

# SACNASP NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR REGISTERED SCIENTIST

The new updated website is up and running and can be accessed on [www.sacnasp.org.za](http://www.sacnasp.org.za). Then use your registration number as your user name and ID number as your password. All application for registrations / upgrades should be made online as we no longer accept manual applications. You can now access their portals to pay outstanding fees, update contact details and print certificates provided your accounts are up to date.

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## 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) held a women's month webinar titled "Tackling challenges with solutions that work" on Thursday, 20 August 2020, 10:00 – 11:00am. Dr Tania Marshall, Vice-President (Professional Affairs) of the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA), was the moderator for the session.

The panelists were prominent women in science, namely Prof Sonali Das (Associate Professor, University of Pretoria), Ms Ndoni Mccunu (Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Black Women in Science), Dr Sarita Maree (Executive Committee Member of the International Union of Biological Sciences) and Dr Raesibe Ledwaba (Chairperson for Women in Physics in South Africa).



## REGISTRATION OFFICE

SACNASP is very excited to be offering a new value-added service to all our registered scientists. You can opt in to advertise yourself on our website and your skills and contact details that you fill in will be searchable on our database of registered scientists. We receive numerous enquiries looking for contact details of registered scientists with specific skill sets and we thought this would be a great way to link our scientists with those in need of their skills. In order to make use of this opportunity, simply login to our scientist's portal, click on "Networking details" and follow the instructions there. Remember we will only display what you enter there, so add your contact details if you'd like them shared. If you don't know how to login to the portal you can go to <https://portal.sacnasp.org.za> and use your registration number. If you've never logged in before your password will be your SA ID number or passport number. If you're struggling to login please drop us an email on [registrations@sacnasp.org.za](mailto:registrations@sacnasp.org.za) and we will gladly assist. You are also welcome to call us on **012 748 6500** and choose option 1 for registrations.

## CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The contributions or articles are not limited to the VA's only. You, as an author, specialist or expert are more than welcome to also contribute to the website. If you have material that you feel should be added to the online website then please contact Johan van Schalkwyk on **082 737 5532** or email [johan@6cds.co.za](mailto:johan@6cds.co.za) for more information. Please check the CPD online portal for your category1 activities.

All CPD related activities can be accessed on [cpd@sacnasp.org.za](mailto:cpd@sacnasp.org.za)

Visit our website [www.sacnasp.org.za](http://www.sacnasp.org.za) for job opportunities.

## INTRODUCTION TO VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONS

### LAND REHABILITATION SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (LARSSA)

As a group of qualified, experienced and enthusiastic land rehabilitation specialists, LaRSSA identified an opportunity to improve, facilitate, support, grow, consolidate, accelerate, evaluate, and communicate land rehabilitation stories. The Land Rehabilitation Society has become the way to channel this energy.

LaRSSA was founded on the 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2012 and publicly inaugurated and constituted on the 15th November 2012. LaRSSA is a non-profit organization with a current membership of 250 and growing rapidly. LaRSSA has a potential member database of more than 2500.

LaRSSA provides land rehabilitation discussion forums

LaRSSA provides a platform for the relevant capacity building of land rehabilitation best practice

LaRSSA hosts various technical field workshops and an annual conference where scientific research, case studies, as well as success and non-success stories can be shared.

LaRSSA creates open communication channels between all stakeholders which will provide information that will influence policy to ensure more sustainable rehabilitation outcomes.

LaRSSA promotes scientific research on land rehabilitation and communicates valuable outcomes.

Contact them on [www.larssa.co.za](http://www.larssa.co.za)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

WEBINAR: 20 OCTOBER 2020

**Theme:**

“Unlocking the full potential of data driven methodologies in the natural sciences”

**Time:** 10:00 - 11:30

**Proposed speakers for the webinar (90-minute discussion):**

**Moderator:** Dr Roelof Coetzer (SACNASP Council members)

1. Prof AURONA GERBER (Chairperson of the South African Institute of Computer Science and Information Technology)
2. Dr Happy Sithole (Director of the Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC) at the CSIR).
3. Prof Riaan de Jongh, Director of the Centre for Business, Mathematics and Informatics (BMI) at the North-West University.

## HSRC SURVEY

We kindly request your participation in this survey of natural scientists. When you complete the survey you get a category 1 CPD point.

The study aims to enhance our understanding of the labour market transitions of natural science graduates. We would therefore like to explore your experiences post-graduation into the world of work.

Do natural science graduates find jobs or are some still looking? To what extent did their studies prepare them for the workplace, and for those working, to what extent are they using the skills they acquired during their studies in their current jobs? The answers to these questions will assist SACNASP to better understand and support natural science professionals and will be documented in a report to the Department of Science and Innovation.

The link to the survey is as follows:

[https://is.gd/SACNASP\\_Nat\\_Scientists\\_Survey](https://is.gd/SACNASP_Nat_Scientists_Survey)

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FINANCE MANAGER

Registered Scientists must pay their outstanding fees online via pay fast, payments made directly to the bank account the payment will take 1 month to be updated.

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