

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The **GROUNDWATER 2017** conference organizers welcome **abstract submissions for oral and poster presentations**. We are entering an era of water resources instability resulting from unsustainable withdrawals of water resources, unreliable rainfall, pollution of water resources and rapid urbanization. Water resources instability poses a challenge to the groundwater community who needs to shift their thinking more towards holistic groundwater management where we understand the inter-linkages between societies, ecosystems and the Earth System in securing future water supply. While a systems approach is encouraged there is a need to reconnect this approach with the fundamental science of hydrogeology. We therefore, invite abstracts that will make a meaningful contribution to the hydrogeological sciences and our conference. **In particular, we invite abstracts that advance our current understanding of the following scientific techniques, methods and models in solving our groundwater challenges:**

- Groundwater sustainability
- Groundwater monitoring;
- Environmental forensic geochemistry and isotopes;
- GIS and remote sensing (incl. big data analytics);
- Geophysics;
- Groundwater modelling (incl. integrated surface – subsurface modelling; and
- Hydraulic characterization.

We hope to make this conference exciting by inviting international renowned hydrogeologist as speakers. Groundwater 2017 will draw participants from the public and private sectors throughout Southern Africa. Hydrogeologist will be present working in the energy and mining sectors. Conference attendees will listen to the latest research happening in South Africa.

### IMPORTANT

1. Please note that every person that has registered for an oral presentation or poster must **submit an abstract by no later than 3 April 2017** to the conference organiser: **Conferences et al: email [deidre@iafrica.com](mailto:deidre@iafrica.com)**.
2. Delegates will be notified that their abstracts have been accepted by – **22 May 2017**.
3. The delegates that have their abstracts accepted will be requested to develop conference papers.
4. All confirmed authors of orals and posters must register and pay their fees by **31 July 2017** In order to be included in the official programme.

### Guidelines for Oral Presentations:

We have allowed 20 minute slots for all presentations. This includes time for questions. Presentations must be prepared in PowerPoint (PP). To ensure compatibility, save your presentations in both newer (pptx) and older (ppt) file formats.

### Guidelines for Posters:

Posters should be of size A0 or A1 and be in portrait format. There will be formal poster sessions during which time authors and/or representatives for these posters must be available to provide further details to delegates.