



proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology) is a sector of the NSTF representing more than 40 professional and learned societies. This section shares news about [members](#)\* and introduces new members of the [proSET sector](#). *\*Note that this page will be updated on the new NSTF website to be launched soon. In the meantime visit the [current members](#)' page of the website for the full list of members, including proSET members.*

- **New member: South African Science Olympiad ([SASO](#))**

The introduction of Olympiads in science (and in many other learning areas) provides the above average and talented learners with greater challenges. While the questions are based on the knowledge gained, they also test other abilities such as understanding, analysis, problem-solving and values.

Science Olympiads (natural, life and physical sciences) were initiated under the auspices of SAASTE-KZN (South African Association Science and Technology Educators) in 1997 by a group of science lecturers at the then Springfield College of Education in Durban. These Olympiads were initiated as a means to improve the teaching and learning of the sciences at primary and secondary schools in KwaZulu-Natal.

From 2000, these Olympiads are being offered to learners throughout the country, in 10 grades and three learning areas. At present, Olympiads are offered to learners in: natural sciences for grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; life sciences for grades 10 and 11; and physical sciences for grades 10 and 11. Up to 18 000 learners have participated in these Olympiads annually.

- **Consulting Engineers South Africa ([CESA](#)) President calls on industry to step up for SA's economic recovery with 2022 theme: A call to service**

"We have the ability to rewrite the gloomy narrative which has dominated our lives in recent years – the pandemic and its challenges. We can overcome, we can recover. But we have a lot of work to do – as an industry we need to ask ourselves, where do we even begin?" This was the question posed by Olu Soluade, newly appointed president of CESA, at the Presidential Media Address hosted in Johannesburg on 3 February 2022. [Read more](#).

- **Entomological Society of SA ([ESSA](#)) newsletter available**

*Rostrum*, the newsletter of the ESSA, appears three times a year, in April, August and December, and provides information about people and happenings of interest to members of the Society. Click [here](#) to read the December 2021 issue.