



OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA  
OPERASIONELE NAVORSINGSVERENIGING VAN SUID-AFRIKA

NUUSBRIEF  
NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARIE 1973  
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1. LIDMAATSKAP / MEMBERSHIP

Ons kondig met genoë die volgende nuwe lede aan:

We are glad to announce the following new members:

KORPORAAT / CORPORATE

Stewarts and Lloyds of S.A. Ltd

VOL / FULL

Prof. H. Linhart  
Prof. D.H. Jacobson  
G.L. Seals  
A.J. Davies

(Natal)  
(Jhb)  
(Sasolburg)  
(SWA)

MEDE / ASSOCIATE

C. Hewitt  
G. van Tonder  
K.J.H. Jager

(Jhb)  
(Wes-Kaap)  
(Wes-Kaap)

Die volgende lid se lidmaatskap het verander:

The membership status of the following member has changed:

VOL / FULL : D.C. Low

(SWA)

Die vereniging het met die volgende lede kontak verloor:

The society has lost contact with the following members:

G.A.P.J. Bucas  
 N. Harding  
 J.D. Kalwerisky  
 Mev. / Mrs E. Phillipson  
 A. Scabbia  
 E. Scholtz  
 B.K. Martus  
 M.M.C. Hood  
 E.S. Bennikos

## 2. KONGRES / CONFERENCE

Die 1972-Kongres wat gedurende November in die Blue Waters Hotel, Durban, gehou is, is deur 49 lede en 37 nie-lede bygewoon. Uit kommentaar tot dusver blyk dit asof die kongres uitstekend beskou word deur dié wat by Durban saamgekom het. Die opstelling van die kongresverrigtinge gaan nou voort en dié sal mettertyd verskyn.

The 1972 conference which was held during November in the Blue Waters Hotel, Durban, was attended by 49 members and 37 non-members. Comments made to date indicate that those present considered it an excellent conference. The proceedings are now in preparation and will be published in due course.

## 3. KENNISGEWINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Die uitvoerende komitee vir 1973 is soos volg:

The executive committee for 1973 is as follows:

President	: Dr. G.J. Rudolph	2-5366	(Pta)
Vise- / Vice-president	: Mnr. / Mr J. Miller	Caltex oil, Cape Town	
Sekretaris / Secretary	: Mnr. / Mr J.S. Wolvaardt	48-4800x371	(Pta)
Penningmeester / Treasurer	: Dr. A.P.L. Kotzé	3-9151x3057	(Pta)
Redakteur / Editor	: Mnr. / Mr T.J. Stewart	74-6011x3045	(Pta)
Oud- / Past-president	: Mnr. / Mr D. Masterson	836-5921	(Jhb)
Addisionele lede /	: Dr. J.S. Avidan	836-1101x209	(Jhb)
Additional members	Mnr. / Mr B.H. James	838-8111x2228	(Jhb)

Die tak-voorsitters wat ook ex-officio lede is van die uitvoerende komitee, word eers hierdie maand gekies.

The branch chairmen who are also ex-officio members of the executive committee, will only be chosen this month.

4. NOBS / NDMF

The NDMF are organizing a three-day seminar on "Operations Research Techniques for Management Accountants", an introduction to the techniques of O.R. and their application in accounting and finance. This is to be held on 20/21/22 February at the Crest Hotel, Berea, Johannesburg under the leadership of Dr Allan R. Drebin of the Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University, Illinois. Thus if you feel your commercial associates are unsympathetic with the O.R. approach, put them in contact with the NDMF, P.O. Box 31793, Braamfontein, Johannesburg (724-6321).

ORSSA will be jointly responsible with the NDMF for a three-day seminar to be conducted by Prof. Patrick Rivett of the University of Sussex on "Principles of Model Building for Decision Analysis". This is a seminar especially for O.R. specialists and will include an introduction to a new concept of utility theory. The orientation will be strongly practical and as many as possible are urged to attend. The seminar will be held in Johannesburg on 27/28/29 March 1973, and then repeated in Cape Town on 3/4/5 April 1973.

Prof. Rivett will also be conducting one day seminars for management entitled "Organizational Objectives", to be held as follows:

Johannesburg	26 March 1973
Durban	30 March 1973
Cape Town	2 April 1973.

Professor Rivett was for 10 years head of the operational research unit of the National Coal Board in Great Britain, and has been in charge of O.R. for an international accounting firm. He was appointed to the first chair of operational research in Great Britain at the University of Lancaster in 1963. Prof. Rivett is author and part author of a number of books in Statistics and O.R., and is generally recognized as one of the world's leading exponents of and authorities on O.R. in management. Anyone wishing to make personal contact with Prof. Rivett during his visit should contact Mr D. Masterson (Jhb: 836-5921).

With this background you should have no difficulty in justifying your attendance at the three-day seminar and your manager's at the one-day seminar.

5. NUUS VAN DIE TAKKE / CHAPTER NEWS

- (a) Johannesburg: An enjoyable cheese-and-wine party is reported by those who could attend on the 8th December (and presumably can remember!). The next meeting is to be the A.G.M. on Wednesday, 21st February at 8.00 pm in the Casa Mia Hotel.



This will not be all dry reports, however, as various members will be presenting 10-minute talks on different topics in O.R., especially aimed to promote discussion and controversy.

- (b) Pretoria: Die Pretoria-tak hou sy jaarvergadering op Donderdag, 22 Februarie om 7.30 nm by die Assembly Hotel, Van der Waltstraat. As spreker sal optree dr. G. Rudolph, president van ONSA, wat sal praat oor die toepassing van ON in die poskantoor. Ook op die agenda is die verkiesing van die nuwe takbestuur. Tee en verversings sal bedien word.