

7 March, 17h30 for 17h45; Wolfson Pavillion, UCT Medical Campus

Guest speaker: A. Prof. Tamara Franz-Odendaal

SA WISE members joined in some interesting networking activities to get to know each other in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. We had the pleasure of hearing from our guest speaker A. Prof. Tamara Franz-Odendaal.

A. Prof. Franz-Odendaal is a developmental biologist and morphologist who specializes in craniofacial development and anatomy in vertebrates. Her main areas of research are craniofacial development, understanding how developmental processes have changed through evolution and how the craniofacial skeleton interacts with soft tissues during development. She is head of the Bone Development Laboratory at the Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada. She has numerous peer reviewed publications and is internationally recognized for her scientific achievements. She will be receiving the American Anatomy Association's Morphological Sciences Award and present an award lecture on "Unraveling the Complexity of the Skull: an Evo-Devo Approach" at the AAA Annual Meeting during April 2013.

She is, in addition, the Atlantic Chair of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)) (2011 – 2015) (http://www.wiseatlantic.ca/).

