



South African Wood Preservers Association

SAWPA MARCH 2025 REGIONAL MEETINGS

Please note the dates and times for the 1st round of SAWPA regional meetings as given below. The SAWPA regional meetings are a platform where report back and discussion takes place on matters that effect the preservative treated timber industry, and members are encouraged to make the time and effort to attend.

Regional Meeting Schedule – March 2025

Table with 3 columns: Province, Date and Time, and Venue. Rows include Mpumalanga, Western Cape, KZN, Limpopo, Southern/Eastern Cape, and Gauteng.

Kindly ensure to RSVP with Nellie at admin@sawpa.co.za at least a week prior to the meeting dates given as this will assist in finalising sufficient seating and meal arrangements.

NRCS LEVY RETURNS FOR PERIOD 2024B

Members are reminded that the submission and payment of NRCS levies for preservative treated timber volumes, produced for period 24B (1 July to 31 December 2024), was due by the 31st of January 2025.

APPLICATION FOR PEST CONTROL OPERATOR REGISTRATION

At the time of writing this newsletter, 40% of members submitted their applications through SAWPA to DALRRD. It is likely that some may have submitted theirs directly to the department and we trust that the applications are complete and in line with the criteria as shared with you towards the end of last year.

problems in completing the form or collecting supporting documentation, please contact us so that we can try and assist.

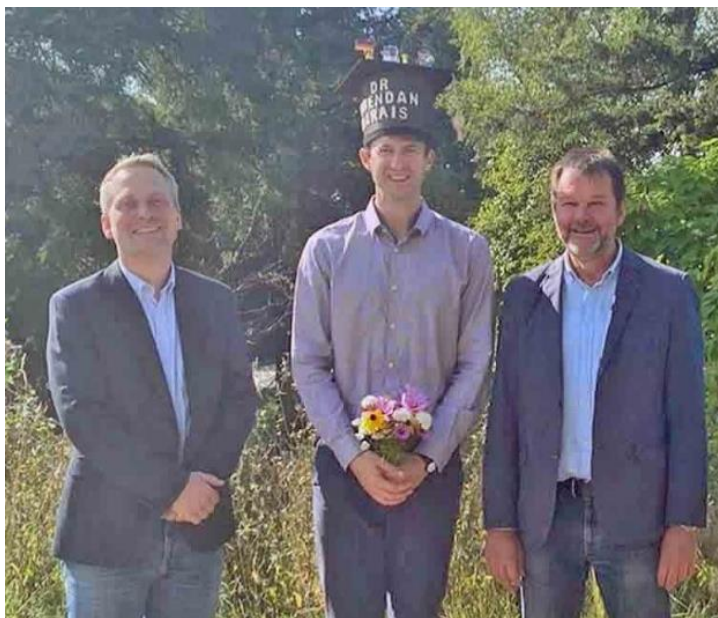
It's important to remember that the application form must be the original one (i.e. the edited version for Wood Preservation as sent to you), completed by you, with the included declaration signed in the presence of a commissioner of oath, and accompanied by the originally certified copies of all supporting documents listed below, i.e. not photocopies of such.

- ID document of management representative that completed the form,
- Valid certification permit/s issued by your appointed certification body,
- Page 1 of the schedule/s to permit/s that specify your company details, the treatment standards, preservative chemicals, H classes and processes certified to, etc. and
- the NRCS Letter of Authority (LOA) containing information that is in line with the information given on the certification permit/s and schedule/s.

Please note that in addition to the above the proof of payment of the application fee must accompany your application. Kindly scan all the documentation and email it to us for verification of completeness, before sending the original pack to SAWPA's offices by courier.

## INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Recently, Brendan Marais successfully defended his doctoral theses at the University of Göttingen. Brendan's thesis was supervised by Prof. Dr. Christian Brischke and Prof. Dr. Holger Militz and titled "Modelling in-ground wood decay towards definition of the role of biotic and abiotic factors in wood durability". SAWPA would like to congratulate Dr Brendan Marais on this outstanding achievement. We first reported on Brendan when he was a recipient of the Ron Cockroft Award and presented at IRG53 in Slovenia in 2022. Brendan as you can deduct, hails from South Africa and completed his BSc and MSc at Stellenbosch University, before furthering his PhD studies in Germany.



## IRG-WP ANNUAL MEETING

The IRG56 meeting of the International Research Group on Wood Protection will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 at the Pacifico Yokohama Convention centre in Yokohama, Japan. Members who may be interested in attending or just want to find out more about the planned meeting can visit the official IRG56 website <https://www.irg-wp.com/IRG56/>



**Yokohama, Japan**  
June 22-26, 2025

Regards

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