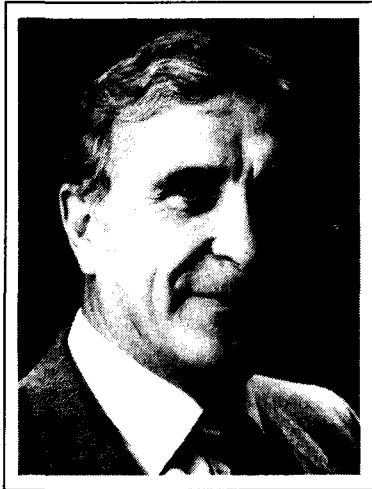


## **Annual General Meeting, Johannesburg Branch**



**Mr George Lee, new chairman of the Johannesburg Branch**

The Annual General Meeting of the Johannesburg Branch of The South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy was held at the Johannesburg Country Club on Tuesday, 21st July, 1992.

Gengold consulting Engineer, George Lee took over from Ken Greve as Chairman. The other members for 1992/93 are Karl van Gessel (Vice Chairman and Member of Council), Paul Brogan (Secretary), Ken Greve (Past Chairman), Peter Robinson, Roger Dixon, Don Milella, Clive Workman-Davies, Pat Willis, and James Allen.

SAIMM President Richard Beck congratulated Ken on his successful chairmanship and presented him with a set of Institute cuff links.

A highly informative presentation, 'Electricity generation in South Africa—The role of coal now and in the future', was made by two prominent representatives of Eskom: Ronald Coney, corporate technology strategy and policy manager, and Michael Deats, fuel and water manager.

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## **Big turnout at Lunchtime Lecture**

The re-introduction of Lunchtime Lectures by the Johannesburg Branch of the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy met with resounding success when more than 100 delegates packed the Standard Bank auditorium in Simmonds Street to hear Dr Zach de Beer, leader of the Democratic Party, give his views on the state of the nation.

Dr de Beer, whose theme was 'South Africa... Where now?', gave an insight into the trials and tribulations that led to the collapse of Codesa 2, as well as his impressions on how the various political parties, including the ANC and the PAC, saw their role in the future of the country. There were indications, he said, that fears of the nationalization of mining interests and the take over of private property were unfounded. He also said there was a growing consensus towards federalism.

Dr de Beer fielded a number of informed and intelligent questions from the floor. Mr George Lee, Chairman of the Johannesburg Branch, said later that he was delighted with

the turnout. 'It proves that, if you have the right speaker, the right subject, and the right timing, you will get a good response from members', he said. He added that more Lunchtime Lectures are planned.



**Mr George Lee and Dr Zach de Beer**