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the  
Date!

**TECHNOLOGY DAY**  
**8 November 2017**

**AFRICAN EXPLORATION  
SHOWCASE**  
**9 November 2017**

We invite applications to present your exploration projects at the 4th GSSA African Exploration Showcase.

The African Exploration Showcase is an opportunity to update the mining community with a selection of recent projects and developments. It is an ideal opportunity to share information about deposits that would hopefully add significant mineral economic value in the continent's pipeline. The audience includes prospectors, explorers, consultants, miners, financiers as well as media, and this is therefore a perfect opportunity to showcase exploration and mining projects in Africa.

The GSSA is also planning to have a panel discussion on the Implications of the Mining Charter on Exploration, if still applicable at that time.

If you are interested in showcasing your project, please submit to Noleen ([noleen@fastmail.fm](mailto:noleen@fastmail.fm)):

- a one-page abstract on the proposed presentation without disclosing any confidential information
- the presenter's summary CV or resumé

In addition, if you would like to sponsor the Technology Day and/or the Exploration Showcase Day, please also email Noleen and she will revert with further details.



*From the desk of Craig Smith*

As we head into the last quarter of 2017, the GSSA has commenced electronic distribution of the 2018 fees invoices. The average fee increase is five per cent, and as in previous years those who remit prior to year-end can do so at the 2017 rate. Fees for 2017 are still outstanding for some members; please remit as soon as you can.

There is now a signed Memorandum of Agreement with SACNASP with respect to Continuing Professional Development points systems that officially recognizes the system implemented by the GSSA for its members. More details will follow in due course.

The main event of the last few weeks has been the 11th International Kimberlite Conference, which was staged in Gaborone, Botswana from 18 – 22 September. There was a very strong technical program focused on kimberlite, diamond and mantle xenolith research; interested members are directed to the conference website at [http://11ikc.com/long\\_abstract/oral.htm](http://11ikc.com/long_abstract/oral.htm), where oral and poster abstracts are published. 330 delegates from nearly 30 countries attended, and it was encouraging to see participation from young scientists from around the world.

Please check the program in the upcoming Groundwater Division meeting at Spier in the Cape (14 – 18 October) at <http://www.gwd2017.com/>.



#### **Call for Fellow Nominations**

If there are Members you would like to nominate for Fellowship in 2017, please complete a nomination form and submit to [lully.govender@gssa.org.za](mailto:lully.govender@gssa.org.za). Review of applications by the Fellows Committee will commence in early October.

[Fellow Nomination Form](#)

## 2018 Membership Fees Schedule and Letter

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We are pleased to announce that the Geoheritage Portfolio was finally inaugurated into a separate division within the GSSA on September 27th. It is now called the 'GHSA' – the Geoheritage Division of the Geological Society of South Africa. Apart from its own name it has its own brand, constitution, vision & mission, agenda and membership base along with an independent financial and management structure (within the GSSA).

The 3 main office elected bearers are:

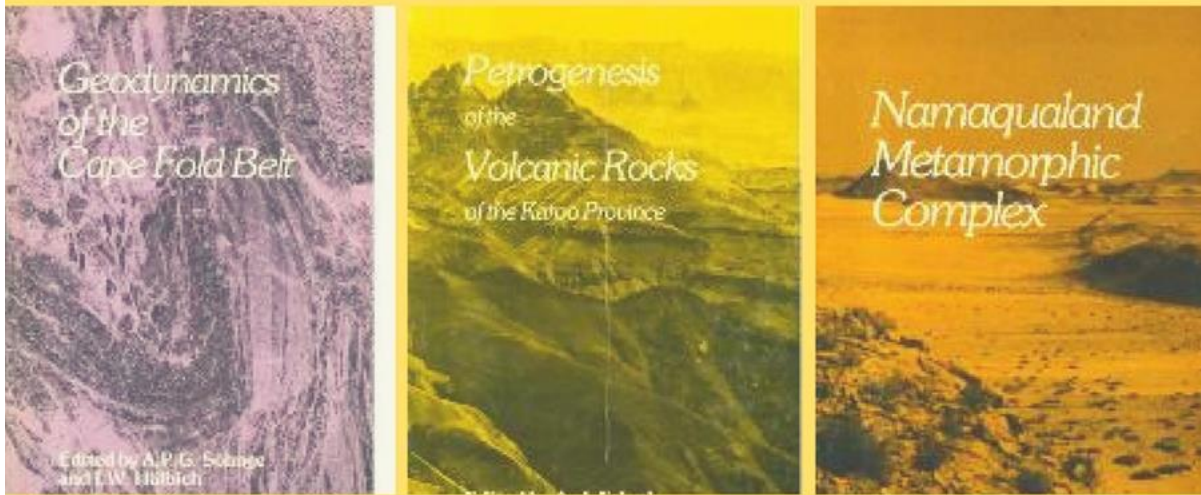
- Chairman / President – Genevieve Pearson
- Treasurer – Darren Tiddy
- Secretary – Mark Burnett

The next management meeting will be held in November at which time portfolios will be decided and champions nominated/elected.

Please email [geoheritage@gssa.org.za](mailto:geoheritage@gssa.org.za) if you would like to be included on the mailing list and/or wish to become a member of this division.

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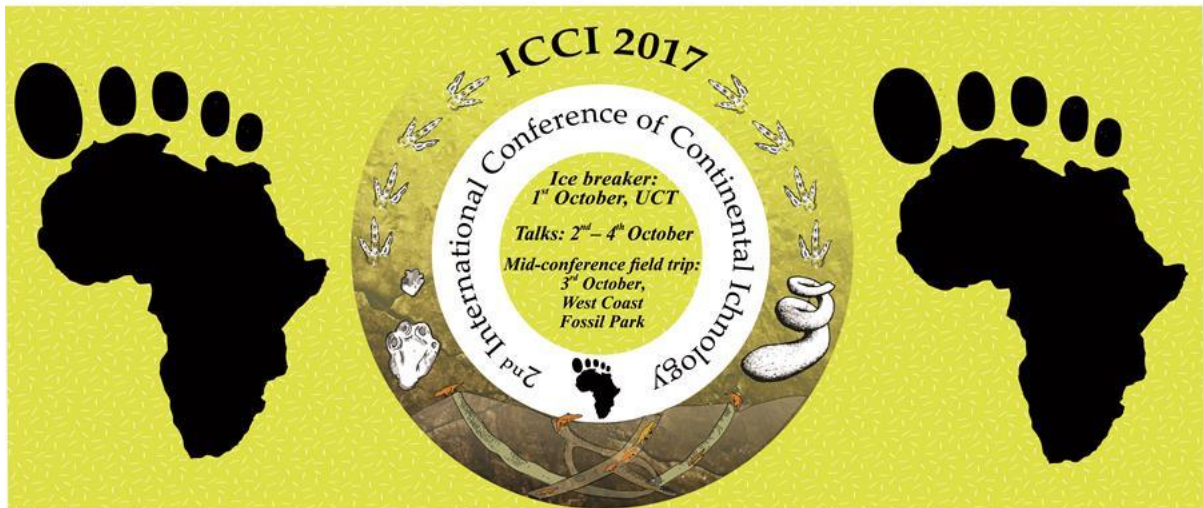
## UPCOMING EVENTS

27 October - REI Colloquium

8 November - Fellows Dinner

08-09 November - Technology  
Day and Exploration Showcase

[Calendar of Events](#)



## Environmental and Natural Sciences



### Short Course: Diamond Exploration and their Primary and Secondary Sources 24 - 27 October 2017

University of Pretoria (UP), Pretoria, South Africa  
Course leaders: Mike de Wit and John Bristow

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## 13th INTERNATIONAL PLATINUM SYMPOSIUM

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Saturday 30th June 2018 - Friday 6th July  
Ranch Hotel, Polokwane, South Africa

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## Igneous & Metamorphic Studies Group

The 2018 Igneous and Metamorphic Studies Group (IMSG) meeting will be hosted by the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of the Western Cape, from 14 - 17 January 2018 in the Auditorium of the New Life Sciences Building on UWC's Bellville Campus.

[First Circular](#)

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The Geological Society  
of Zimbabwe

Geological Society of Zimbabwe Summer Symposium 2017  
1st December 2017 - Department of Geology, University of Zimbabwe

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**SAIMM: Diamonds — Source to Use**  
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*'Thriving in Changing Times'*  
11 June 2018 — Workshops • 12–13 June 2018 — Conference  
14 June 2018 — Technical Visits  
Birchwood Conference Centre (Jet Park, Johannesburg)

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Rondebosch, South Africa  
February 3–4, 2018

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