



THENSA

Technological Higher Education Network South Africa

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

GETTING INTO THE SWING OF THINGS

This month marks the start of two important events on the THENSA calendar. The first is the THENSA International Conference 2022, an event that has been two years in the making while the second is the HERESA Training Event which will see members gather together in-person for the first time since the inception of the European Union-funded project. Having watched the COVID-19 pandemic disrupt life as we knew it, we are grateful to have the opportunity to host these hybrid events. Not only will they allow us to share some of the lessons that we have learnt during these last two years, but it will also provide us the opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to the landscape for Higher Education in South Africa.

Hosted at Montecasino in Johannesburg from 16th to 18th March, the theme of the THENSA International Conference 2022 is “University, Business & Partnerships: A driver for 4IR Solutions Post COVID-19”. To ensure that South Africa adapts to the realities of the Fourth, even Fifth or Sixth Industrial Revolution, we believe that there is an urgent need for strong and dynamic partnerships between Higher Education, Business, Government and Civic Society. The purpose of the conference is to bring together speakers and representatives from the above-mentioned fields to discuss how we can devise and implement 4IR-driven solutions and policy to repair critical industries and economies. In addition, we also intend to unpack these solutions in the context of a climate crisis that demands for greater awareness and action around how we can innovate and disrupt industries and economies without harming the environment.

The HERESA Training Event will create a space for members to talk about themes arising out of the Appraisal Study which was conducted last year. From 21st to 24th March at The Premier Hotel in Umhlanga, members will not only have the chance to connect and meet each other face to face, but they will also be able to unpack and expand upon some of the discussions that have arisen in forums such as The HERESA Café sessions.

THENSA International Conference 2022

University, Business & Partnerships:
A driver for 4IR Solutions Post Covid-19.

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE!



UPDATES FROM THENSA

- Registrations for our International Conference 2022 are still open. Kindly click [here](#) to secure your place at this novel hybrid event. You can also view the draft programme [here](#). For more information, please consult our [website](#).
- Registrations for the HERESA Training Event are also still open. You can fill in this [Google Docs form](#) to book your place. For enquiries, kindly consult Ms Nadira Kercival (info1@thensa.co.za).

UPDATES FROM MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

- The Cape Peninsula University of Technology's (CPUT) Business Innovation and Incubation Centre was recently [awarded](#) a £100 000 (over R2 million) grant by the British Council of South Africa to create a sustainable business innovation and incubation technopreneurship infrastructure. This initiative will help graduates become venture creators and enhance their employability amidst the rapid changes of the impending Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).
- Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) is [proud](#) to announce that MUT Radio has been selected by Old Mutual to partner with IONO FM, an international podcasting platform, to run a financial literacy campaign that will stretch across 18 radio stations/podcast publishers and 27 stream and podcast channels.
- The National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIHSS) has [provided](#) a grant of R5.6 million to the Tshwane University of Technology's (TUT) Faculties of Humanities and Arts and Design. According to Dr Vathiswa Papu-Zamxaka, Deputy Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Engagement, R4 million of the grant will be allocated to the Faculty of Humanities while R1.6 million will be allocated to the Faculty of Arts and Design.
- Bongani Tshabalala, a Central University of Technology (CUT) graduate, [was](#) chosen as South Africa's National Award winner for the Sony World Photography Awards 2022. Tshabalala, who studied Mechanical Engineering, won the category for Portraiture despite being a self-taught photographer. The National Awards program is an initiative set up by the World Photography Organisation and Sony to support local photographic communities worldwide, with 61 countries taking part this year.
- In partnership with the eThekweni Municipality, the City of uMhlathuze Municipality and the International Education and Partnerships Directorate, the Durban University of Technology (DUT) [hosted](#) its inaugural International Conference on Sustainable Development via Microsoft Teams. The conference forms part of the DUT ENVISION2030, with the event bringing together a local and international mix of experts and participants.