



proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology) is a sector of the NSTF representing about 40 professional and learned societies. This section shares news about [current members](#) and introduces new members of the [proSET sector](#).

- **Sponsorship opportunities available for the International Association for Impact Assessment South Africa (IAIAsa) International Climate Change Symposium**

The [International Association for Impact Assessment South Africa](#) (IAIAsa) is hosting an [International Climate Change Symposium](#) in Cape Town from 22-28 September 2022. The theme is “Celsius 1.5: Impact Assessment & Climate Change”. There are many sponsorship and branding opportunities available at the conference, including one for African delegate support. Contact [Sue George](#) for more information.

- **2022 ICT Skills Survey goes live**

The [2022 JCSE – IITPSA ICT Skills Survey](#), a trusted guide to the state of ICT skills in South Africa, is carried out by Wits University’s [Joburg Centre for Software Engineering](#) (JCSE) in partnership with the [Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa](#) (IITPSA). [Read more](#).

- **Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) to sponsor limited number of students for courses**

The [Geological Society of South Africa](#) (GSSA), in conjunction with their event partner(s), will sponsor a limited number of students for selected online courses in 2022. [Read more](#).

- **Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) challenges SANRAL’s decision to cancel tenders**

[Consulting Engineers South Africa](#) (CESA) is challenging the recent decision by the SANRAL Board to cancel critical infrastructure tenders on the basis that their adjudication process was flawed due to the involvement of design engineers in the tender adjudication process. [Read more](#).

- **Share your insights and innovations at an Institute of Municipal and Mechanical Engineering of Southern Africa (IMESA) branch seminar**

The Northern Provinces Branch of the [Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa](#) (IMESA) is inviting members to present papers/presentations at their Seminar on 26 August 2022. Make use of the opportunity to share your insights and innovations in your profession with branch colleagues. The submission deadline is 25 June 2022. [Click here](#) for details of the Branch Seminar and AGM.

- **Winner of best PhD presentation at BIO22**

Natasha Kitchin (PhD Psychiatry) from Stellenbosch University won the best PhD presentation at BIO22 – the [South African Genetics Society](#) (SAGS) and [South African Society for Bioinformatics](#) (SASBi) joint conference in May. She identified microbial differences between neurotypical and FASD diagnosed infants. It presents a promising finding for microbe-based therapeutic interventions.

- **South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) celebrates two decades of deep insights on World Oceans Day**

On World Oceans Day 8 June 2022, [South African National Biodiversity Institute](#) (SANBI) marine scientist Prof Kerry Sink and her Deep Connections project team unveiled findings from a three-week research expedition at iSimangaliso Wetland Park. This year, the theme of World Oceans Day is 'collective action to revitalise our oceans', and this expedition is an excellent example of the teamwork needed to collectively understand, benefit from and protect South Africa's oceans. [Read more.](#)