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Invitation

Celebrating Polar Week

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Join the South African Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS SA) and the Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology in celebration of
Polar Week from 17-21 September.

We will be hosting a series of lunchtime lectures, each day presented by researchers and students from the various aspects of South African polar research – all under the theme:

'South of Africa: SubZero Summers'

Lectures will take place from 12:30-13:20 in room 1-2 (Geography building, Hatfield campus).

A Marion mash-up: How ecologists, invasion biologists and engineers collaborate to understand the dynamics of an island

17 September: Dr Peter le Roux and students, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences (UP)

Genetic diversity at different spatial scales: what it tells us about the sub-Antarctic

18 September: Prof. Bettine Jansen van Vuuren and students, Department of Zoology (UJ)

Microbial Ecology of terrestrial polar soils and the Southern Ocean

19 September: Dr Thulani Makhalanyane, Centre for Microbial Ecology and Genomics, Department of Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology (UP)

Using bioinformatics to understand the ecology of polar communities

19 September: Dr Surendra Vikram, Centre for Microbial Ecology and Genomics, Department of Biochemistry, Genetics and Microbiology (UP)

Polar student associations - the importance of connecting with your peers

20 September: Dr Christel Hansen, Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology (UP)

Landscape processes in Antarctic ecosystems

20 September: Dr Christel Hansen, Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology (UP); Department of Geography (RU)

Marion Island: a sentinel for climate and landscape interactions research in the sub-Antarctic

21 September: Prof. David Hedding, Geography Department (Unisa)

North of Africa: polar research takes you places! - Videos and pictures from the 'South African' polar regions

21 September: Dr Christel Hansen and Mr. Michael Loubser, Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology (UP)

For any questions please contact Christel Hansen at christel.hansen@up.ac.za

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