



## **ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCHERS IN CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING (ARCOSH)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Origin**

Over a period, it became apparent that there are several researchers conducting construction safety, health, and well-being (SHW) related research on the African continent, due to, among other, papers being published, and personal approaches to collaborate.

A common challenge on the African continent is the lack of construction specific health and safety (H&S) legislation and regulations, as well as statistics. Furthermore, there is a lack of collaboration in terms of construction SHW research.

ARCOSH initiated research collaboration will contribute to the development of appropriate legislation, regulations and standards, promotion of appropriate construction SHW scholarship and practices, and appropriate accident, injury, and occupational disease (OD) statistics in Africa.

#### **Founding members**

The four founding members are:

- Dr Claire Deacon, Principal, Claire Deacon and Associates / Research Associate, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
- Prof Fidelis Emuze, Professor of Built Environment and HOD, Central University of Technology, South Africa
- Prof Theo Haupt, Research Professor: Engineering, Mangosuthu University of Technology, South Africa
- Prof John Smallwood, Professor of Construction Management, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa

#### **Establishment and evolution**

The first phase will entail the attraction of members, and the recording of their primary contact details, and research interests.

The second phase will include the staging of the inaugural conference in Cape Town, 3-4 June 2019, and an invitation to participate in a British Academy funded research project designed to investigate the state of CH&S legislative and regulatory frameworks in the SADC region.

#### **Membership**

Applications are invited from people conducting construction SHW research on the African continent. Applications must be sent to Prof John Smallwood: [john.smallwood@mandela.ac.za](mailto:john.smallwood@mandela.ac.za)

#### **Communication**

E-mail, a Facebook page, and a LinkedIn page will constitute the initial form of communication with members and the public, followed by the establishment of a web site, and the use of other social media.

Initially, documents can be accessed via: <http://construction.mandela.ac.za/ARCOSH>

#### **Newsletter**

An electronic newsletter will be produced quarterly.

**Dr Claire Deacon, Prof Fidelis Emuze, Prof Theo Haupt, and Prof John Smallwood**

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