



The NOSA Schools Division was once again privileged to participate in and exhibit at the 2012 SABISA Conference held at the Mpekweni Beach Resort in the Eastern Cape between the 10th – 13th October 2012.

The Southern African Bursars of Independent Schools Association (SABISA) is a professional membership organisation for business managers and bursars at independent (private) schools.

Schools are becoming increasingly aware of the potential legal liability of not taking health and safety matters seriously and the need to actively manage

the risks associated with the full range of their various activities. Our exhibit and the conversations we were able to have with the delegates, generated considerable interest. We also used the opportunity to run a lucky draw for a hamper of NOSA goodies. Congratulations to Martha Seaton from St John's Bridge Nursery School on winning the hamper.



Paul Londal, Manager of the NOSA Schools System, was asked to participate in the break-a-way, "Brain Booster" sessions. He used the opportunity to explain to the delegates the benefits of their school adopting the NOSA Integrated Five Star System Standard for the Education Sector and becoming a "NOSA School". The NOSA School System, launched in July/August 2011 with more than 110 schools having been audited in terms of the standard so far, was used as a basis for Paul to discuss with delegates some of the areas that schools need to pay more attention to in ensuring they comply with relevant legal requirements. These included: The establishment of equipment inspection registers and control documents, the control of hazardous chemicals, signage, fire fighting equipment, evacuation procedures and first aid boxes, disposal of hazardous waste, contractor management and the need for schools to conduct formal risk assessments.

Other speakers at the Conference included:

- Peter van Kets – adrenaline-seeking adventurer par excellence who recently took part in the Scott-Amundsen Centenary Race to the South Pole.
- Candice Burt – Founder of the Plain Language Group of South Africa.
- Morag Phillips – Director of 21st Century Pay Solutions.
- Louise van Rhyn – CEO of Symphonia.



The Mpekweni Beach Resort, just south of East London on the Eastern Cape Coast, was an ideal setting for the Conference and provided delegates with an opportunity to enjoy the stunning views or an invigorating walk along the magnificent beaches during the breaks.