

SAICE

Young Members Panel

The SAICE Young Members Panel (YMP) is a voluntary committee composed of young engineers from industry. The YMP seeks to unify civil engineering professionals, to encourage and ultimately standardise a culture of strict professional and ethical behaviour among all SAICE members.

YMP

Our Vision

To create an environment which encourages up-and-coming civil engineers and young engineers to develop a working relationship with SAICE through involvement, training opportunities and networking activities.

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Our Mission

- To service the expanding needs of young engineers and graduate engineers in the development of their careers
- To develop and support a culture of lifelong learning by assisting in providing and organising courses, aided by the SAICE Education and Training Panel
- To provide career guidance to secondary and tertiary educational institutions, by promoting the need for civil engineers through road shows and career guidance opportunities
- To provide a means for young and graduating engineers to share dedication, frustrations, concerns and achievements with others through the administration of social network facilities
- Encourage young engineers to get involved in local SAICE branches and branch activities, and encourage branches to create an atmosphere that accommodates and supports the needs and desires of the young and graduating engineers
- To assist the civil engineering industry in developing good young engineering professionals at an early stage in their careers
- To act as a catalyst for filling the wide generation gap in the civil engineering profession



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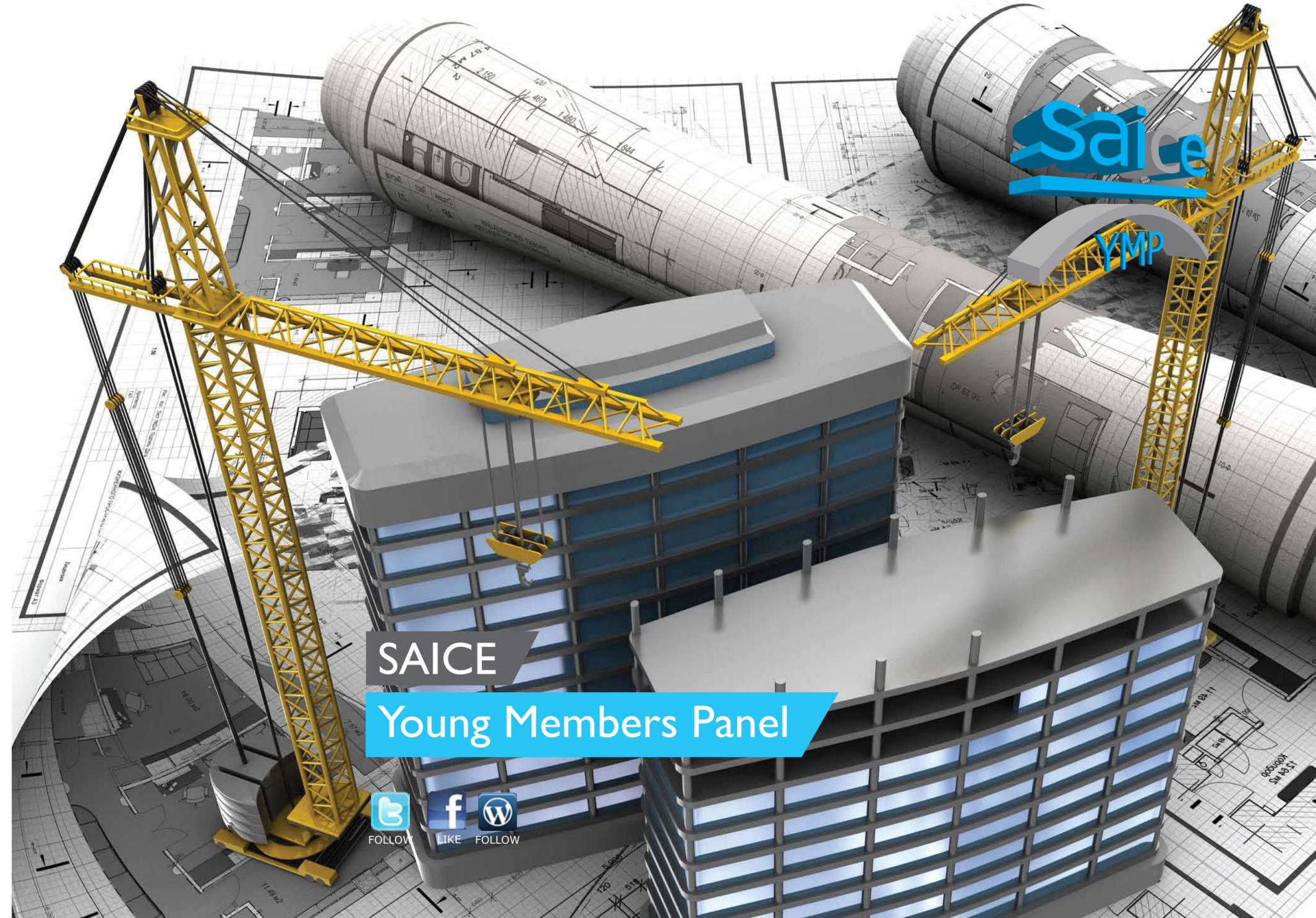
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History Behind The

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Due to insufficient involvement from young members under the age of 36, the SAICE Executive Board realised that a long-term succession strategy had to be adopted if SAICE was going to survive as an organisation. A platform to address such challenges was established when a group of young engineering professionals gathered at SAICE National Office, in Midrand, in 2007 with the focus being on the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) registration process.

On the 10th of July 2009 another youth workshop was held at SAICE National Office. This workshop was aimed at developing a platform for young engineering professionals and students to voice their needs and concerns, and advise how the Institution can best service its young members. The outcome of the workshop was the formation of the Young Members Panel (YMP) in 2010.

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Accomplishments

And Activities

EsorFranki Ethics and Anti-Corruption Roadshow

One of the most important accomplishments for the YMP was the success of the SAICE-EsorFranki ethics and anti-corruption roadshow, which debuted at the Engineering Planet Future Conference in 2010.

The roadshow, which was carried out around South Africa at most tertiary institutions offering programmes in civil engineering, reached many students and equipped them with the tools, skills and knowledge required for entry into the workplace on completion of a civil engineering qualification. Key areas addressed in the roadshow included professional registration, networking, furthering one's education, and the entertaining yet informative ethics and anti-corruption play presented by members of the YMP.

The YMP has not only touched the lives of South Africans, but through the Africa-UK partnership, the YMP was also able to extend its outreach into Africa. In 2011, the YMP was invited to present some topics of its roadshow at the Botswana Institute of Engineers' (BIE) 12th Biennial International Conference and Africa-UK Young Professionals Workshop. Delegates from around Africa attended the workshop where presentations were made that would see the continent as a whole gain by advances made in human and infrastructure development by young engineers.

The YMP roadshow also propagates an anti-corruption movement with a play called 'A Real-Life Reality Check', which is based on a movie called Ethicana. This film is the centrepiece production of the Anti-Corruption Education and Training Initiative (ACET), a consortium of 12 cooperating agencies, including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

SAICE Branch
- Meetings
- Site Visits
- Technical Meetings

Regional YMP
- Meetings
- Site Visits
- Technical Meetings
- Roadshows
(all organised for Young Engineers by Young Engineers)

Student Chapter
- Graduate from your Educational Institution
- Meetings
- Site Visits
- Technical Meetings
(all organised for Young Engineers by Young Engineers)

Student Member
- 1 year free SAICE membership
- Magazine and Technical Journal
- Newsletters
- Code of Practice

SAICE National Office
- 9 Divisions: Geotechnical, Transport etc
- Education & Training Panel
- International Panel
- Editorial & Journal Panels
- History & Heritage
- Communication & Outreach

SAICE National YMP



Regionalising

The SAICE

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As the YMP develops, the need for regional representation is becoming more apparent, purely to provide an on-the-ground approach to coordinating YMP efforts. The idea is not to create new panels as such, but purely to use the YMP banner regionally and operate in coordination with the relevant branch.

Student

Chapters

The SAICE Student Chapters are voluntary groupings of students from tertiary institutions where degrees or diplomas in civil engineering are offered. The role of the Student Chapter is to create unity by encouraging student involvement in the engineering world beyond the classroom. SAICE provides a backbone framework for this goal to be realised, by offering free student membership. It is also the role of the Student Chapter to facilitate the student members in terms of recruitment and social or professional involvement in civil engineering.

There is increasing interest and growth around the country. Student Chapters can be seen as SAICE's drive in reaching into the world of young professionals-in-training, prompting earlier involvement to further unify and standardise the civil engineering industry.

To inspire prestige in the profession there is no better place to start than at the bottom – the stage of pre-employment. Student Chapters hope to instil a sense of honour and belonging in the hearts of students, who are the civil engineers of the future.