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Chairperson's Thoughts:

Wow! It's October already! We are in the final leg of the race... especially for our students who have only the final exams outstanding!

This was indeed a crazy year with loads of changes and challenges. The life of a Packaging Technologist is never boring, forever stretching its borders, some physically and most mentally – touching on many cross functional business areas from Marketing, Procurement, Operations & Quality, to Suppliers, Sales and Distribution – both creative and foundational. This is why we focused mostly on our students so far this year, to give them a good foundation and sow the seeds for a passion in packaging.

Past Events:

Congratulations to our 2013 Diploma graduates: Noelene Jorgensen, Terryn Moss and Renier Janse van Rensburg. We celebrated their academic achievements in February already at the Chicken Braai at Valley Harvest.

Our biggest annual fundraiser, the Golf & Bowling day, was very successful in May and hosted at the PE Golf and Mill Park Bowling Clubs. The prize giving dinner was especially well presented and enjoyed by everyone. The factory visits for our students were well attended and proved to be valuable in contributing to their course material. A special word of thanks to companies in our local packaging industry who open their doors to our students.

IPSA Membership:

We have a total of 52 members in the EC, representing 23 different companies. Dave Louw from Baypac Pty (Ltd) holds the record for the longest continuous membership of 27years with IPSA EC. A well-deserved round of applause!

Did you know? IPSA offers a one year free membership to new members under 30 years of age, including the free monthly prescription to Packaging & Print Media.

Education:

11 students started our one-year Packaging Technology Diploma course. The program included 2 revision workshops, an assignment workshop and factory tours to Keypak, The Waste Trade Company, and Graymaur Plastics. The Assignment topic "Design for Recycle" deemed to be challenging for

most, but those who persisted did very well.



Upcoming Events:

Our National Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 21st October, alongside the Propak show in Cape Town.

Please diarize this date: Friday 7th November! Our annual IPSA Business Breakfast is in planning. The topic this year is: "Fre'kin Fracking and Sustainability". Further details to follow soon.

As we unwind, review and plan for next year, what better time to host an IPSA EC Music Quiz evening. Come network and join in the fun on Friday 28th November together with Triple M Music Productions. Individual and company team entries are most welcome.

Reader's Forum:

Thanks to Renier for designing the template for our revamped Newsletter which will be issued quarterly. Comments & Contributions from readers are welcome. Please send to: instpackec@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!