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Dear MINSO Member,

You will see that a nomination form is included in this newsletter, together with a full list of both elected and co-opted members forming the current committee. You are therefore invited to nominate persons for the executive committee for 2008. However, when nominating someone for election, please ensure that, as specified by the Minsa constitution, the person standing for election is both a Minsa and a GSSA member, and that the nominee is willing to stand for election. Closing date for nominations is **5th May, 2008**. Please fax, post or email nominations to me before this date.

The next event for 2008 will be an afternoon visit to the analytical facility (Spectrau) at the University of Johannesburg on **Thursday, 24th April, 2008**. The unit has recently expanded and installed additional equipment which includes a new microprobe, an MLA (an automated mineral analysis system) and ICP-MS with laser ablation. This will be a good opportunity to see and have demonstrated the capabilities of this very well equipped facility which is available for use by both university personnel and industry. The visit will take place at 2:30pm on 24th April. Please meet at Spectrau (3rd floor, C Block – geology building, University of Johannesburg). If you will be taking part in the visit, please email Jill Richards – jill.richards@sgs.com - with your name beforehand).

Then Minsa, in conjunction with the Geology Department of the University of Johannesburg is organizing a **Basic Course on Ore Microscopy**, at the Doornfontein Campus of the university from 26 – 28th May 2008. The course is aimed at people who have a basic knowledge of minerals and mineral processing or geology, and is pitched at a beginner's level. The course will comprise the following modules:

- Introduction to the stereo and polarizing microscope.
- General introduction and background to South African ores and ore deposits.
- The physical properties of all common ore minerals (hardness, cleavage, form and habit).
- Optical properties of all common ore minerals (colour, reflectance, birefractance, reflection pleochroism, anisotropism and internal reflection).
- Ore mineral textures, associations and locking of minerals.
- Uses of ore microscopy in metallurgy and mineral beneficiation.

Further information is presented on the enclosed advertising. Please contact Mrs Wendy Thompson for further information (Tel: 011-559-6176; email: wendyt@uj.ac.za).

I would just like to remind all our student members that Minsa awards an annual book prize at the AGM (to be held in June/July this year) to the student deemed to have produced outstanding work in the field of Mineralogy, Petrology or Geochemistry during 2007-8. Now that the exams are over and results are known, any student member that would like to apply for this prize should access the Minsa website (www.minsoc.org.za) where the rules and regulations governing the awarding of the prize

are laid out, together with a copy of the application form. Applications for the book prize should reach me no later than 31st May 2008.

And finally I would like to make an appeal to members receiving this newsletter through the post, to please contact me with an email address if you have one.

Regards
Jill Richards
Secretary/Treasurer

**MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA
ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee of the Mineralogical Association of South Africa are invited. A nomination form is attached. All nominations must be sent to:-

Dr JM Richards (Secretary/Treasurer), Mineralogical Association of South Africa, PO Box 21290, HELDERKRUIN, 1733; email: jill.richards@sgs.com

Closing date for nominations is **5th May 2008**. Late nominations will not be accepted. Each nominee must have a proposer and seconder. **The proposer must ensure that the nominee is willing to serve and is a MINSA and GSSA member**

Outgoing members of the Executive Committee for 2007-8 are:-

Mr LL Coetzee (Chairman)	Ms D Chetty (Vice Chairman)
	Dr SD Verryn
	Ms W Grote
	Ms A van Staden

Co-Opted Members for 2007-8 are:-

Ms L Andrews	Ms M Becker
Prof RG Cawthorn	Ms D Chetty
Dr L Chevallier	Dr M Cloete
Mr LL Coetzee	Mr M Cronwright
Prof JPR de Villiers	Mr R Dixon
Prof JN Dunlevey	Dr C Gauert
Prof C Harris	Prof G Kruger
Mr A McKenzie	Ms S Nichol
Dr S Prevec	Mrs A Quadling
Dr C Reinke	Dr J Richards
Mrs L Scott	Prof R Shone
Mrs V Singh	Mrs W Thompson
Ms D van Tonder	Dr S Viljoen

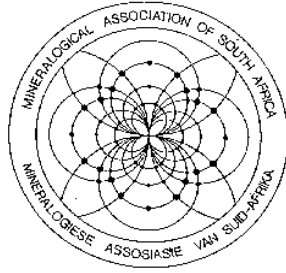
As Vice Chairman for 2007-8, Ms D Chetty becomes Chairman for 2008-9

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MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

NOMINATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2008-9

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder



ACTIVITIES LIST, 2008

- 24th April Tour and demonstration of new equipment at the Analytica Facility (Spectrau), University of Johannesburg. Tour leader: Dr Christian Reinke. Please meet at 2:30 at Spectrau. Contact Jill Richards if you wish to take part.
- 26-28th May Short course entitled '**Basic Course in Ore Microscopy**' organised by the University of Johannesburg and Minsa and presented by Mrs Wendy Thompson. Venue: Doornfontein Campus of UJ. Further details available on enclosed brochure and from Mrs Wendy Thompson (011-559-6176, email: wendyt@uj.ac.za)

Contact details for the events described above and any other enquiries are:

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