Outgoing APETT President’s Message

As I leave my office as President of APETT, I would like to thank the Executive Council (2015-2016) for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that all tasks and duties were completed as assigned. Their unwavering support was tremendous and they truly operated as professionals in every aspect of their respective duties and functions.

A special mention must be made to Eng. Fazir Khan, Eng. Roger Chan Soo and Eng. Kester Gabriel for their timely interventions and thorough pursuits in bringing matters to a conclusion. Also, I must express my thanks to Ms. Noreen Mitchell, our Office Manager, who continued to play an integral part in this year’s operation, in the coordination and dissemination of information and correspondence to Council members and the wider membership.

I am of the opinion that our objectives as set for this year, was achieved in the majority. Our Electrical, Chemical and Mechanical Divisions were quite active this year. It is hoped that the Civil Division would be more proactive in the coming year. It is without doubt that the Chair of the Electrical Division, Eng. Kester Gabriel, performed with excellence. Eng. Kester Gabriel also took the responsibility with his team, in the successful updating of APETT’s website. There was also a very special occasion in APETT’s history in the establishment of a Tobago Division, which is currently chaired by Eng. Telshon Mc Wellington.

We have continued with the momentum led by Past President, Eng. Hayden Furlonge, in strengthening our ties with other Engineering Societies and Institutions. During this term in office, APETT established agreements with the International Society of Automation (ISA), Institution of Chemical Engineers (IChemE) and the Government Human Resource Services Company Limited (GHRS). This trend is continuing and we are soon to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the respective societies; Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), National Energy Skills Centre (NESC), Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), as partners in our collaboration drive.

As stated previously, the intention is not merely to enter into collaborations with these societies and institutions, but to realise the end benefits to our membership, especially in training, knowledge and advancement of their careers.

Our ATC 2015 was a success through the hard work and commitment of Eng. Fazir Khan and his committee and we anticipate an equally successful ATC 2016 led by Eng. Chris Maharaj. The Honors and Awards Dinner 2015 was again a sold out event and on these occasions, it is always commendable on APETT’s part to recognise and justly reward Engineers for their outstanding service to Trinidad and Tobago and other countries.

Apart from Eng. Fazir Khan’s many functions and participation in APETT’s activities throughout the year, he must be commended, together with his Committee, in finally bringing into reality the revised 2015 Conditions of Engagement (CoE). This revised CoE can be now found on APETT’s website.

Through this medium, the Professionals Engineering Newsletter (PEN), led by Eng. Chris Maharaj and his committee have brought significant awareness to members of APETT and throughout and the PEN also has been a key instrument in propelling our Association to greater strengths. We also acknowledge the time and commitment of Professor Kit Fai Pun, for his work in the review and publication of the Journal of APETT (JAPE) and we sincerely thank him.

As I end, I must extend my gratitude to all those who have assisted me throughout my term in office and in achieving our goals and objectives.

I extend to our next President, Eng. Fazir Khan and his new Executive Council, my very best wishes for a successful 2016/2017 term.

Eng. Neil Dookie