

# SOUTHERN AFRICAN COAL PROCESSING SOCIETY

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“Our aim is to provide a forum for the exchange of knowledge related to coal processing by means of meetings, conferences, seminars and colloquia.”

## Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural SACPS newsletter. I would like to welcome all our new members as well as existing members. This newsletter is intended to keep everyone informed of happenings within the society and the coal processing industry as a whole. It will be sent out initially every second month and we look forward to feedback, suggestions, etc for future newsletters. We also have revamped our website and would appreciate feedback and suggestions from you.



Jayson Jacobs

Our chairman for the next two years is Jayson Jacobs. Jayson is currently Director of Business Development at Enprotec whom he joined in 2012. Jayson completed his Bachelor's degree in Metallurgy and is currently doing his MBA through Stellenbosch University. He says "I'm extremely passionate about what the constitution of the SACPS

represents, which is education, knowledge sharing and mentoring – I was personally exposed to the society from a young age and it has contributed to my development in all aspects. I look forward to the next 2 years and encourage all our peers in the coal processing fraternity to support the society, the benefits for the industry is most certainly valuable". Welcome Jayson, we look forward to your contribution as Chairman over the next two years.

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Nulla vestibulum eleifend nulla  
Suspendisse potenti. Aliquam turpis  
nisi, venenatis

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Fick Fourie. Fick was a founder member of SACPS, chairman of the society in 1988 and 1989 and latterly an honorary member.

## Fick Fourie Chairman 1988-1989

Fick started his career in coal at the Fuel Research Institute of South Africa (FRI) during the early 1960's.

Fick saw the transition of the FRI to the NICR (National Institute for Coal Research) and later to the Division of Energy Technology at the CSIR where he was Program Manager of the Coal Preparation programme.

He co-authored the original "Coal Preparation for Plant Operators" handbook and assisted with the translation into Afrikaans.

Fick officially retired from the CSIR in 1990 but never retired from the coal industry. He leaves his wife Rosa and three daughters. Our condolences go out to his wife and daughters.

RIP Fick.

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## Latest Conference and Annual Dinner News



### Annual Dinner - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The annual dinner which takes place on 19 May 2017 at OR Tambo Centre at the Birchwood Hotel. Book now or miss out on this wonderful networking event. Details are available on our website.

### Conference - 22 - 24 August 2017



Have you registered yet for the SACPS Conference which takes place from 22 - 24 August 2017 at Graceland Hotel Casino & Country Club? If not, contact Gerda Craddock on +27 11 432 8918 or download the registration form which can be found on our website.

Accommodation bookings need to be booked through Brigitte Weinreich. Booking forms are available on our website.

A provisional programme is being put together and successful speakers will be contacted by end March 2017.



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## Knowledge Exchange

Two presentations were given after the AGM on Thursday 16 March 2017. The first entitled "Practical Considerations for Bias Testing for Coal Sampling plants" was presented by Alan Johns of ALS Group and the second entitled "Cross Belt Sampler Technology" by Craig Bamber of Malvern Engineering.



Copies of the presentations can be obtained by contacting Johan de Korte via email on [JdeKorte@csir.co.za](mailto:JdeKorte@csir.co.za)

### 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

The 5th international Coal Conference and Exhibition will take place in New Delhi from 6 – 7 November 2017 with the theme "Coal washing – a sustainable approach towards a greener environment". Details of the conference can be accessed on our website

