

Newsletter

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50th Anniversary Dinner and Awards

Have you booked your table yet?

This anniversary dinner promises to be fantastic.

We are celebrating the 50th year of the Southern African Coal Processing Society as well as the normal annual awards which include Coalman/ woman of the year, Student of the year (university) and coal student of the year.



Welcome from the chairman

Welcome to all our SACPS members, I would also like to welcome all our new members that have joined since our last newsletter and we trust that you will find the society beneficial to you and look forward to your continued membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Johan de Korte on his appointment as a honorary life members in recognition of his services to the Society and contribution to the field of Coal Processing.

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, LinkedIn and Facebook , check out our website, LinkedIn 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.

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.

We are also in the planning stages of the technical workshop which will be held on 16 August, venue will be advised shortly.

Our next technical meeting will take place on 24 May 2018 at the Colliery Training College (CTC) in Emalahleni.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next technical meeting.



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 in final production and will be available for purchase at our annual dinner on 18 May 2018. Further information will be given soon on the

pricing of the publication.

For more information, kindly contact Gerda Craddock via email on gerdac@mineralconcepts.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



Technical workshop and other society news

At the recent technical meeting on 15 March 2018, Jayson Jacobs gave feedback to the audience on the past year. He detailed the benefits of being a member of SACPS which include discount on registration fees, ECSA registration and points. SACPS's emphasis is on education and he detailed what the society had accomplished by supporting various students, etc.

He also highlighted the need to leave a legacy for the future and it was good to note that we had 52 new members and it was encouraging that young members were interested in coal processing and he stressed the importance of attending the technical meetings every two months where presentations were given which were educational and informative.

The first presentation given was on the topic "Filtering and dewatering" by Gavin Maré of Enprotec which discussed various alternatives to slurry dams through using dewatering and filtering technologies.

The second presentation given by Syd Parkhouse of Aury Africa (Pty) Ltd covered screening/centrifuging of coal using vibrating/processing equipment Syd stated that it is important to collaborate with industry so that they are aware of what problems are being encountered and where they can help.

Kindly contact Johan de Korte for more information on presenting papers at future technical meetings or to obtain information on papers already presented. Please contact him via email on dekorte.johan@gmail.com

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table please contact Gerda Craddock on +27798726403 or via email at 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 the Events tab on our website.

We are also looking to send a delegation to attend the ICPC conference in India. More details on this conference can be obtained under the events tab on our website.

The venue for the biennial technical workshop which takes place on 16 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 this workshop. He can be contacted on email at 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.

Our newest honorary member





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