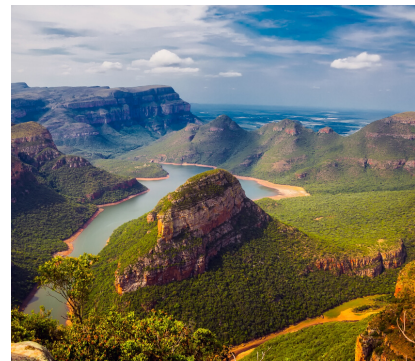


NEWSLETTER

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Craig Smith - Executive Manager

The major news of the past few weeks is the postponement of the 36th International Geocongress in India, due to the Coronavirus outbreak. The event was to be staged from March 2-8, and as yet a new date has not been finalized. Travel plans of delegates have been affected globally, and details as regards refunding delegates are still under discussion. Please monitor the 36IGC website for further developments (see <https://www.36igc.org/>). If you are planning international travel, pay attention to the Coronavirus issue.

The GSSA SAMOG course scheduled for March 11 in Johannesburg has been postponed, due to lower than expected interest and NOT to the Coronavirus or SAA route cutting. We will notify the membership when re-scheduled. The GSSA continues to believe that this is an important event regarding reporting of oil and gas resources.

Geocongress 2020 scheduled for 29 June – 1 July in Stellenbosch (<http://allevents.co.za/geocongress/index.html>) is still on the calendar. Abstract submission is now open; registration for the meeting, excursions and workshops will open in the next few days. There are a number of sponsorship opportunities available; contact noleen@fastmail.fm

2020 is the 125th anniversary of the founding of both the GSSA and the Department of Earth Sciences at Stellenbosch University. What better way to celebrate than to attend Geocongress!

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Upcoming Events

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the
Date

CPD Workshop - **15 April**

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Please note date changes for the events below

Bushveld PGE Day - **14 - 15 May**

Hydrothermal Alteration of Mineralised Systems - **4 June**



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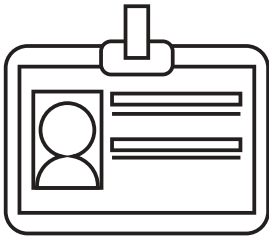
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Exhibition opens up the geological mystery of the Vredefort Dome

After months of planning and extensive hard work, a complete and scientific visual display of the Vredefort Dome now forms part of the Parys Museum.

It will help tourists understand the force and impact of the meteorite that struck the earth some 2,000 million years ago. The crater it formed is considered to be the biggest and oldest clearly visible impact structure on earth.



The Geological Society of South Africa, sponsorship from the Oppenheimer Trust and various other sponsors made the Dome Room with the exhibition possible.

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One of the SAMREC/SAMVAL requirements for Competent Persons is that they need to be registered with or be a member of one of a specified list of statutory or professional bodies (or RPOs). The following note is of specific interest for members of the GSSA and/or SAIMM who wish to use such membership to sign off on Public Documents for the JSE (Competent Persons Reports, Competent Valuation Reports and Annual Integrated Reports). Please note that this does not apply if you are also registered with one of the statutory bodies (SACNASP, ECSA or SAGC) or IMSSA and are using that registration to sign off the document.

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GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY OF THE RHENOSTERKOP TIN, TUNGSTEN AND ZINC DEPOSIT 27 - 28 March 2020

[Register Here](#)

Our first event for 2020 will be held at the venue of Lake Grappa in Kakamas (Coordinates 28 42'13.8"S / 20 28'39.70"E) <http://lakegrappa.co.za/> on March 27-28, 2020. Accommodation at the venue include tented camping option as well as rooms and chalets.

Allan Saad will present a talk on Rhenosterkop, a significant tin, tungsten and zinc deposit largely exposed on surface and located adjacent to a tarred road on oneside and the Orange River on the other. The economic potential was recognized for the first time by a Rio Tinto geologist named Dr Vaughn Armstrong in the early 1980's who discovered the deposit by means of geochemical soil sampling techniques.

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2-6 September 2020

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The South African Diamond Producers Organisation (SADPO) is pleased to announce that the 2020 Kimberley Diamond Symposium & Trade Show will take place in Kimberley, Northern Cape Province, RSA, in early September 2020. New technologies and geological interpretations have revived activity in mid-size and small-scale diamond mining in the Northern Cape and North West Provinces, and exciting technology advances are driving greater recoveries of large and exceptional diamonds in mines across Southern Africa and other parts of the world, and transforming the industry in its entirety.

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