



proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology) is a sector of the NSTF representing about 40 professional and learned societies. This section shares news about members of the proSET sector.

- [Three free Computer Olympiads in 2020](#) Three free Computer Olympiads will take place this year: the Applications Olympiad for grades 7-12; Computer Talent Search for grades 4-12; and the Programming Olympiad for grades 7-12.

The organisers are keen to broaden the number of schools and learners taking part so as to interest tomorrow's entrepreneurs, leaders and scientists in creative problem solving. Willing teachers are key as they must do the extra work of motivating and registering for their learners to take part. Talent Search does not even require a computer. It is aimed at grades 4-12 and helps a teacher to develop computational thinking in the classroom. For more information read the [Computer Olympiad Newsletter](#).

- [The Entomological Society of Southern Africa \(ENTSOCSA\)](#) The winner of ENTSOCSA's August Rostrum photo competition was Paul Janse Van Rensburg from North-West University with his picture of *Catalebeda cuneilinae* (Lepidoptera, Lasiocampidae). See this image and many other fascinating ones of flying and creepy crawly creatures on the [website](#).
- [Southern African Society for Plant Pathology \(SASPP\)](#) In 2009, Prof John Mildenhall's deep passion for plant pathology prompted him to donate an amount of R50 000 to the SASPP to award commendable PhD students who focus on industrial applications in plant pathology. The money was invested, and the interest earned is used to finance the John Mildenhall Award at the biennial SASPP congress. At the 51st SASPP conference in 2019, Prof Mildenhall, formerly from the University of Fort Hare, announced that he is donating an additional R150 000 towards increasing the value of the original award. This very generous gesture will secure the SASPP's support for PhD students.
- [Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa](#) The January 2020 issue of [IMIESA](#), the official magazine of the Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa, is now available. Focusing on infrastructure development, maintenance, utilities management and service delivery, IMIESA reaches construction, service delivery, and industrial professionals in the infrastructure space.