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STEVE MCCOURT

GSSA PRESIDENT

Two meetings were offered in October. On October 14 and 15, the Society hosted a hybrid format workshop on Understanding Analytical Techniques in collaboration with MINSA. The workshop provided an overview of a range of analytical techniques, and how they serve the geosciences. The venue was at MINSA Randburg and attracted 46 delegates on Day 1 and 42 on Day 2. The second meeting on October 23rd was held online and dealt with Mineral Resource and Mineral Economics. A total of 52 delegates registered for this meeting.

Manco met on October 2nd and Council on October 5th. An important outcome of the Council meeting was the ratification of the 2nd group of new Fellows for 2024.

The Society strives to maintain links with other groups in the broader Earth Science community and to this end Past-President Sifiso Siwela attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration and Awards Dinner of the South African Institute for Engineering and Environmental Geologists.

The September issue of the SAJG (volume 127-3) has been published online and comprises 8 peer-reviewed papers over 135 pages. Members are reminded that individual manuscripts can be accessed and downloaded in PDF format from GeoScienceWorld using the Members Portal on the GSSA website.

The LOC for Geocongress2025 met online during the October and I am happy to report that planning for the meeting is going well. All the Plenary Speakers are in place, there are over 20 sessions on the technical programme each with a dedicated session chair, 3 workshops are confirmed, and several fieldtrips are being planned. Registration is open with an Early Bird rate of R2 500 and R500 for students and retirees. Go to Geocongress2025.org.za for more details.

The fire that damaged part of the Johannesburg Country Club in Auckland Park on September 9th has impacted on GSSA events scheduled for that venue. As a result, the African Exploration Showcase on November 6-7 will now be held at Emperors Palace and the Fellows Dinner will be held on November 11th at the Woodmead Campus of the JCC. The AES provides delegates with information about recent exploration projects on the African continent and an opportunity to network around current developments. Registration for the AES is via the GSSA website and closes on November 4th.

As a prelude to the African Exploration Showcase the Northern Cape Branch of the GSSA hosts its annual Northern Cape Commodity Day on November 1st and 2nd and our neighbours to the north are hosting the Geological Society of Zimbabwe Summer Symposium and associated fieldtrip on the same dates. Good luck to them both.

Steve McCourt

AFRICAN EXPLORATION SHOWCASE

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STUDENT AWARDS

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Rutger Alexander La Cock, Stellenbosch University
Carbon-gold systematics in the Barberton Greenstone Belt.
Supervisor: Dr Bjorn von der Heyden

Corstorphine Medal

Thoriso Lekoetje, University of the Witwatersrand
Petrochronology of the layered Zebra Lobe of the Kunene Complex (Namibia)
Supervisors: Prof. Grant Bybee and Prof. Jérémie Lehmann

Haughton Award

Llelani Mischke Coetzer, Stellenbosch University
Metamorphic conditions in the plumbing systems and possibly the source of
the Darling Batholith within the southernmost Pan-African Saldania Belt
Supervisors: Prof. Gary Stevens and Dr Matthew Jason Mayne

SACNASP Award

Kgotlhelelo Seagiso, University of the Witwatersrand
Supervisor: Dr Zubair Jinnah

The Jubilee Medal

Tectonic and sedimentary evolution of a potential supra-detachment fault
basin, Archaean Moodies Group (~3.22 Ga), central Barberton Greenstone
Belt.

A. Zametzer, S. Reimann, C.E. Heubeck, T.B. Thomsen and S.H. Serre
South African Journal of Geology, Volume 126 (3): pages 235-260

The Des Pretorius Memorial Award

Prof. Rais Latpov, University of the Witwatersrand

The Draper Memorial Medal

Prof. Lewis (Lew) David Ashwal, University of the Witwatersrand





The President of The Geological Society cordially invites you and your partner to the annual

FELLOWS DINNER

11 November 2024 | 6.30pm

WOODMEAD COUNTRY CLUB
Cnr Woodlands Drive & Lincoln Street, Woodmead

Speaker : Keith Scott
CEO: MOGS and Fraser Alexander

Talk Title - Challenges and opportunities in the transitioning of the mining, oil and gas sectors - a service providers perspective

Dress : Smart Casual
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2026 ALEX DU TOIT MEMORIAL LECTURE

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 2026 Alex du Toit Memorial Lecturer will be Dr Robyn Pickering, Senior Lecturer: Department of Geological Sciences and Co-Director: Human Evolution Research Institute, University of Cape Town. More details regarding the timing of the lecture series will be shared towards the end of 2025.

Dr Louise Coney
Chair: GSSA Fellows Committee



Namaqualand Diamond Centenary 2025

PHOTO COMPETITION



[Submit here](#)

- Photographs should showcase the wide variety of the Namaqualand West Coast
- Entries close 31 January 2025
- The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
- Winners will be announced at the Conference
- Prizes will be awarded



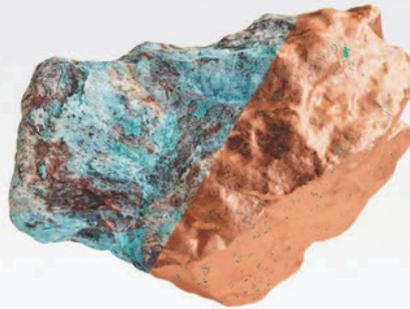
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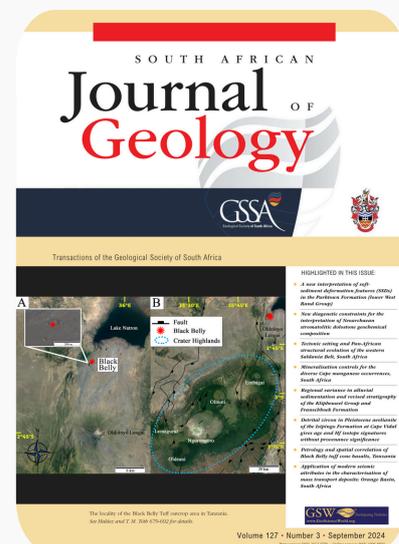
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South African Journal of Geology – September 2024

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READING THE ROCKS

Adventures of Twin South African Geologists

Authors - Richard & Morris Viljoen

04 OCTOBER 2024



A note on presentation of Public Reports

Clause 3 of the SAMREC Code reads in part:

The Code sets out a required minimum standard for the Public Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves. References in the Code to Public Report or Public Reporting pertain to those reports detailing Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves and which are prepared as information for investors or potential investors and their advisers.

Although the Code is a required minimum standard for Public Reporting, the SSC recommends its adoption as a minimum standard for other reporting.

Definition of Public Reports.

Public Reports are reports prepared for the purpose of informing investors or potential investors and their advisers on Exploration Results, Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves. They include, but are not limited to, annual and quarterly company reports, press releases, information memoranda, technical papers, website postings and public presentations.

These Public Reports may be in printed or electronic media (including social media) and will include JSE circulars, reports as required by the Companies Act, reports for other regulatory authorities or as required by law.

For any subsequent Public Report based on a previously issued Public Report that refers to those Exploration Results or estimates of Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves:

Where a Competent Person has previously issued the written consent to the inclusion of their findings in a report, a company re-issuing that information to the Public whether in the form of a presentation or a subsequent announcement shall, state the report name, date and reference the location of the original source Public Report for public access.

'The information is extracted from the report entitled [report title] created on [date] and is available to view on [website name]. The company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Mineral Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.'

Mineral Companies and their advisors, mineral consultants, and Competent Persons are reminded that video presentations must be prepared to comply with the SAMREC and SAMVAL Codes, whether live-streamed or media presented on YouTube or similar platforms.

The Minsa 2025 Book Prize nomination call is now open!

We kindly request that you promote this opportunity to your institution's relevant stakeholders, or alternatively, you may suggest appropriate candidates yourself. If feasible, we encourage you to forward this email to the relevant Department Heads and/or Faculty Supervisors at your institution/university.

Attached to this email, you will find all the necessary documentation regarding the Book Prize. The 2025 award submission deadline is 30 April 2025. Nominees can be registered by scanning the QR code or clicking on the Nominate button.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.



[Nominate](#)



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Night @ the Museum IX



Join us for an unforgettable night at the museum! Explore your favorite exhibits after hours, enjoy a guided tour, take part in a thrilling scavenger hunt, and relax with a family-friendly movie. This sleepover is designed for families, so bring everyone along—kids and grand parents included!



Date: Friday, 6th December 2024

Time: Starting at 17:30

Venue: Ditsong Museum, Mjinaar Street

Cost: R170/person



Activities Include:

- Guided museum tour
- Visit to the discovery center
- Scavenger hunt, quiz, games
- Screening of "Night At The Museum 3"

Things to Bring:

- Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, and warm clothing.
- Snacks, drinks, and a torch.
- Camera for capturing memorable moments!

Space is limited!

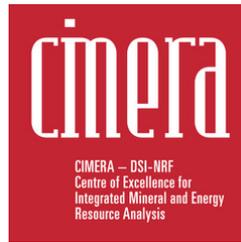
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