

The South African Young Nuclear Professionals Society (SAYNPS)

The South African Young Nuclear Professionals Society (SAYNPS) is a registered non-profit organisation established in 2002 after the second biannual conference of the International Youth Nuclear Congress (IYNC) in Dae-Jung, South Korea. The society was established with the main objectives of promoting the South African nuclear industry both locally and internationally by ensuring effective and adequate participation of South African youth in nuclear related activities, educating youth about career opportunities within the nuclear industry, expose young nuclear professionals to other international nuclear professionals activities through participation in International fora, form part of the global network of young nuclear professionals and perform outreach campaigns aimed at informing the public about the importance of nuclear science and technology in the society. SAYNPs subscribes to the African Young Generation in Nuclear (AYGN) and the International Youth Nuclear Congress (IYNC). These international bodies were created to ensure that skills transfer and development is realized in the nuclear sector for Young Professionals so as to mitigate against the loss of highly experienced professionals when they retire. Over the years, SAYNPS membership has grown significantly. SAYNPS has also extended its membership to various universities offering nuclear and radiation sciences related curriculum (e.g. North West University, Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University, University of Limpopo, etc.). The aim is to extend the student chapters across institutions of higher learning with the country. As a non-profit organisation, SAYNPS achieves its mandate and its objectives through direct organisational and institutional support including availability of resources from stakeholders such as Eskom, South African Energy Corporation (NECSA), iThemba Labs (tLabs), Department of Minerals Resources and Energy (DMRE), the National Nuclear Regulator (NNR), National Radioactive Waste Disposal Institute (NRWDI), Nuclear Industry Association of South Africa (NIASA) and other stakeholders. Since 2002, SAYNPS continues to perform outreach activities at various schools and communities across the country.

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