



1st Announcement & Call for Papers



YOUNG GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERS

YGE Conference 2011

31 August, 1 & 2 September 2011

Berg en Dal Conference Centre, Kruger National Park

BIG 5 of Geotechnics

MINING &
ENVIRONMENTAL

SITE INVESTIGATION & TESTING

PILING & LATERAL
SUPPORT

ANALYSIS &
MODELLING

CONSTRUCTION &
CASE STUDIES

Conference Secretariat

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Who should attend?

Geotechnical practitioners under the age of 35 in the mining and civil construction industry.

More experienced geotechnical practitioners are encouraged to motivate the YGE working under them to attend the conference and explain the advantages of presenting their work at the conference.

Abstracts & Papers

Please email abstracts and papers to Yolandé Oosthuizen register@rca.co.za. The conference organisers will acknowledge receipt of all abstracts by email. The scientific committee will review all abstracts and the presenting author will be notified if their paper has been accepted for a presentation. Abstracts will not be retyped or corrected.

Abstract Guideline

Length of Abstract: 300 words

- **Format:** Typed, Times New Roman Font, size 12 pt and 1,5 spacing
- **Margins:** 25mm on sides. 20mm top and bottom.
- **Title:** Centred and in capital letters. The names, affiliations and country of author and co-authors must appear under the title.
- The text must begin at the margin (do not indent).

Paper Guideline

The Conference Proceedings will be prepared from papers received from the authors. Check your paper carefully as the committee will not correct mistakes.

- **Length of Paper:** papers must not exceed 10 pages, including illustrations, tables and references.
- **Format:** Times New Roman Font, size 12 pt and 1,5 spacing.
- **Margins:** 25mm on sides. 20mm top and bottom.
- **Title:** Centred and in capital letters. The names, affiliations and country of author and co-authors must appear under the title.
- **Illustrations:** There must be a caption below figures and photos. Please note these figures and photos will be printed in black and white in the proceedings booklet.
- The text must begin at the margin (do not indent).
- Each headed or sub-headed section should be numbered using a decimal system.

Conference Committee

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Call for Abstracts

Extended deadline for submission 31 January 2011

Conference Godfather

Professor Gary Jones

Gary Jones graduated in 1957 at Cambridge. Some years later he was awarded his PhD at the University of Natal for research on the development of the piezocone for the determination of the geotechnical properties of the recent alluvial deposits along the eastern coast of South Africa.

He began his career in Zimbabwe and followed this with spells in the UK and Uganda before settling in South Africa where he worked for consultants, the Natal Roads Department and the CSIR before joining SRK Consulting.

Having retired from SRK in 1998 he became a corporate consultant for them and also an extraordinary professor at the University of Pretoria. Gary is the author of fifty papers and publications on a variety of geotechnical subjects and has received the Jennings Award, the Geotechnical Gold Medal and is an Honorary Fellow of SAICE.

Programme Outline

Tuesday 30 August 2011

Arrival at Berg-en-Dal Restcamp

Wednesday 31 August 2011

Breakfast at Berg-en-Dal Restaurant

Full Day Conference

Evening – for Drinks by the Fire

Thursday 1 September 2011

Breakfast at Berg-en-Dal Restaurant

Full Day Conference

Sunset Game Drive

Dinner – Bush Braai with entertainment

Friday 2 September 2011

Breakfast at Berg-en-Dal Restaurant

Half Day Conference

Departure

Registrations

Registration will open January 2011

Accommodation

PLEASE NOTE – Accommodation bookings and payments will need to be made before the middle of May 2011.

Please contact the conference secretariat for more information.

