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Beeuwen Gerrys on “R&D led industry development” – increasing R&D and industrial activity

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From a fairly technical engineering presentation during the previous Gauteng meeting, to something completely different. Beeuwen Gerrys shared with us some insight into the way the Department of Science and Technology drives industry development through knowledge creation and utilisation. It is always good for us engineers and systems thinkers to gain some perspective on how our government aims to increase well-being and prosperity through science, technology and innovation.

Acknowledging the delayed impact of R&D, and the associated uncertainties, the DST has a number of instruments to help ensure promising R&D intensive projects are able to mature its technology and can be commercialised. The presentation gave an overview of how selected instruments, such as the emerging industries action plan, technology localisation programme and technology development grant are conceptualised and utilised to achieve the abovementioned goal.



We had a very healthy turn-out of 48 people and for once we seemed to get all the arrangements in order. Beeuwen even allowed us to upload his presentation to the chapter website. You can find it [here](#).



Our President, René Oosthuizen, was unfortunately called away at the last minute due to a family crisis, but fortunately Louis Lubbe, our Programmes Officer, skilfully took over proceedings. He managed to wrap up the introduction and information about INCOSE very quickly, giving Beeuwen plenty of time to enlighten us. Louis thanked Beeuwen and presented him with a bottle of port wine after the presentation. You can believe me when I say that René wanted to be there, but you can catch him at the next Gauteng event on 26 August 2015.

See you there!