



NEWS

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SAWISE-Angus Scholarship 2007 Awardees!

This year two SAWISE – Angus scholarships were awarded: One to Jen De Beyer who is registered for honours in Biochemistry at Stellenbosch University, and the other to Tsungai Ivai Jongwe who is registered for Honours in Molecular and Cell Biology at UCT.



Jen De Beyer



Tsungai Ivai Jongwe

2007 SAWISE-Element 6 Scholarship

No award was made, since no suitable candidate was identified.

Article on WIS in SAJS

The most recent SAJS (vol. 102, pg. 275) has an article written by Karen Esler, Lesley Shackelton and Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan about the August 2006 SAWISE and HERS-SA forum on “Do assessment systems discriminate against women in academia”. Check it out!

End of the Year Function last December

We had a great lunch at the coffee-shop at Kirstenbosch Gardens in December. The weather was perfect, and the company was superb!

News from Kathryn Lannas, 2006 SAWISE Angus Scholarship awardee

I completed my Honours degree last year in the Botany department at UCT, obtaining a distinction. This year I have been awarded an International Student Scholarship from UCT and a bursary from the Water Research Commission to do an

MSc in zoology focusing on the resource economics of wetland areas in South Africa. My project will form a small component of a larger project looking at wetland conservation and evaluation in South Africa. I will specifically be looking at the resources harvested by local communities in a rural area and then an urban, but densely populated setting (at the moment probably looking at the wetlands within Khayelitsha).

First woman president of SAAB



Our SAWISE treasurer, Prof. Karen Esler of the Department of Conservation Ecology, University of Stellenbosch, was recently elected President of SAAB (SA Association of Botanists). She is the first woman President of the Society in the 32 years since its inception. "I hope to strengthen the role that SAAB plays in the training of researchers in Botanical fields, and to raise the profile and interest in our southern African botanical riches. This is the only way to ensure the conservation of our unique biological heritage," she explained.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UCT Science day in the Cape Flats, Darul Islam High School, 1 March 2007.

An SAWISE "exhibition stand" is being organised by Diane Wilcox. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Diane urgently! Diane.wilcox@uct.ac.za

Talk by Dr. Jaleh Daie, 27 February 2007, 5pm, Welgelegen, UCT

Dr Jaleh Daie is visiting South Africa as part of the PlantBio Trust Distinguished Speaker Programme. Dr Daie is the managing partner of Aurora Equity in San Francisco and is a well known professional in the biology/biotechnology world. She is a former professor and department chair as well as former head of science at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation. She is also past-President of the **Association for Women in Science, USA**. She has given numerous invited speeches in the US and abroad, as well as, being keynoter to varied audiences from policy makers to school children including motivational seminars to girls and women.

NOTE: If you haven't already paid your membership dues, remember to bring along your R30 to do so. Our SAWISE "I support women in Science" badges will also be on sale (R15 each).

Date to diarise: 8 August 2007

A Celebration of Women in Science and Engineering

After the huge success of our 2005 event, we have decided to host a similar event this year. Once again, we will have a morning event for girl learners and an afternoon event for women professionals. Our main sponsor for this event is Element 6, although L'Oreal has also agreed to provide some sponsorship and Iziko Museums are allowing us to use their venues pro-bono.

General

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