

Abstract:

UNISEC-SA Local Chapter: Founding, Structure and Future

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In October 2014 South African universities and industry will lay the foundations for creating a cooperation structure to further the art of Satellite Engineering in South Africa for the foreseeable future. Currently the major role players providing satellite research and design services are Stellenbosch University, Cape Peninsula University of Technology and two satellite services companies. Other South African universities and national research institutions have expressed interest in participating in the South African Satellite Engineering Consortium effort. During the planned seminar in October, current satellite research and activities in the satellite field will be presented and showcased by students and attendees. This event will also provide the opportunity to establish UNISEC-SA, a Local Chapter of UNISEC Global. We will aim to create a steering committee, for UNISEC-SA, consisting of a representative from each of the founding members.

The presentation at the 2nd UNISEC Global meeting will report on the success of this event, basic information about the founding members, as well as the plans of UNISEC-SA for the future.