



SOUTH AFRICAN SPECTROSCOPIC SOCIETY

YOUNG SPECTROSCOPIST'S SYMPOSIUM 2017

The competition is on again between the North and the South!

Following the tradition of the South African Spectroscopic Society, and very successful previous Young Spectroscopist's symposia, students (undergraduate and postgraduate), as well as spectroscopists in industry (less than 5 years experience in spectroscopy) are presenting papers on the results of their spectroscopy-related research at the Young Spectroscopist Symposia again this year.

The Young Spectroscopist Symposium is organized annually to give young spectroscopists and students the opportunity to present papers at a national level, provided the candidate has not presented an oral presentation at any international conference level before. This is a great opportunity to gain experience in delivering a scientific paper and receiving valuable input from the judges in written format after the presentation. Papers may cover any branch of spectroscopy.

As in the past the event will be organised as **two regional events** (North and South) that will be holistically judged to find the **National winner who will be awarded the The Albertus Strasheim Trophy and a prize to the value of R5000** generously sponsored by Perkin Elmer. A second place reward for the winner of the other regional event will also be given.

This year the *Southern Young Spectroscopist Symposium* will be held
on the **29th of November from 10:00**
at the **Department of Food Science – Stellenbosch University.**

The *Northern* event will be held at the
PerkinElmer offices in Midrand, Johannesburg
on the **22th of November from 10:00.**

We invite all members and supporters of the presenters to attend these **free of charge** events.

We further press upon our experienced spectroscopists to avail you as judges to these events. We specifically require one judge to attend both events to provide fair and comparable judging at both events. If you are interested and available, please let us know by **10 November**.

Full details of the programme and venues (with directions) will be provided to those indicating they will attend.

If you wish to attend, please send **your name** and **e-mail address** before **10th November** at the mail below, indicating **which one of the two events** you wish to attend (together with any special dietary requirements).

The South African Spectroscopic Society will consider providing transport assistance to presenting students who cannot afford to do so, on each request's merit. Applications with full details of the student's travel needs and an indication of other available funding sources need to be forwarded to the mail stated below.

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