NEW WEBSITE LAUNCH

Craig Smith - Executive Manager

The GSSA has re-vamped the website (www.gssa.org.za) by making it both simpler and more functional. The CPD module (based on Professional Development Hours or PDH) is working well and you can download your CPD report. The site will be updated weekly. It is beyond a Beta version, but will no doubt be tweaked as we resolve problems and make adjustments. For those of you who prefer Facebook, check the GSSA Facebook page for news and views. www.facebook.com/GeologicalSocietyofSouthAfrica/

The 36th International Geological Congress in India is now less than a year away, and a call has gone out from the 35th IGC Legacy Fund for applications for student support to attend the event. See links below to download the relevant documents.

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## Annual Sponsors 2019

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  - [Website](https://www.ucpafrica.com)
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Geophysics Workshop
12 April 2019

Coal Day and Evaluation of Coal Data
25 & 26 April 2019
New Books on Sale

- A guide for Applying Geophysics to Coal Mining Problems in South Africa (R160)
- Guide to Borehole Core in the Karoo Basin Coalfields (R160)
- Southern African Coals and Carbons (R200)

Book Order Form

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Membership Fees

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Pay online, update your details, CPD Points, SAJG Online
Following a directive from the IUGS concerning all International Geological Congress events, one of the goals of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) of the 35th International Geological Congress (35th IGC) held in Cape Town in August 2016, was to establish a Legacy Fund with surplus funds generated by the 35th IGC. The purpose of the Fund is to support student attendance of appropriate international and national congresses, as well as various legacy and research projects being undertaken by the southern African earth science community. With the surplus funds from the 35th IGC now audited and available, the 35IGC Legacy Fund has been formally established.

Komatiite - 50th Anniversary Geoheritage Field Trip to Barberton Including Key Aspects of the New World Heritage Site

A Geoheritage Field Trip to the Makhonjwa/Barberton Mountains to mark the 50th Anniversary of the discovery and first account of komatiite, a major new rock type in the Komati River valley, is being organised between 8-12 August 2019.
Chapman's Peak Drive - Installation of Plinth and Plaque. Len Gardner and Team.
10th April 2019

The geoheritage team of the Western Cape Branch of the GSSA has erected a new geological plaque at the view site on the world famous Chapmans Peak Drive, between Hout Bay and Noordhoek. This site is a very popular tourist stop with some spectacular geology. The Graafwater Formation at the base of the Cape Super Group unconformably overlies the Cape Granite.
On the 22nd of March the GSSA members and its committee embarked on an educational journey to The Makapan Valley in Limpopo. The aim of the trip was to get a broad understanding of the Makapan’s Caves where extensive cultural and palaeontological deposits have played a crucial role in furthering our understanding of later human evolution and the appearance of modern man. We were given the opportunity to visit 3 of the 72 caves that are part of the Makapan’s Valley as well as a breccia camp that hosted stones that contain evidence of bones that belonged to baboons dating back to a few million years.
MINSA UPCOMING EVENTS

22 May: Hyperspectral Imaging talk by Dr Phil Harris
24 May: Visit to Anglo Research and De Beers Laboratories

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Call for Nominations - 2019 South African Women in Science Awards