

# Newsletter

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## Jakes Jacobs remembered

Jakes Jacobs, a former chairman of the Southern African Coal Processing Society passed away in December 2017.

He was an Honorary Life member of the Southern African Coal Processing Society and served on the committee for many years. He was chairman of the Witbank branch from 2003 until 2006.

Jakes was also awarded the Society's "Coal man of the year" award in 2012.

Our condolences were communicated to his wife and family.



## Welcome from the chairman

Welcome to all our SACPS members, I would like to welcome all our new members that have joined in 2018 and we trust that you will find the society beneficial to you.

This newsletter is intended to inform all our existing and potential members of events occurring within the society and the coal processing industry as a whole. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, etc for future newsletters. Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook, check out our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information on events and happenings within the society and of course we appreciate feedback and suggestions from all members.

Any correspondence that you will have received this year already will showcase the 50th anniversary logo.

Our annual banquet celebrating firstly our 50th year anniversary then secondly the awardees in the various

categories as normal. The dinner will take place on 18 May 2018 in the Centre Court at Emperors Palace, Kempton Park. The cost of a table is R9500.00 excluding VAT and the booking form is available on our website. Please complete the booking form and send it to Gerda Craddock on [gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za](mailto:gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za).

2018 has not started off on a good note with regards to safety, we, as the SACPS, would like to encourage everyone in the industry ensure safety is your number 1 priority and that all your team members return home safely.

Our AGM and next technical meeting will take place on 15 March 2018 at the Colliery Training College (CTC) in Emalahleni.

I wish you all a successful and prosperous 2018.



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

### Objectives and goals of SACPS

Create forums for the exchange of knowledge related to coal processing by means of technical meetings, conferences, seminars, etc.

To further the education and understanding of coal processing by Society members and industry personnel.

To foster co-operation with appropriate educational institutions and other similar organisations for the furtherance of coal processing knowledge.

To distribute accumulated funds to support the objectives above.

# 50th Anniversary of the Southern African Coal Processing Society

The high-quality leather-bound coffee table book is well into editing and further information will be given soon on the publication of the book.

For more information, kindly contact Gerda Craddock via email on [gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za](mailto:gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za).

## Coaltech Annual Colloquium

The annual Coaltech Colloquium will take place on 16 March from 08.30 to 15:00 at the Ridge Dome, corner N4 and Mandela Drive, Emalaheni. The purpose of the annual colloquium is to disseminate information about the association's work to all stakeholders

in the coal industry. Topics for the day will cover the environment, coal processing and mining. Entrance is free, if you are interested in attending Carmen Bergman-Ally on +27 11 358 0011 or +27 82 301 0419 or via email [cbergman@coaltech.co.za](mailto:cbergman@coaltech.co.za)

## CTC

**Mineral Processing – Coal Preparation**  
The current courses presented at CTC are aimed at mineral processing but are also applicable to other beneficiation processes.

Both the Basic and Advanced courses' Unit Standards are accredited by the MQA and are being presented under the auspices of the South African Coal Processing Society.

### Basic Coal Preparation for Plant Operators

The course is presented over a period of 7 weeks, 2 days per week, and consists of theoretical as well as practical training.

The course is mainly aimed at training plant operators in all basic principles of mineral processing. It provides plant operators with the necessary skills to master all mineral processing techniques in order to meet the various requirements for the utilisation

potential of ore.

### Advanced Coal Preparation

The course is aimed at more senior mineral processing personnel, and provides the student with a wider and more advanced scope regarding Coal Preparation and utilisation in general. It also prepares the student to play a more meaningful role in the management of the ore beneficiation environment.

It is presented during four 3-week study schools, over a period of a year. Apart from the final theoretical examination for each study school, the student is required to do a thesis, which is to be presented to a panel of external examiners after completion of all four study schools.

For more information and specific modules/unit standards, please feel free to contact CTC's Mineral Processing Department at [info@ctctraining.co.za](mailto:info@ctctraining.co.za)





# Technical conference and other news

At the technical meeting on 22 January 2018, presentations included 'Toughened alumina ceramic wear linings and the utilization of Composites in processing plants' presented by Cobus Kotze and Leon Harmsen (Groupline Projects) and 'Developments in the Reflux Classifier™ Technology' presented by Nicolas Boonzaier (FL Smidth)

Refreshments were sponsored by Groupline Projects.

Kindly contact Johan de Korte for more information on presenting papers at future technical meetings or to obtain information on papers already presented. His contact details are email - [JdeKorte@csir.co.za](mailto:JdeKorte@csir.co.za).

Our annual banquet which will celebrate our 50th year anniversary of the Southern African Coal Processing Society will take place in Centre Court at Emperors Palace on 18 May 2018. More details can be obtained from Gerda Craddock on +27 011 432 8918 or via email at [gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za](mailto:gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za).

At our banquet we present various awards, one of these being the "Coal Person of the Year". Nominations are received annually from members for this prestigious award.

The selection committee decides who this will be awarded to based on a transparent set of criteria.

For the Best Student of the Year Award two prizes are awarded, one award will go to a leading student from a South African university. The second award will go to the best CTC student.

Tables for the banquet can be reserved from Gerda Craddock on +27 011 432 8918 or via email at [gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za](mailto:gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za).



The 17th Australian Coal Preparation Society Conference with the theme "Same Resource – Different World" which takes place in Brisbane, Queensland from 11-14 September 2018 is inviting authors to submit abstracts (maximum 500 words) on any aspect of coal preparation and utilisation to their technical committee. More information can be found under Events on our website.

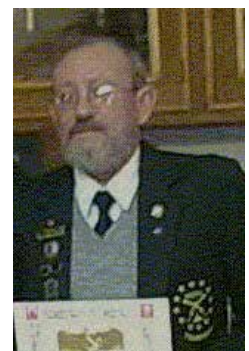
The venue for the biennial technical workshop which takes place in August this year will be announced shortly. Watch out for the notice which will be communicated via our website and social media platforms. Please contact Mark Cresswell if you would like to present a technical paper at the conference. He can be contacted on email at [mark.cresswell@draglobal.com](mailto:mark.cresswell@draglobal.com)

The revised 6th Edition (2017) "Coal Preparation in Southern Africa" handbook is available. If you would like to purchase a copy. Please contact Gerda Craddock.

New applications for grants for students studying in the Coal Processing field can be forwarded to Gerda Craddock via email at [gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za](mailto:gerdac@mineralconcepts.co.za).

## Farewell to Len

Len Bowker retired from CTC as at the end of December 2017, we thank him for his contribution to the SACPS and that he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.





## Our sponsors for 2017-2018



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