



## proSET Newsletter February 2016



*We are proud to present the first proSET newsletter!*

With a brand new NSTF website and the launch of the new-look NSTF newsletter for February 2016, it would not be right for proSET to be left behind!

There are a number of changes this year which we hope will work for you. Please send us your comments and suggestions for improvement. On [www.nstf.org.za](http://www.nstf.org.za) you will now find:

- **“proSET News” on the homepage** next to “NSTF News”. The news items will include regularly updated links to articles on **engineering, STEM education, and pure research in various disciplines**. Send us the news you want to share in this regard, and about your organisation, and events you’re hosting.
- **Information on proSET** as a unique sector within the NSTF “family” of organisations: <http://www.nstf.org.za/memberships/professional-bodies-proset/>
- The list of **proSET member organisations**

### Latest proSET news

Six proposals for funding were received for the current round of project funding proposals. The proSET committee has given careful consideration to them all. The NSTF office will be in touch with these organisations soon and will post news about the new grantees in this newsletter. The Call for Proposals for funding is now closed. Please watch your inbox for the next Call.

### The work done by proSET grantees

Grants were awarded to the following proSET member organisations in the past year:

[SAARMSTE](#), Southern African Association for Research in Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education – proSET made a contribution to SAARMSTE’s Research School in 2015 by funding the travel costs of an international facilitator – Dr Ravi Subramaniam from India. The Research School builds scarce skills in research for science, technology and mathematics education. The Research School was attended by a proSET Committee Member to welcome the facilitator and interact with the participants.

[SACI](#), South African Chemistry Institute – proSET made a contribution to SACI’s workshop for chemistry educators, again by funding the travel costs of an international expert – Dr Jerry Bell. The workshop was attended by a proSET Committee Member to welcome the facilitator and interact with the participants.

[SAME](#), South African Mathematics Foundation – proSET made a contribution towards a mathematics educator course on DVD, to be used for teacher training and distributed widely.

[SAICE](#), South African Institution for Civil Engineering – proSET made a contribution towards the manufacture of kits for the schools’ Water Competition ‘Aqualibrium’, which involves engineering and problem solving skills. This year’s competition was attended by two proSET committee members, and the gathering to announce the winning team was addressed on behalf of proSET.

*Watch this space!*

*proSET, the largest sector of the NSTF Membership, strives to make a difference through disbursements of funds and acting on behalf of professionals in science, engineering and technology.*

