

# Technical Programme Recognition Function



**Keynote Speaker**  
Craig Parker

## KEYNOTE TOPIC: The Umoya story- innovation-creativity and new social enterprise model

**DATE:** 6 JULY 2023  
**TIME:** 17:00-19:00  
**VENUE:** Online via Zoom



The SAIMM will be hosting a Technical Programme, Recognition Function, on Thursday 6 July 2023. We invite you to join online to celebrate recognized members, organizers and sponsors and to network with thought leaders. It will be an afternoon of innovative thinking, and robust discussion lead by our keynote speaker. Individuals, volunteers, and organizations who generously sponsored our events for the past fiscal year will be acknowledged and celebrated at this event.

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### Agenda

The event will start at 17:00

- 17:00 Welcome
- 17:15 Keynote Speaker
- 18:00 Burning Industry Topics (a session to gain new topics and leaders)
- 18:30 Recognition Function (Organizers AND the Sponsors)
- 19:00 Closure

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### About the Keynote Speaker

Craig Parker is a dreamer who believes passionately that everyone should find and follow their dreams. He lives out his dream by working as an anaesthetist at the Frere State Hospital in East London. He started his career as a mechanical Engineer in the Rand Mines group then with Anglo Gold on the West Rand. He subsequently moved into the mining equipment world including 3 years up on the Copperbelt in Zambia before moving into consulting work and project management. After 20 years in the mining industry he decided that his dream could no longer wait and he found himself back at Wits medical school as he turned 40.

Covid provided an opportunity for Craig to put his Engineering background to work and much was accomplished by the group of volunteers that became Umoya and their oxygen mask solutions they developed for use during the pandemic. They now have a fully medical licenced social enterprise that continues to produce components for the masks as well as a growing compliment of other innovative medical devices designed for our low resource environment. As a social Enterprise, Umoya is fairly unique, especially in the world of medical device manufacture and distribution. The team believes that this is just the kind of model that may start to address the widening gap between those who can afford medical care and those dependent on the state. It's potential resonates beyond the healthcare industry and is it perhaps possible that it can be used to close similar gaps in the rest of our economic and social landscapes?

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