

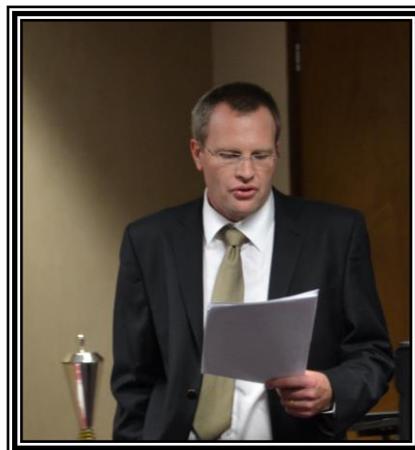
The SAIT 2012 Annual Dinner and Awards Evening.

On Friday evening, 4 May 2012, members of the SAIT gathered at the Wanderers Club in Illovo, Johannesburg. Gentle flute music greeted the guests as they arrived and chatted with friends and colleagues, then found their allocated seats.

SAIT President, John Fitton, opened the evening by welcoming everyone. The buffet dinner was declared open and a delicious meal was enjoyed.

Patrick Swan, long-standing Executive Committee Member and Past President, proposed a toast to the SAIT.

SAIT President, John Fitton



After the main course, Executive Committee

Member **Thomas Surman** introduced the **Guest Speaker, James Dalton**. James entertained the guests with tales of his early days in the Springbok Rugby team, telling tales of 'school boy' pranks during a tour in Wales, and of the elation of winning the World Cup in 1995. He spoke of how sportsmen are completely isolated from 'real' life, having their aeroplane and hotel bookings made for them, and their lives completely structured around

training sessions and matches. He began his career in rugby while the players were still considered amateurs and were not able to receive an official salary; to help make ends meet each player was surreptitiously handed a brown envelope containing cash after each game. Eventually, when they were formally employed and paid, they decided to ask for double the current amount, they were told, "If that's how much you want, you can all walk – new players will be recruited!" They immediately backed down – and a few weeks later, began receiving regular salaries of more than they had requested. Once he left the world of professional sports, and ventured into business on his own, he had some hard lessons to learn. "I think I only learnt about being a responsible adult since becoming a parent two years ago," he quipped.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to James's reminiscences.

Next came the annual Awards Ceremony, with John Fitton presenting the relevant shields and trophies to hard-working and committed tribologists:

The Louw Alberts Award is a floating trophy and certificate presented for an Outstanding Contribution to Tribology over the years. **Anil Mooloo** received this award in recognition of his expert specialist knowledge of lubrication and materials, his development and formulation of tribology products to combat wear and their application in the manufacturing, mining, agriculture and automotive industries. His son, **Yadhir**, accepted the award on his behalf.

Yadhir Mooloo accepting the **Louw Alberts Award** from **John Fitton**.





The Best Technical Achievement Award is an annual competition, with floating trophy, cheque and certificate, to recognise and reward outstanding achievements in the field of tribology. **Mr LF Barker and Prof PL de Vaal** shared this award for their joint entry “Reducing Power Consumption in Helical Gear Drives – A Case Study on Air Cooled Condenser Gearboxes at Matimba Power Station”.



The Best Technical Presentation Award is a floating trophy and certificate, awarded annually for the best technical presentation given at SAIT technical meetings, seminars and conferences. **Dr NDL (Danie) Burger** received this award for his paper entitled “Failure of Metal to Metal Total Hip Joint Replacements”, presented at Tribology 2011 on 5 April 2011.



SAIT Student Award, consists of a cheque and a certificate, given to both undergraduate and graduate winners of best final year poster projects. **Roxanne van der Merwe** of the University of the Witwatersrand received this award, Postgraduate 2011, for a masters degree in engineering – MSc.(Eng). “Friction and Sliding wear of WC-Co Inserts Containing Mixed Carbides (TiC, TaC, NbC).

Roxanne, her husband Johann and Les Barker

John Fitton thanked Gill Fuller, the SAIT Secretary, and her assistant, Isabel Bradley, for their hard work and dedication in keeping the SAIT running smoothly.

The dinner ended on a delicious note of dessert, coffee and good conversation.

John Fitton, Gill Fuller and Isabel Bradley

