

IMSG 2018 First CIRCULAR

Dear Friends of Igneous and Metamorphic (and Structural) Geology!

The organising committee is happy to announce that 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. to 17. January 2018 in the Auditorium of the New Life Sciences Building on UWC's Bellville Campus. This meeting has been held annually since 2008, with great success. The IMSG meeting is designed to showcase current research in the broad fields of igneous and metamorphic petrology, as well as initiate and direct future research by facilitating interactions between scientists, industry representatives and postgraduate students. Considering that the last two meetings have been out-of-town meetings, we decided in favour of organising an on-campus meeting this year, taking advantage of the ultra-modern facilities available at UWC. Because of the location of UWC's Bellville campus, in addition to the peak of the tourist season in the Cape Town Area, we are aiming to offer an all-inclusive package once more, for a similar price as the previous meetings.

As usual, the conference will include an ice-breaker on the Sunday, followed by two days of presentations on Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday afternoon we will have the conference dinner, followed by a half-day excursion on Wednesday allowing participants the opportunity to catch a flight home in the afternoon.

The meeting itself is free, as has been the tradition for the IMSG, but since we intend on providing all meals at the venue, we have to ask **all attendees** to pay a small fee to cover these costs.

We are currently investigating the possibilities for on-campus accommodation in one of our Halls of Residence or a nearby Hostel in Durbanville. We would therefore like to investigate how many attendees would prefer such an option, and how many will have their own transport at their disposal.

To this end we have attached a pre-registration form and we kindly ask all of those that plan to attend IMSG 2018 to return this form **by October 1, 2017** to dfrei@uwc.ac.za

If you would like to present a talk at the meeting, please provide an abstract according to the attached template and also send this to dfrei@uwc.ac.za. **The abstract deadline is November 1, 2017.**

We hope to hear from you soon!

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