

Association for Information Systems Southern African Chapter (AISSAC)
SOUTHERN AFRICAN CHAPTER OF THE AIS
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In this newsletter we announce the second annual AISSAC Seminar, share highlights from last year's inaugural AISSAC Seminar, and introduce you to the AISSAC Student Chapter.

AISSAC Seminar 2014

The 2014 AISSAC Seminar will be held on 29th September preceding the 2014 SAICSIT Conference in Centurion. This year we mark the 20th Anniversary of the AIS by celebrating '20+ years of IS Research in Southern Africa'. The 2014 seminar will be an historic overview of research in such areas as IS Strategy, ICT4D and IS Theory. Confirmed speakers include Keynote speaker Prof. Bob Galliers (IS Strategy), Prof. Geoff Walsham (ICT4D) and Prof. Jason Cohen (IS Theory). The seminar should generate exciting discussion around the history and future of these key themes in IS research.

AISSAC Seminar 2013

Last year's AISSAC Seminar proved to be a resounding success. Addressing the topic of 'Information Systems in a Connected Society' the seminar saw much interesting discussion and debate from local and international speakers, and from the enthusiastic attendees, covering such issues as 'Is it a Better World now that we are more Connected?', 'Being a World-Class Researcher and Publisher' and 'Developing an IS Women's Network in Southern Africa'. We would like to thank our international speakers Prof. Carol Saunders and Prof. Sue Conger for attending and helping to make the event a success.



Attendees of the first AISSAC seminar preceding the 2013 SAICSIT Conference

AISSAC Council

The 2013 AGM brought changes to the AISSAC Executive Board, with the appointment of a new Secretary (Dr Emma Coleman).



AISSAC Board 2014. From rear, left: Aurona Gerber (At-Large Director), Mac van der Merwe (At-Large Director), Hugo Lotriet (Treasurer), Melius Weideman (Website Content Manager), Elisha Ochola (Student Chapter President), Carina de Villiers (President-Elect), Jan Kroeze (President), Emma Coleman (Secretary), Alta van der Merwe (At-Large Director).

Student Chapter

Registration of the AIS Southern African Student Chapter (AISSASC) was approved in April 2014. The Chapter has 32 member students (masters and doctoral) from UNISA School of Computing. Membership will now be extended to AISSAC affiliate institutions as registration has been approved. The AIS feels that Student Chapters have a unique opportunity to unite students with a common interest in the field of information systems. Through this, they hope to advance the growth of the discipline through increased enrolments and prepare students for a career in IS. As a registered chapter, AISSASC will be able to participate in the 5th Annual AIS Student Chapter Awards and the 6th Annual Student Chapter Competition and Conference.

Membership

To join AISSAC please visit <http://www.aissac.org/index.php/join-aissac>.

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