

# Newsletter

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## Welcome from the chairman

Welcome to all our SACPS members, I would 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.

happenings within the society and of course we appreciate feedback and suggestions from all members.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families warmest greetings. May this year end on a positive note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at our bi-monthly technical meetings which are held at the Colliery Training Centre in Emalahleni as well as at our annual awards banquet which will be held on 15 May 2020. Please save this date. Bookings will open soon.

## Farewell to Johan de Korte

A farewell lunch for Johan de Korte was held on 26 November 2019. Johan has served on the committee for a total of 30 years. Johan also was Coalman of the Year in 2003.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish Johan a very happy retirement from SACPS. We know that he is not retiring from the industry as he has a wealth of knowledge which he gained from his many years of working.





**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.

# Students Projects Feedback - November 2019

The last meeting of every year is normally dedicated to presentations given by students that the society sponsors through the year.

This year we had five students who presented their findings on projects that they have been working on.

The presentations were as follows:

Sayuri Naidoo from the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal who presented her project on the "Fluidization of ultra-fine particles".

Mpho Ramudzwagi from the University of Johannesburg who presented his project on "Optimization and modeling the process of de-mineralizing coal using a hydro-cyclone".

Kgotlelelo Sekgobela from the University of Johannesburg who presented his project on "Assessing mineral matter content in South African coal and their effect on its strength properties".

Nthabiseng Leokaoko from the University of North West who presented her project on "Green coal development for application in fixed-bed catalytic gasification".

Lizah Setsepu from the University of the Witswatersrand who presented her project on "Development of a binder for use with discard coal fines".

A lot of interest was seen from the audience who asked detailed questions to each of the presenters. Congratulations to all of the presenters on excellent presentations.

Below are the students from L-R: Mpho Ramudzwagi, Kgotlelelo Sekgobela, Nthabiseng Leokaoko, Lizah Setsepu and Sayuri Naidoo



# Upcoming conferences and other events

## ICPC 2019 - 13 to 15 November 2019

The 19th International Coal Preparation Congress was held in New Delhi, India from 13 – 15 November 2019. Detailed feedback from this conference will be featured in our next newsletter.

## 15 May 2020 - Annual Banquet and Awards Function - Emperors Palace

Bookings will open soon. Details can be obtained from Gerda Craddock via [info@sacoalprep.co.za](mailto:info@sacoalprep.co.za)

## Coal Rush 2020 – Tamworth, New South Wales – 25th to 28th August, 2020

The conference Technical Organising Committee (TOC) invites interested authors to submit their abstract(s) (maximum 500 words) on any aspect of coal preparation to be considered for inclusion in our conference and its subsequent publications via Email to: [confedit@acps.com.au](mailto:confedit@acps.com.au). Please mark the email attention: The Editor

The link to download the document can be found on our website via this link  
<https://www.sacoalprep.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CallForPapers9Aug2019.pdf>

The link for the conference can be accessed via this link  
<http://www.acps.com.au/conference-2020>

## ICPC 2022 - 10 to 13 October 2022

The Australian Coal Preparation Society (ACPS) would like to invite you to join us on Queensland's Gold Coast for the 20th International Coal Preparation Congress in October 2022. Call for papers commences in March 2021 and closes September 2021. Registration available from February 2022. All non-resident delegates will require a Visa to enter Australia. Further information and Visa applications are available at: [www.eta.immi.gov.au](http://www.eta.immi.gov.au)





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