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

NEWSLETTER  
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1. OFFICIAL NOTICES/AMPTELIKE KENNISGEWINGS

1.1 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/JAARLIKSE ALGEMENE VERGADERING

In terms of Article 11.b of the Constitution of the Society, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Operations Research Society of South Africa will be held at the Rand Afrikaans University, Auckland Park during the afternoon of the first day of the Annual Conference, on 6 November 1975.

In terme van Artikel 11.b van die Grondwet van die Vereniging word hiermee kennis gegee dat die Jaarlikse Algemene Vergadering van die Operasionele Navorsingsvereniging van Suid-Afrika gehou sal word by die Randse Afrikaanse Universiteit, Auckland Park gedurende die namiddag van die eerste dag van die Jaarlikse Konferensie, op 6 November 1975.

M. ROBERTS  
SECRETARY/SEKRETARIS

1.2 NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/NOMINASIES VIR DIE UITVOERENDE KOMITEE

In terms of Article 9.b of the Constitution of the Society, nominations are hereby called for members of the Executive Committee for 1976. A nomination form is attached. In terms of Article 9.c, nominations must reach the Secretary before 23 October 1975 and must, in terms of Article 9.a, be signed by the nominee as well as the proposer and seconder.

In terme van Artikel 9.b van die Grondwet van die Vereniging word hiermee nominasies aangevra vir lede van die Uitvoerende Komitee vir 1976. 'n Nominasievorm word aangeheg. Nominasies moet in terme van Artikel 9.c die Sekretaris voor 23 Oktober 1975 bereik en moet in terme van Artikel 9.a onderteken wees deur die benoemde asook die voorsteller en sekondant.

M. ROBERTS  
SECRETARY/SEKRETARIS

2. MEMBERSHIP

We regret having to announce the resignation of Prof. H. Linhart of Durban. He is taking up a post in Germany and we wish him well in this new venture.

3. APCOM CONFERENCE 1975

The 1975 (the 13th) conference on the application of computers, mathematics and operations research for decision making in the mineral industry ("APCOM") is being held from 6-11 October in Clausthal, West Germany. Five of our members will be attending and delivering papers, viz.

Dr K. Lieberknecht and messrs. A. Davies, D. Low, M. Roberts and B. Smith. Bon Voyage!

4. CHAPTER NEWS/TAKNUUS

4.1 Western Cape/Weskaap

The Western Cape Chapter held an interesting and informative meeting at UCT on the 5th August. The meeting was addressed by Dr M. Kabut who spoke on Corporate Planning in South African industries. Dr Kabut based his talk on returns he had received from a questionnaire he had sent to a large number of major companies in South Africa.

He outlined eight aspects of corporate planning and showed to what extent these steps were performed in the companies cited. He also gave some interesting statistics on the number of O.R. techniques used by companies in their corporate planning activities. From the returns it was clearly seen that corporate planning was predominately under the control of financial departments and he felt that the OR responsibility should be increased.

4.2 Johannesburg

A meeting of the Johannesburg Chapter was held at the Sunnyside Park Hotel on Wednesday, 27th August. The meeting was addressed by P.F. v. B. de Jong and K.K. Lieberknecht of General Mining. Their topic was "PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE OPTIMISATION TECHNIQUE TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING OF A GOLD MINE". The meeting was attended by over 50 people, which demonstrates the high level of interest that there is in this subject.

The speaker explained how the investigation of alternative mining policies involves taking account of a large number of variables. They showed how a linear programming model had been developed using these variables. The model has a composite objective function which makes it possible to produce optimised long term mining plans. Examples were given of the use of the model as a simulation tool.

DIE AGENDA VIR DIE JAARLIKSE ALGEMENE VERGADERING, WAT PLAASVIND  
OP 6 NOVEMBER 1975, BY DIE RANDSE AFRIKAANSE UNIVERSITEIT, AUCKLAND PARK,  
IS SOOS VOLG:

1. Notule van die Algemene Vergadering van 1974.
2. Sake voortspruitend uit die notule.
3. Verslag van die president.
4. Finansiële verslag.
5. Verslag van die redakteur.
6. Verslae van die takke.
7. Verkiesing van die Uitvoerende Komitee.
8. Algemeen.

THE AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TO BE HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 1975,  
AT THE RAND AFRIKAANS UNIVERSITY, AUCKLAND PARK, IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 1974.
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
3. President's report.
4. Financial report.
5. Editor's report.
6. Reports of the Chapters.
7. Election of the Executive Committee.
8. General.

M. Roberts  
SEKRETARIS/SECRETARY

NOMINATION FORM/NOMINASIEVORM

	Nominee Benoemde	Proposer Voorsteller	Seconder Sekondant
Vice President/ Vise President	.....	.....	.....
Secretary/ Sekretaris	.....	.....	.....
Treasurer/ Peningmeester	.....	.....	.....
Editor/ Redakteur	.....	.....	.....
Elected Members/ Verkose Lede (1)	.....	.....	.....
(2)	.....	.....	.....

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