

SciCOM 100* Conference 2018

First announcement and call for abstracts

The South African Research Chair in Science Communication is excited to announce a conference focused on research in the field of science communication to be held on 6 – 7 November 2018. The overall theme of the conference is: 'Science communication and democratic South Africa: prospects and challenges'.

The conference will be hosted at the 'home' of the Chair – the Centre for Research on Evaluation, Science and Technology (CREST) at Stellenbosch University. The Chair is supported by the Department of Science and Technology and the National Research Foundation.

We have invited a number of leading science communication researchers from around the world to share their work, but this conference is also a platform for South African researchers in the field of public science communication and engagement to participate.

If you have been actively involved in research in these fields in South Africa, we invite you to submit an abstract of no more than 500 words as soon as possible, but no later than 15 April 2018. Please email your abstract to marinajoubert@sun.ac.za. All abstracts will be peer-reviewed by a small committee appointed by the Science Communication Research Chair, and you will be informed of the outcome on or before 31 July 2018.

Invited speakers that have already confirmed their participation in this conference, include:

- Prof Bruce Lewenstein, Cornell University
- Prof Anne Dijkstra, University of Twente
- Prof Dietram Scheufele, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Prof Martin Carrier, University of Bielefeld
- Professor Elisabeth Rasekoala, African-Caribbean Network for Science and Technology
- Dr Beverley Damonse, National Research Foundation
- Prof Peter Weingart, Stellenbosch University
- Prof Janice Limson, Rhodes University
- Prof Anthony Lelliott, Saide
- Dr Bankole Falade, Stellenbosch University

*Stellenbosch University is 100 years old in 2018 and this conference will form part of the centenary celebrations at this institute; hence the title of the event 'SciCOM 100'.

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