



**A** SAIEA desk top calendar is in the process of being printed. Calendars will be available at the end of September 2004. The calendar will outline themes on Public Participation in EIA. You can request your copy of this calendar via e-mail to [gudrun.denker@saiea.com](mailto:gudrun.denker@saiea.com).

**B**uilding capacity: SAIEA is currently preparing a one-day training course for senior staff involved in the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP). Focus will be on the undertaking of social impact assessments and public participation, and to raise awareness regarding the possible impacts of power supply especially the construction and maintenance of power lines, in the southern African context. The course will take place in Swaziland in September.



**C**LEIAA: Delegates from all the sub-regions in Africa met in Accra, Ghana, to operationalize the pan-African network on EIA. A number of workshops have been held over the past two years on this subject. A common vision has emerged and a strong feeling of ownership has been achieved relating to Africa's Environmental Assessment and management capacity building strategy. The network has an all-inclusive approach and any groups or individuals interested in EA & management in Africa are welcome to participate in activities.

**D**rakensberg: IAIA South Africa's Annual National Conference to be held from 17-20 October 2004. The theme is "Southern African Environments: Growth or Bust?"

The four sub-themes that flow out of the topic are:

- Rights and responsibilities
- Accountability and reporting
- Competence and processes
- Economic costs and benefits

Come to this get-together and contribute your knowledge and opinions. Download your registration form here or visit the IAIAasa website for further details.



**E**I A guide & review: A variety of new guide & review contracts were secured in the last month. These include development, community based, tourism, energy as well as husbandry projects. The SAIEA South Africa office has increased our ability to offer prompt services to our clients in the region.

**F**ield research: Work is progressing on the research & compilation of case studies related to EA and public participation in the SADC region. Six case studies were identified, which are believed to provide a good range in 'size' of projects across a range of sectors. Case studies developed will be complete by mid September.

*All the above activities are underway and SAIEA welcomes your feedback!*