



SURFACE COATINGS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

BENEFITS of joining OCCA

What is OCCA and who are its members?

OCCA is a professional industry organisation whose members belong to the Coatings industry, such as:

- **Coatings Technologists:** Technical Managers, Lab Technicians and anyone else working in manufacturing of coatings such as paints, inks and related. They join OCCA for the educational and networking opportunities, and for discounts at certain industry events.
- **Company Owners** join OCCA for networking opportunities and to stay abreast with industry trends.
- **Buyers and Purchasing Managers** join OCCA for information on technical products, and for supplier information. In particular OCCA's Suppliers List, which lists all the suppliers of raw materials to the South African Coatings industry.
- **Supplier Company Owners and Representatives** benefit from OCCA's networking opportunities, where they get to meet customers and potential customers in an informal setting. Suppliers also need to make sure they are listed in OCCA's Suppliers List and that their contact details remain current. Suppliers often offer their overseas principals to speak at OCCA Webinars and Symposia, which is an excellent way to promote their companies and showcase new products.

Benefits

1. **Education and Information.** OCCA's main brief is to support ongoing technical education in the Coatings profession. This is done by arranging a programme of technical meetings and **webinars** as well as Mini Symposia and the bi-annual COATINGS FOR AFRICA event. We also support and promote the online training programmes of SAPMA (South African Manufacturer's Association), which can be found at www.sapma.org.za. OCCA members also get free access to three **journals** relevant to the Coatings industry. These journals are packed with industry news and articles on technical topics:
 - **SURFACE COATINGS INTERNATIONAL (SCI)**
 - **COATINGS SA**
 - **DMG journal linked to Coatings for Africa**
2. **Networking.** After our meetings and Symposia, we usually hold a social event where participants enjoy refreshments. These provide Networking opportunities to socialise with other industry professionals, suppliers, customers, colleagues and potential employers.
3. **Discounts.** OCCA members enjoy discounts for attending COATINGS FOR AFRICA and other paid events.

Members Area

OCCA SA members are able to log into the **Members Area** on both the SA and the UK OCCA websites, i.e. occasa.org.za and occa.org.uk. The Member's Areas contain useful information and technical resources, such as

1. The SURFACE COATINGS INTERNATIONAL (SCI) journal
2. Recorded Webinars on technical topics
3. Suppliers List of SA suppliers to the Coatings industry

To become a member of OCCA SA, you can find the membership form at www.occasa.org.za under MEMBERSHIP. Just complete and send it to the membership secretary for your region (details are on the form). We look forward to welcoming you as an OCCA member!