

The 15th Biennial Groundwater Division Conference with the **theme Change, Challenge and Opportunity** will be held from the 14 to 18 October at the Spier Wine Estate in Stellenbosch this year.

The biennial GWD conferences have been central in sharing knowledge about groundwater in South Africa. However, our conferences are never just about the science of groundwater. They are about putting our work out for peer review, they are about networking and they are about renewing friendships. Importantly, they provide a platform to pull young hydrogeologists into our community, refreshing the exchange of ideas amongst us, in order to be prepared for Change, and prepared to face the Challenges that so often come with Change, and enabling us to see the Opportunities in the Challenges.



PROF JOHN CHERRY ACCEPTS INVITATION TO ATTEND

Prof. Cherry's participation in GWD2017 is eagerly anticipated as he can greatly contribute to the advancement of the science and technology of groundwater in this country. The groundwater community at large – including

regulators, academics and consultants – will be excited to learn from this leader in his field. (Please visit our website www.gwd2017.com for the full biography on Prof Cherry)

Prof. Cherry is probably best known to us as one half of Freeze & Cherry who authored the authoritative textbook Groundwater, first published in 1979. He recently chaired an expert panel established by the Canadian Council of Academies to look into the environmental impact of shale gas extraction.

Prof. Cherry has had a long and distinguished career in hydrogeology and currently serves as Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada and conducts research as an Adjunct Professor and member of the G360 Institute for Groundwater Research at the University of Guelph, Ontario. He was the recipient of the 2016 Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize, awarded at Singapore International Water Week in July 2016 in recognition of his achievements and dedication to groundwater research and teaching. He remains influentially in the field, particularly in matters relating to groundwater contamination and protection, groundwater monitoring and remediation of late, he is especially interested in advancing better methods for characterizing and monitoring complex groundwater systems.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We would like to call for abstracts that advance our current understanding of various scientific techniques, methods and models in solving our groundwater challenges. Please visit our website www.gwd2017.com for more information on the conference topics and information on how to submit your abstract. **Deadline to submit the abstract is 3 April 2017.**

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