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Dr Jan-Henk Boer (29 July 1949-25 June 2011†)

On 25 June 2011, Dr Jan-Henk Boer, one of SAIE’s diligent reviewers passed away after a short illness. At the time of his death Dr Boer was the Chief Executive Officer of Allwear (Newcastle, Natal), and served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Pretoria.

Dr Boer enrolled for the B Sc (Industrial Engineering) at the University of Pretoria in 1966. His undergraduate studies in Industrial Engineering were followed by an MBA (also at UP) which was conferred on him in 1974. In 1985 he completed the DBA degree at the University of Pretoria. The title of his thesis was “Organisation climate, narc-training and organisation performance in clothing manufacturing factories”. The thesis was completed under the supervision of Prof AB Boshoff of the Graduate School of Management at the University of Pretoria.

Dr Boer was employed by the National Productivity Institute for many years before taking up a management position in the manufacturing sector. He will be remembered as a staunch “oud-Tukkie”, not only through his involvement on the advisory board of the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering at the University of Pretoria, but also serving as a TuksAlumni Board member for many years and his involvement in the TuksAlumni branch in Newcastle, Natal.

Dr Boer leaves his wife and daughters and will be missed by all who knew him.