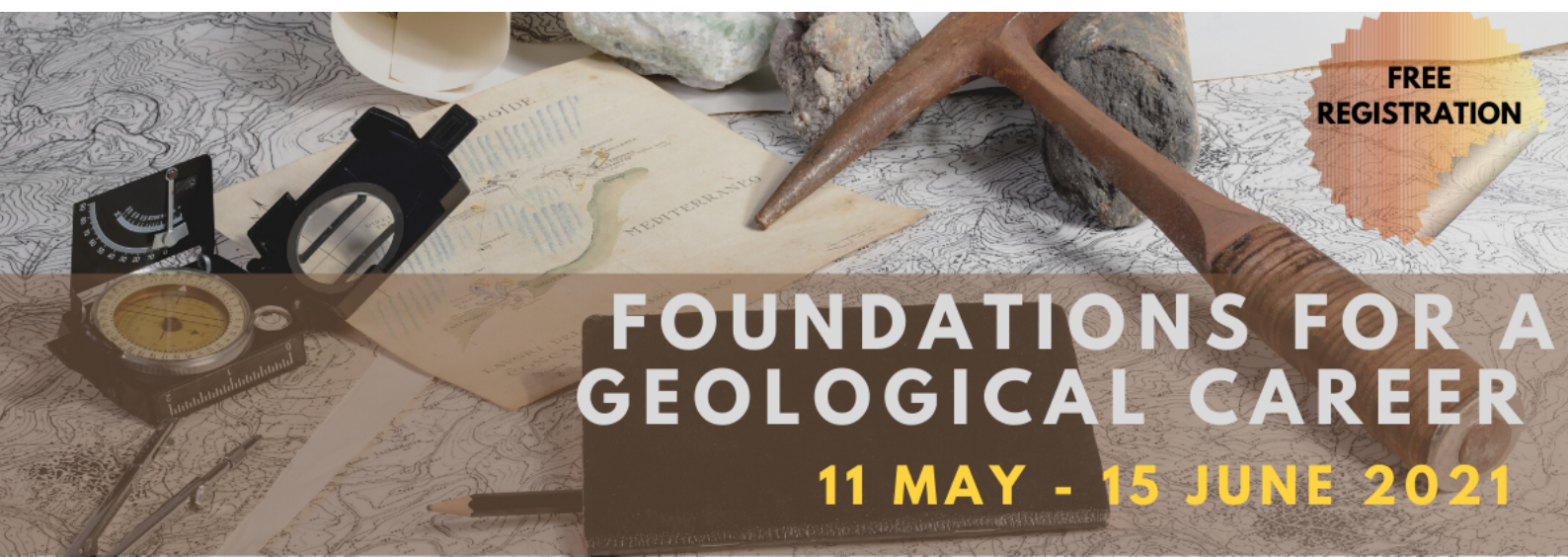


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DRAFT GEOSCIENCE ACT, REGULATIONS 2020

In early March, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) gazetted proposed Regulations to the Geoscience Act, requesting comment by April 19. The proposed regulations impact many geoscience stakeholders, and the GSSA has submitted comment, as it routinely does for proposed legislation that may affect the earth science community. The GSSA comment is also posted on the website – www.gssa.org.za

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VP - MEETINGS

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2021 GSSA Online Events

VP Meetings - Noleen Pauls: noleen@fastmail.fm

DATE	EVENT
9 February – 2 March (4 x ½ days) + self-study	Drilling Methods and Techniques in Resource Exploration
26 February	REI colloquium
15 March	CPD Workshop
24 March	GSSA WIMSA – Fostering a safer workplace for Geoscientists
16 April	Clean & Green Day
11 May – 15 June (6 x ½ day)	Foundations for a Geological Career
14 July	Geotechnical Workshop
15 July	GSSA AGM
25 July	Teaser to Geocongress 2022
17 August	Precious Metals Day
20 – 22 August	Advanced Structural Geology/Field Trip
27 August	ESG Workshop
31 August – 2 September (4 x 1 day)	Project Management for Geologists
7 – 28 September (4 x ½ days) + self-study	Drilling Methods and Techniques in Resource Exploration
8 October	3-D Geological modelling
19 October	CPD Workshop
27 October	Coding/Programming 101
11 November	Technology Day
12 November	African Exploration Showcase

Fostering a safer workplace for Geoscientists held on 24 March 2021



The GSSA/WiMSA webinar on Fostering a Safer workplace for Geoscientists attracted delegates from all over the world and in all fields of practice. Some of our speakers have provided more resources as a follow up on the event. This video sums up the research that Gary and his team at The Guild Combination did around 4 years ago for the Mine Health and Safety Council. https://youtu.be/L_84sUQA-pw. Diana Schwartz Attorneys offer various trainings in terms of GBVH. The GBV, Sexual Harassment, Femicide & The law Training is specifically legal compliance training. The Brave Workshop is an Employee Wellness & Legal collaboration with an employee wellness and relationship expert. More information can be found on their website <https://www.dianaschwarzattorneys.co.za/>. And WiMSA and the GSSA will continue to work together on this topic.

If you missed the webinar, you can watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udp37Cfs2F4>

Some of the feedback from the survey that accompanied the webinar :

- More than 50% of victims work in consulting/contracting/service providing, followed by exploration, office/corporate, surface mining, and underground mining.
- Of the participants, 68% identify as a woman, 27% identify as a man, and 5% identify both.
- More than 50% of survey participants have experienced sexual harassment more than once, while 11% say it is ongoing.
- 73% of the victims were 30 years of age and younger when they experienced sexual harassment.
- 7% of participants left the mining industry after having been sexually harassed.



VP - MEMBERSHIP DUMI SIBIYA

NEW MEMBERS

Ratified by Council on 26 April 2021

Katleho Nthebe, Gabisile Ntombela, Dirk Rudolph

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

Pontsho Mashilangako, Jared Muller, Snegugu Ziqubu

2021 MEMBERSHIP FEE LETTER AND SCHEDULE

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Membership queries
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Join us





CALL FOR TALENT

Amongst our members, the GSSA has some amazing talent and ability. We would like you to volunteer your time and expertise to assist us. Do you have an interest to do something for the GSSA, but not sure how or what?

Please send us a mail (info@gssa.org.za with the subject "TALENT") and let us know where you might be able to contribute to an enriched Society. Let us know if/how you would like to contribute to any of the following subjects:


- Meetings (maybe you have an idea for a technical or non-technical meeting topic and might like to help organizing it)
- Do you have skills/abilities around Social Media (blogs, podcasts, and other things that those of us with grey hair haven't even thought about)?
- Do you have practicable ideas around Geoheritage/Geotourism that you would like to share?
- Would you like to volunteer for our mentoring programme (you don't need to be over 50 to apply for this)?
- Do you have some ideas about increasing memberships or how to improve the benefits for members and make the GSSA more relevant or appealing?
- Would you like to assist with running/promoting a Branch or a Division?
- Would you like to be involved in promoting the GSSA to university students or school learners?
- Would you like to contribute ideas around our website - helping to keep it fresh and relevant?

Do you have some other talent or idea that you would like to get involved in?. Or, do you just want to participate, but not sure where/how. You might not be able to help in a "full-time" capacity - you might just have few hours a month or even just get involved as a "once-off". We would love to hear from you. Remember, besides helping to make the GSSA more relevant to you, you also earn CPD credits (both GSSA and SACNASP).

Exhibition Opening

GEOLOGY THROUGH A LENS

You are invited to a unique photographic exhibition, co-hosted by the Geological Museum Association, the Wits Faculty of Science and the Earth Sciences Cluster at Wits University.

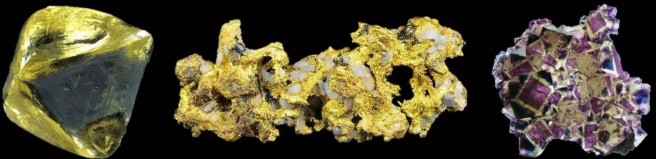



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Thursday 13th May | 17:30 for 18:00
Origins Centre, Wits University

Spaces are limited so please RSVP early to secure your place:
Bongiwe.Ndulula@wits.ac.za

Drinks and snacks sponsored by the Council for Geosciences


The first event of the Northern Cape branch in 2021 will be held at the Lake Grappa in the town of Kakamas.

Accommodation at the venue includes a tented camping option as well as rooms and chalets. The website of Lake Grappa is <http://lakegrappa.co.za/>

The event will take place on Friday the **14th of May 2021**.

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ONLINE ZOOM
15 JULY 2021



Drilling Skills for Geologists

This course is for the more experienced geologists looking for a deeper understanding of drilling concepts in order to better manage drilling projects.

The objective of every exploration project is to obtain representative samples of as high a quality as possible, safely and efficiently. The key concepts here are quality, safety and efficiency and this program is designed to provide candidates with the necessary knowledge and skills to improve their effectiveness in identifying the source of problems and managing these three key aspects of a drilling project.

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17-20 OCTOBER 2021
**GROUNDWATER
CONFERENCE**
RESILIENCE & VISIBILITY
PRETORIA TSHWANE , MENLYN MAINE / HYBRID
Abstracts extended to 15 May
submit via www.gwd.org.za

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12TH INTERNATIONAL KIMBERLITE CONFERENCE

30 YEARS OF DIAMONDS IN CANADA

The 12th International Kimberlite Conference (12 IKC) will not be held in 2022. Further details to be announced in early 2023.

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