The Draft Regulations for the Geoscience Act have been gazetted with invitation to comment by April 19. The GSSA will be submitting comment, but members should also consider whether they should comment as individual professionals as well.
# VP - MEETINGS

**NOLEEN PAULS**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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### 2021 GSSA Online Events

**VP Meetings - Noleen Pauls: noleen@fastmail.fm**

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The GSSA and Women in Mining South Africa (WiMSA) hosted a free webinar on how to provide a safer work environment in the industry.

The event attracted just under 300 registrations and talks ranged from addressing cultural disconnections to company and government policies to virtual harassment. The recording will be available on the GSSA YouTube channel shortly.
NEW MEMBERS

*Ratified by Council on 27 March 2021*

Simon Amutenya, Stanley Claassen, Byron Diergaardt, Dalva Netshivhera, Andisani Netsianda, Sherhara Rajpal, Thabo Kutumela, Pelontle Mmolaeng

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

Pontsho Mashilangako, Jared Muller, Snegugu Ziqubu
GSSA/SACNASP CPD compliance

You would all have seen the recent notification/reminder from SACNASP regarding compliance with their CPD policy and noting that all SACNASP registrants need to be compliant by the end of March 2022. Also noting that from 1 April 2021 (no, it's not an April Fool's joke), all Candidates will need to complete CPD activity in order to be allowed to upgrade to Pr.Sci.Nat.

This is a reminder to all GSSA members that we have an MOU in place with SACNASP that allows all GSSA members who are compliant with the GSSA CPD system to be fully recognised by SACNASP. All you need to do is download your CPD certificate from the GSSA CPD website and upload it to the SACNASP CPD website and the system will recognise you as being compliant. You need to do this manually as credits logged in one system are NOT automatically reflected in the other.

There are a number of documents to this effect on the GSSA website (Member login/CPD site), in the Geobulletin (Q4/2018) and the CPD workshop is available live (twice each year) and as a recorded YouTube video. Please familiarise yourself with the procedures. Any queries can be directed to info@gssa.org.za.

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.
CALL FOR GSSA MENTORS

The principles of MENTORSHIP are implicit in Clause 7 of the GSA Code of Ethics. As such, it is an ethical obligation of all members of the GSSA to assist and encourage junior members to advance their knowledge and experience through formal and informal mentorship. It is in this respect that the GSSA is once again putting out a call to all Members and Fellows to participate in an expanded MENTORING PROGRAMME for 2021/2022. We will be partnering with SACNASP in their Candidate Mentoring Programme as well as expanding separately into the GSSA membership.

We are looking for MENTORS who:

- Have +5 years experience in any geoscience-related field
- Can dedicate a minimum of 25 hours (over the course of 12 months - TWO HOURS PER MONTH) to mentoring online (and/or in contact, depending on location, preference and pandemic-related restrictions).
- Will be available from June 2021 - May 2022.

For this you can claim CPD credits on the GSSA and/or SACNASP systems.

- 3 CPD credits/hour under Knowledge contribution on the GSSA system
- ½ credit (per 25hrs) under Cat2B on the SACNASP system

Please send your name, contact details and CV to info@gssa.org.za marked “MENTORSHIP”. 
SAJG Special Issue: The Anhaeusser volume

The March issue of the SAJG (124–1) is a special issue published to honour the contribution of Professor Carl Anhaeusser to the geology of the Barberton Granitoid-Greenstone Terrane and related regions worldwide. The Anhaeusser volume contains 13 full-length manuscripts subdivided into 4 themes (Greenstones, Granites, Archaean Geodynamic and Early Life) and the text of the 11th A.M. Macgregor Memorial Lecture as delivered to the Geological Society of Zimbabwe in 2019.

Manuscripts from the Anhaeusser volume will be available online at GeoScienceWorld from the end of March.

Members and Fellows who would like to order a hard copy of the special issue can do so by sending an email (include mailing address) to the SAJG Managing Editor Steve McCourt at mccourts@ukzn.ac.za. The cost of a print copy will only be known when the print run is finalized but should be in the region of R150–180.
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.
Employment Opportunities

- **Drilling and Remediation Field Operations Supervisor**
- **Senior Hydrogeologist**
- **Hydrogeologist**

**ANGLOGOLD ASHANTI’S SA EXPLORATION HUB**
AngloGold Ashanti has retained a wealth of exploration knowledge after completing the sale of its last remaining operations in South Africa last year. This information includes detailed reports, drill hole core and drill hole logs, as well as assay results that cover many areas that have been explored in the Witwatersrand Basin, and a few lesser-known goldfields.

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