

Western Cape Branch Event – 26 May 2016

Members of INCOSE Western Cape were treated to a fascinating talk about Systems Engineering, Innovation and Leadership.

Held at the SKA auditorium, Pinelands, Dr Dietmar Winzker presented the “bigger picture” of Systems Engineering, playing its part together with Innovation and Leadership in the quest for delivering product excellence.

Presented with a rich, diverse and fascinating talk, guests were reminded of how “ticking the boxes” and “doing what we have always been doing” is not enough. This is where innovation and leadership comes in: Innovation to create new ways of doing it; leadership to implement and drive the change through. Dr Dietmar led the audience through a broad depiction of innovation, how it is defined by different cultures, how entrepreneurs make possible the impossible and how society enhances or destroys it. Leadership as opposed to mere management and organisation, was presented as the final piece of the puzzle. The key ingredient in a recipe for successful engineering of complex systems.

As a special treat, guests were guided through the new operating room for the Meerkat Telescope, on its way to become a world class instrument.

The evening was rounded off with stimulating conversation over a glass of wine and delectable snacks.

