I am pleased to report that our on-line event offerings are very well attended and from the feedback we are receiving also much appreciated. It seems clear that this is the way many events are going to be staged in the post-Covid world. On-line meetings reduces time and expense for delegates, allows global participation and gives access to global experts that under the old ways would have been impossible to bring to South Africa because of cost. We are currently using Zoom as the platform but will continue to experiment with others. A big vote of thanks must go the Meetings Committee headed by Noleen Pauls for putting in the time and effort needed to make these events successful. What they have done is to compress two years of transition into two weeks.

To make our on-line offerings successful, we need to be in electronic contact with you, and we have a list of members who are not responding or are not receiving our communications, whether the messages are event notices or fees invoices. With the best will in the world, the GSSA staff cannot track email changes or member movements if we are not informed. Another common problem is that people unsubscribe to GSSA messaging, and we cannot then keep you informed of events without manually re-instating, on request. In some cases, the messages are blocked by the employer, and that requires intervention by the member, or a switch to a gmail address.

The GSSA does not release its database to advertisers, so everything you see from the GSSA – including the odd promotional offering – will have some benefit to the membership. On average you should receive about three messages a week from the GSSA.

Please assist us in getting the information you need to you. Email is our primary means of communicating with you. info@gsa.org.za
Upcoming Online Events

**Foundations for a Geological Career - Geoskills**
Consecutive Tuesday mornings 7 July – 11 August 2020 | 08:00 – 13:00

Along with the online webinar part will also be some online self-study. As usual, this course will provide insights into the many topics not typically covered at university, but which will assist in making you a better professional geologist.

Click here to **REGISTER**

**Introduction to the SAMCODES and JSE Reporting**
Consecutive Tuesday mornings 11 August – 1 September 2020 | 08:00 – 13:00

We are also changing the popular Introduction to the SAMCODES and JSE Reporting to a Webinar format. This course comprises an introduction to the SAMCODES, requirements for Competent Persons (CPs), and the compiling of Competent Person Reports (CPRs) for the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

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Lunchtime Lectures

The GSSA is continuing with its series of free online lunchtime lectures. New talks are continually added to the GSSA calendar.

Click here for the **Calendar**

If you are unable to login for a talk, we are recording most of the talks and they are available on the GSSA YouTube channel.

Click here for the **YouTube channel**
The GSSA hosted the half day Bushveld PGE Webinar on Friday 29 May. This was our first multi-speaker online event. Eight speakers, logging in from South Africa, Wales and Canada, shared new ideas and advances in research on the Bushveld Complex PGEs. The 150 delegates called in from as far afield as Brisbane, Madagascar and Finland.

Speakers
- Ian Basson
- Wolfgang Maier
- Chris Hatton
- William Smith
- Nicole Wansbury
- Judith Kinnaird
- Danie Grobler
- Pedro Hugo

Introduction
- Mixing of U- and A-type to produce chromitite layers (Irvine; Harmer & Sharpe)
- Problem: Critical and Lower Zone magmas both U-type (Cameron; Maier)
- Problem: Marginal zone not necessarily representative of Rustenburg Layered Suite (Cawthorn; de Kock)
- New model needed
- HF isotopes limit number of components (Zirakpurvar – crustal contamination of source unlikely – Platreef)
Claiming your (GSSA) CPD credits from SACNASP

For members who have been claiming their CPD credits on the GSSA website, SACNASP has upgraded their CPD webpage to allow GSSA members to upload their CPD Log and claim their CPD credits.

New Members

Members
- Carel Burger
- Lindokuhle Khumalo
- Rudzani Mufamadi
- Leonardo Xerinda
- Oduetse Moswang Kgaile
- Maja Ruddy Maakamedi
- Franck Kolela
- Monique Maree
- Tristan Stuck
- Kagisho Mokgothu

Transfer Student to Member
- Bianca Mienie
- Madimetja Manamela
- Tawnee Britt
- Graham Duncan
- Disebo Letanta
- Isaac Mabonda
- Dimo Malatsi
- Rinae Davinci Mbenvhana
- Kherho Sithole
- Terblanche Sullivan

Student Members
- Thabo Theodore Botipe
- Mashao Gwangwa
- Andile Mkandla