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Craig Smith

September was Heritage Month in South Africa, the GSSA recognizing this with a series of geoheritage related Lunchtime Lectures organized by Chris Hatton, head of the Geoheritage Division. The talks are available on the GSSA You Tube channel if you happened to miss some you wanted to attend.

With the move to Lockdown Level 1 and people beginning to get back to their office as well as travel to projects, the GSSA will be continuing the lectures but at reduced frequency.

The GSSA office remains closed, and all staff are working from home. Despite the pandemic, the GSSA continues to add value to its membership, but key to this is that we have to be able to communicate with you. If you change your contact details please let us know at info@gssa.org.za, and do not unsubscribe from GSSA communications (a very common reason for not receiving messages). There are typically about three notices per week; we do not flood you with notifications unless there is critical information. Another common complaint is that the website is inaccessible, and we find that in many cases browsers are storing older cached versions. Simply refresh your browser!

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WEBINAR

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UPCOMING ONLINE EVENTS

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

08 October

CPD Points

2 GSSA and 0.2 SACNASP

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT FOR GEOLOGISTS

22 - 23 October

CPD Points

8 GSSA and 1 SACNASP

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THE IMPORTANCE OF ESG (ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE) IN PUBLIC REPORTING

30 October

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AFRICAN EXPLORATION SHOWCASE AND TECHNOLOGY DAY

12 & 13 November

CALL FOR TALKS

Interested parties please email
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MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Ratified by Council on 17 September 2020

Bongani Fakude, Morne Pretorius, Michael Ray, Sihle Sogayise, Vincent Mmamokidi Malatji, Sipesihle Luthando Mncamase

NEW STUDENT MEMBERS

Thapelo Lepolesa, Bayanda Mfene, Ntebatse Rachidi, Sandisile Vandala

The GSSA is about to start the process of invoicing for next year's membership fees. Because of the Pandemic, there will be no increase in fees if paid by the end of Q1, 2021. Please pay as soon as you can and enjoy the 'no increase' option while you can!

There are still a number of members who have not paid their 2020 fees, and you need to do so to avoid being struck off. You can log in through the website (www.gssa.org) to check your status. Queries can be directed to info@gssa.org.za.

The COVID19 pandemic has affected our membership, but there seem to be fewer job losses than expected. Possibly this is due to the relative robustness of the commodity markets, as well as the shift to on-line teaching in the university sector. For those of you who participated in the June member survey, thank you very much for responding. We will be running a second survey in the next week or so, once some guidelines for international travel are available (probably by October 1).

UPDATE YOUR MEMBER DETAILS

Please login to your member profile and update your contact details.

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Membership queries please email info@gssa.org.za

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past **2020**
online
courses



RECORDING LINK AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

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The recordings of the following GSSA online courses are now available to purchase and view in your own time.

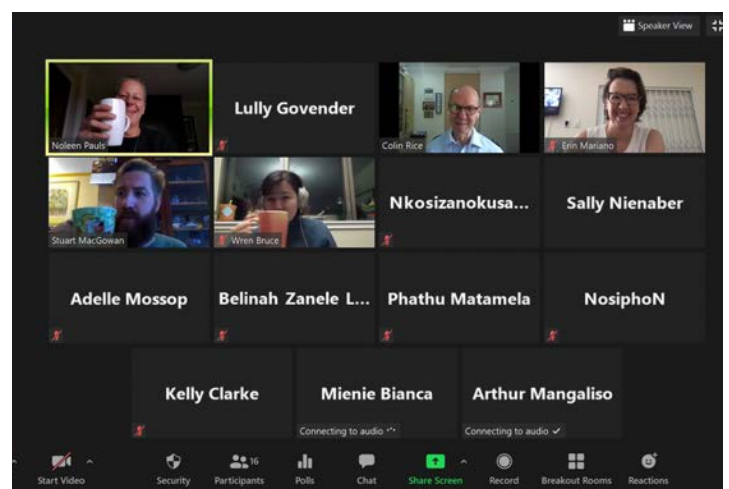
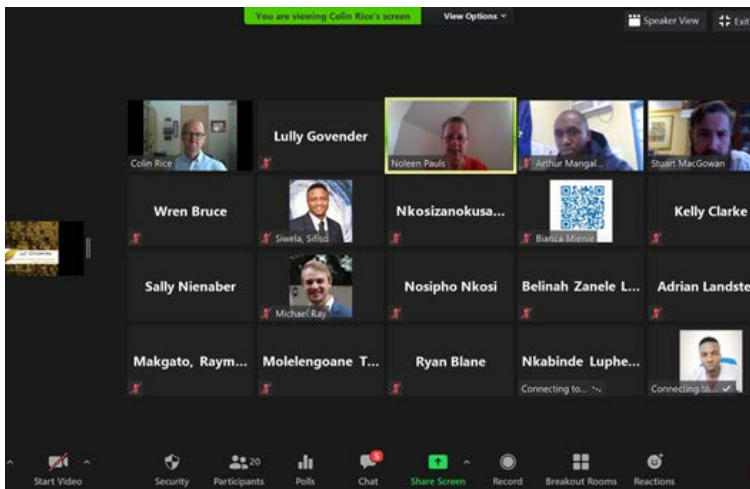
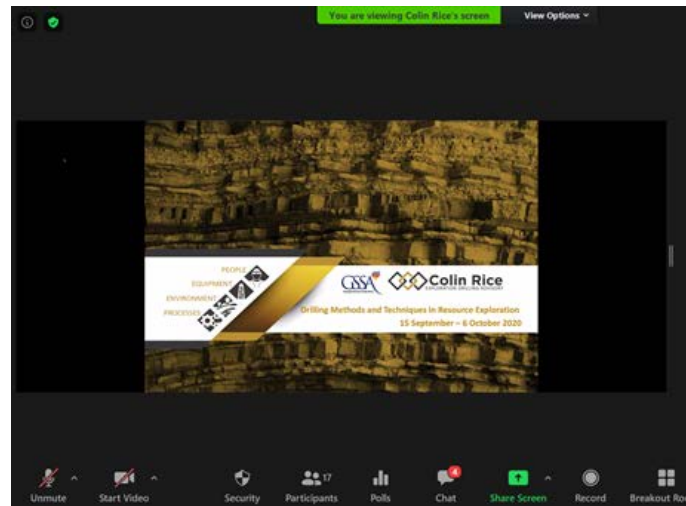
- PGE Webinar
- Foundations for a Geological Career - Geoskills 2020
- Introduction to the SAMCODES and JSE Reporting
- 3D Geological Modelling Workshop



SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF THE GEOBULLETIN IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

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DRILLING METHODS & TECHNIQUES



Colin Rice
EXPLORATION DRILLING ADVISORY

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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TIMETRIP SA

A walk through South Africa's
prehistoric wealth



A call to work together for South Africa's geoh heritage

The Evolutionary Studies Institute (ESI), of the University of Witwatersrand, the DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Palaeosciences (CoE Pal), and the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) invite you to contribute to our time-travel exhibition.

The project extends our Maze of Time exhibition which has travelled to Sci-Fest Africa in Makhanda and other venues for the past three years and has been seen by almost a million people.

The exhibition will include all significant geoh heritage sites in South Africa as well as the major museums with geological and palaeontological exhibits. To cater for the post-Covid-19 era we will create an online virtual exhibition with downloadable posters.

We would like to include your geoh heritage site or museum on a full colour A0 poster. The information will also be available online and the poster will be available in PDF format for teachers and the public to download.

What we need from you

To join us in this exciting new venture, please send us the following by Friday, October 9, 2020:

- The formal name of your institution
- A website address
- Your institution's logo (high resolution JPEG or PDF)
- A photo of your institution
- Three photos of your most popular fossils or fossil displays
- Photos of visitors interacting with your displays (provided they have granted permission to use the photo)
- Any other information you think might be useful

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Invitation to the ASSAf Annual Humanities Lecture on Race Science – Angela Saini

06 October 2020

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CIFAR

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