

FROM THE EDITOR ...

In a sense we depart from our normal procedures and format in this edition of the journal by focussing on the University of the Orange Free State's Department of Town and Regional Planning. Accordingly the submissions reflect the scope and interests of graduates and staff of the Planning School and form part of its celebrations on "coming of age".

Apart from celebrating 21 years of existence, this special edition is an appropriate way of recognizing, on his retirement, Professor Wally van Zyl's contribution, both in the School's birth and his leadership during its formative years and Professor Wim Botha's taking over the reins as Head of Department.

As we have all, over the years, learnt to know Wally, I am sure he will remain as active and productive as ever, even in "retirement" and to him, Wim and his colleagues, we extend our sincerest best wishes for the future.

On a less happy note, it is with regret that I must inform our readership that this will be the last edition of the journal to be issued under the auspices of the former South African Institute of Town and Regional Planners.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the former SAITRP for its financial support over the past fourteen years and to the Editorial Panel and others who have contributed by way of articles and the vetting thereof.

To Professor Danie Page who launched the journal in 1974 and to Charmagne Marais and Jolanda Morkel who more recently have shouldered the burden of looking after the myriad of things associated with its publication and which go on unseen behind the scenes, I extend a heartfelt thank you.

VAN DIE REDAKTEUR ...

Ons wyk effens af van ons gewone formaat en prosedures in hierdie uitgawe van die tydskrif, deur die kollig op die Universiteit van die Oranje-Vrystaat se Departement van Stads- en Streekbeplanning te fokus. Daarom weerspieël die voorleggings die omvang en belange van graduandi en personeel van die Beplanningskool en vorm dit deel van die herdenking van hul "mondigwording".

Benewens die herdenking van hul 21 jaar van bestaan, is hierdie spesiale uitgawe 'n toepaslike wyse om, ten tye van sy aftrede, professor Wally van Zyl se bydrae met die Skool se geboorte en sy leierskap tydens die Skool se wordingsjare, asook professor Wim Botha se oornome van die leiers as Hoof van die Departement, te erken.

Soos ons almal Wally oor die jare goed leer ken het, is ek seker sal hy net so aktief en produktief in sy aftrede bly as voorheen en ons wens vir hom, Wim en sy kollegas ons innigste beste wense vir die toekoms toe.

Op 'n minder vrolike noot, spyt dit my om ons leserskap mee te deel dat hierdie die laaste uitgawe van die tydskrif, uitgereik onder die vleuel van die destydse Suid-Afrikaanse Instituut vir Stads- en Streekbeplanners, sal wees.

Ek wil graag my innige dank aan die destydse SAISS betuig vir hul finansiële steun oor die afgelope veertien jaar asook aan die Redaksionele Paneel en talle ander wat bygedra het by wyse van artikels en in die keuring daarvan.

Aan professor Danie Page wat die tydskrif in 1974 geloods het en Charmagne Marais en Jolanda Morkel wat meer onlangs die swaar las van die talle dinge wat verband hou met die versorging van die tydskrif en wat ongesiens in die agtergrond aangaan, wil ek graag my hartlike dank uitspreek.