

GWD 2017

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14 to 18 October 2017

15th Biennial Ground Water Division Conference

Spier Wine Estate, Stellenbosch South Africa

The GWD2017 organising committee has received just under 200 abstracts for the upcoming conference. The response has been extremely positive, and many companies are supporting the event by way of sponsorship and several will also be exhibiting at the conference.

Exhibiting & Sponsorship

Several opportunities for conference sponsorship and exhibits are still available. It is an excellent opportunity for companies and organisations to reach the anticipated 250 national and international delegates, representing various sectors active in groundwater and related disciplines.

The scientific programme promises to be an exciting and informative one, with keynote addresses by prominent overseas and local speakers.

This 3 day conference is an excellent opportunity for delegates to network, listen to some of the best presenters in this field, and be exposed to the latest innovations in groundwater.

Scientific Programme

We announced in our last newsletter that **John Cherry**, who co-authored the authoritative 'Groundwater', first published in 1979, has accepted our invitation as key note speaker. He will present a key-note lecture sharing his insights on groundwater impacts of shale gas extraction.

Prof. Bruce Misstear is Associate Professor in hydrogeology and environmental engineering at Trinity College Dublin.

He is currently Secretary General of the International Association of Hydrogeologists. Prof. Misstear will present a key-note lecture sharing his insights on the impacts of domestic wastewater treatment systems on water quality in private wells.

Prof. Keith Fifield has held research positions in nuclear physics laboratories at the universities of Pennsylvania, Oxford, and the Australian National University. Keith is at the forefront of innovation in both the methods and application of accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) technique for ultra-trace detection of very rare, long-lived isotopes. He applies the technique in many research areas, including understanding groundwater origin and flow, residence times and inter-aquifer mixing. Prof. Fifield will present a key-note lecture, and pre-conference course, on groundwater isotopes.

Prof. Randy Stotler is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geology, University of Kansas, lecturing in physical hydrogeology and environmental tracers. His primary research area is regional groundwater flow system characterization, utilizing a combined physical-chemical multitracer approach. Prof. Stotler will present a key-note lecture sharing his field-based research activities.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 22 May 2017: Delegates will be notified that their abstracts have been accepted
- 31 July: Confirmed authors of orals & posters must register and pay their fees
- 31 July: Deadline for early bird registrations
- 25 Sept: Registration Closes

Conference Exhibitors:

- ♦ Bauer Technologies South Africa
- ♦ Bemlab
- ♦ GCS Water and Environmental
- ♦ GeoStream in Partnership with USK Environmental
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