [secretariat@piesa.com](mailto:secretariat@piesa.com).

## **Programme of Activities**

An overview of the programme of activities is as follows:

1. On Monday 24 April 2006, the individual Working Groups will each hold a whole day meeting in order for each Working Group to prepare its half-yearly Progress Report (covering the period October 2005-April 2006), as well as its 2-year Business Plan (i.e. April 2006-March 2008). To provide input to this activity, the PIESA 2005-2006 three year (rolling) Strategic Business Plan, approved by the PIESA Board in October 2005, was distributed by the Secretariat to all Members.

**A key item for discussion should be the conference theme and topics for the 2007 IERE Africa Forum. Each Working Group will be required to submit at least two suggestions for deliberation and decision by the Board at its meeting on the following day.**

2. A dinner is being arranged for 24 April 2006 for all Board and Working Groups participants.
3. The Annual General Meeting will be held on the morning of Tuesday 25 April 2006.
4. The Board meeting will be held on the morning of Tuesday 25 April 2006.
5. In the afternoon of Tuesday 25 April 2006, each Working Group will present its Progress Report and Business Plan to the Joint Meeting of the Board and Working Groups. (During the morning, facilities will be available for Working Groups to finalise their presentations for the afternoon).
6. Visits to installations and/or other places of interest arranged by our host - KPLC.
7. Some Working Groups will also meet on Thursday 27 April 2006: this has been indicated by the Environmental Working Group, but it is very likely that other Working Groups will wish to do the same.

## **Other News:**

### **African Utility Week 2006**

The "African Utility Week 2006 Conference and Exhibition" will be held 8-12 May 2006 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: Rue Limekhaya, Registrations Manager, [rue@spintelligent.com](mailto:rue@spintelligent.com).

## **Energy for Africa**

A conference on Energy for Africa - Powering Africa through Sustainable Energy, will take place on 15-17 May 2006 at the Park Hyatt, Johannesburg, South Africa. This event will address vital issues such as:

- The importance of Energy Planning in Africa.
- Promotion of RE (Renewable Energy) and EE (Energy Efficiency).
- Effective utilisation of renewable resources.
- Recognition of the importance of Research and Development (R&D) programmes to promote alternative energy in Africa.

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## **EURELECTRIC**

The EURELECTRIC Annual Convention and Conference will be held 12-13 June 2006 in Oslo, Norway. The key focus for the Convention will be "The Role and Benefits of Electricity to Society".

Refer: <http://www.eurelectric.org/oslo2006>.

## **IERE**

The next IERE 2006 North America Workshop will be held on 24-26 July, 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. The Key word for the Workshop will be "Pathways to Advanced Transmission & Distribution Systems."

Refer: <http://www-iere.dcc.co.jp/>

## **Message from the Editor:**

Please forward anything that you want to share to the PIESA Secretariat so that we can include it in the next edition of your Newsletter.

News of interest to all members also include: organisational changes, project developments, legislative or regulatory matters, tariffs and pricing modifications, etc.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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