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Eastern Cape to host conference for a greener future

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The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA)'s Eastern Cape branch is looking forward to hosting their biennial conference on 10 September 2013 at The Boardwalk Conference Centre in Port Elizabeth. The conference theme is 'The Green Revolution' and will focus on how imperative it is to move to a greener future to save our planet.

According to the third National Waste Information Baseline Report, 108 million tonnes of waste was generated during 2011. An astounding 98 million tonnes was waste landfilled and only 10% of total waste was recycled.* The IWMSA's Eastern Cape branch will be hosting the conference in Port Elizabeth where representatives from industries across South Africa, as well as local and district municipalities, will share knowledge on feasible waste management solutions.

“The Green Revolution conference aims to educate, inform and create a platform for dialogue for all sectors on the increasing need to create a sustainable green future. It is a great opportunity for industry players to come together and share ideas and find solutions for the many waste related issues that impact on society and our environment,” comments Dr Suzan Oelofse, President of the IWMSA.

A variety of topics will be discussed during the conference such as policies and strategies on green procurement, by-laws, regulations that assist in changing mind-sets; waste minimization and recycling; E-waste; organic waste management; alternative energy; new technologies; hazardous waste and domestic waste management.

For more information on the Green Revolution Conference, visit www.iwmsa.co.za or call the Eastern Cape Branch Administrator, Shantelle Jonas on 043 733 8349. The IWMSA is also on Facebook www.facebook.com/iwmsa

* Source: *National Waste Information Baseline Report. 2012*

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About the IWMSA

The Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) is a multi-disciplinary non-profit association that is committed to supporting professional waste management practices.

Our organisation comprises of voluntary members who promote environmentally acceptable, cost effective and appropriate waste management practices. We strive towards the protection of the environment and people of Southern Africa from the adverse effects of poor waste management by supporting sustainable best practical environmental options.

We contribute to the improvement of waste management standards and legislation, support international, national and regional trends in best environmental practices; promote the science and technology of waste management and practice affordable cost effective management of waste. Education and training in the realm of effective and efficient waste management is also a key focus for us.

When the IWMSA was established over 30 years ago, it was the vision of the founders to provide South Africa with a clean and healthy environment. Today this is still the very core of the organisation.