

IPES welcomes new Members



Prime Minister delivering his keynote speech during the IPES Awards



Levaai Toremana receiving her Certificate from V.C Fui Asofou Soo

The Prime Minister has challenged new engineers to rise up to the occasion. In his keynote address during the IPES Awards ceremony, Hon Tuilaepa used the opportunity to tell of some anecdotes of past experiences he has had with some engineers. While one could see the fun side of the stories, there was no doubting the message the PM was trying to raise. Engineers need to be responsible and competent when making decisions. *“Don’t ever forget, others will be judging you. So make sure you take extreme care and apply the best of your knowledge and ability so that the work is to the required standard”*. He noted the amount of engineers who are registered with IPES and commented that the profession’s profile has grown with members of the public just like the other noted professions such as lawyers, accountants and doctors. All these professions have much to contribute to the well-being of Samoa. Amidst the laughter from some of the jokes he told, the Prime Minister then went on to congratulate those who were receiving their memberships in the ceremony. The Vice Chancellor of the university Afioga Fui Leapai Asofou Soo gave out the certificates.

Below is the full list of IPES members who were honoured in the ceremony

Chartered Professional Engineer (CPEng)

1. Ms Namulau’ulu Irasa Mauala Alafau (*Environmental*) – Samoa Water Authority
2. Tauilili Ekiumeni Oka Fauolo (*Mechanical*) – Samoa Water Authority
3. Toleafoa Douglas Creevey (*Electrical, Electronics & Telecommunications*) – Bluesky Samoa
4. Fuimaono Dominic Schwalger (*Mechanical*) – Samoa Water Authority
5. Papalii Lima Charlie Fruean (*Telecommunications & Internet Technology*) – Digicel Samoa

Three could not be present as they were overseas

1. Jason Yelds (*Software Systems*) – Schneider Electrics Australia Ltd
2. Gregory Phillips (*Electronics*) – Schneider Electrics Australia Ltd
3. Scott Christie (*Computer Engineering*) – Schneider Electrics Australia Ltd

Graduate Membership

1. Alao Petaia Tausanimaioanu (*Electrical & Electronics*) – Ministry of Commerce Industry & Labour
2. Verdun Alfred Betham (*Civil*) – OTT Transport
3. Ms Eiko Fuimaono (*Water*) – Samoa Water Authority
4. Ms Levaai Toremana (*Civil*) – Samoa Water Authority

Two could not be present as they were overseas

1. Ms Danira Westerlund (*Civil*) – Samoa Water Authority
2. Ericson Gabot (*Electronics*) – Schneider Electric Australia Ltd

Associate Membership

1. Ms Nola Tala'epā (*Water*) – Samoa Water Authority
2. Gatien Verriest (*Bioengineering*) – Samoa Water Authority
3. Albert Mikaele Fanene Schmidt (*Civil*) – Kew Consult - *absent*

There are 128 financial registered members with IPES, however 29 of them still need to send in their documents to the Council so their membership can be classified. Details of the three categories of membership can be found on the IPES website www.ipes.ws. Members and intending members should check the website regularly for updates on upcoming events and the latest news.



Fuimaono Dominic Schwalger receiving his CPEng