

TRAINING COMMITTEE CLEARED THE HURDLES

SAPMA's Training and Education Committee had "many stumbling blocks and hurdles to clear" during the past year, the Committee chairman, Magan Soobramoney, reported at the SAPMA AGM.

However, much was achieved despite the difficulties. Magan reported that:

- SAPMA has formulated a new sales-related training course which covers all aspects of the technology training programme from modules 1 to 8 - without the complexities of the chemistry side. The CHIETA-accredited course is run over two days and offered at members' premises. Sales and admin staff receive tuition on various aspects of paint, terminology of paint, how paint is tested and what methods are used;
- SAPMA still has full accreditation through CHIETA also for the Raw Materials Preparation skills-based training which consists of eight unit standards;
- SAPMA has also recently received accreditation from the CETA (Construction SETA) for paint application training. This comprises two unit standards, with an additional four following application and review;
- A paint tint and match skills-based course was specifically developed for retail members; and
- Technology training is available to all members via distance learning through SAPMA or the British Coatings Federation (BCF). "Students will need to have a mentor in the office to assist them with the learning material, as well as the practical tests required for the relevant modules. The students will have access to the tutors via email or telephone," Magan explained.

He concluded: "I would like to encourage all SAPMA members to become more involved in the Training and Education committee. We would really appreciate your input and expertise."

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