



*40 Years*  
*Supporting a clean and healthy environment*  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Waste management industry body celebrates 40 years**

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*Working towards a clean and healthy environment has been the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA's) main objective for the past 40 years. Over the past four decades, southern Africa has witnessed immense strides in the waste management arena. With the ongoing support of the IWMSA's committee and members, businesses and individuals are armed with the necessary information and skills to ensure that industry is aligned with national and international trends in waste management.*

Jan Palm, President of the IWMSA says, "It is a great achievement for the IWMSA to celebrate 40 years of making a positive change in the industry! This would most definitely not have been possible were it not for our members and the dedicated approach that they take to achieve proper, sustainable and cost-effective waste management practices; we would like to thank them for helping us reach such a milestone."

The IWMSA is continuously striving towards the protection of natural resources while promoting the value of waste as a resource. With the biennial waste management conference, WasteCon, the industry body aims to educate their members, private sector and government on proper waste management practices. The conference takes place from 17 to 21 October 2016 at Emperors Palace in Johannesburg. "We also offer accredited and IWMSA recognised courses throughout the year; training is one of our most important portfolios," mentions Palm.

Another exciting development in the waste management space, is the introduction of a new waste management supplier website – [allwastesolutions.co.za](http://allwastesolutions.co.za). The platform enables organisations and individuals to register their respective waste management products and services. Interested parties who require that particular service can locate organisations on the online platform. The platform is endorsed and recognised by the IWMSA.

"For the next two years, the IWMSA will continue to guide members in the waste management profession. We urge all interested parties to register for WasteCon 2016 where the changing landscape of the industry will be discussed and debated," concludes Palm.

The IWMSA is a non-profit organisation comprising a body of dedicated professionals in their respective fields, who give freely and voluntarily of their time and expertise in order to effectively educate, promote

and further the science and practice of waste management. For more information, visit: [www.iwmsa.co.za](http://www.iwmsa.co.za). The IWMSA is also on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter.

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