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South African Report





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- Discussions on a centralised data centre & repository for both Antarctic and sub-Antarctic.
- Opens the door for discussions on the standardisation of Antarctic naming conventions and the submission of new names within the South African framework (according to the South African Geographical Names Council Act 118/1998) and adhering to the SCAR Report 41 of 2021.

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SOUTH AFRICAN REPORT TO SCAGI

Dear Chair,

Please find the contribution of the South African representatives to SCAGI below.

New national representatives to SCAGI

South Africa nominated 3 new representatives to SCAGI, effective November 2021. These are:

1. Dr Christel Hansen; Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Meteorology, University of Pretoria, South Africa
2. Professor David Hedding, Department of Geography, University of South Africa, South Africa
3. Dr Elizabeth Rudolph, Afromontane Research Unit, Department of Geography, University of the Free State, South Africa

Establishment of the South African Polar Research Infrastructure (SAPRI)

South Africa created the South African Polar Research Infrastructure (SAPRI) in 2021. This initiative is focused on the sharing of resources and streamlining of polar resources among the South African polar community. It takes the form of a unified but distributed infrastructure that coordinates, combines, and strengthens existing capabilities by building on the suite of observatories, sentinel sites, and research platforms already established and maintained by the South African National Antarctic Program community. This also opens the door for discussions on the standardisation of Antarctic naming conventions and the submission of new names within the South African framework (according to the South African Geographical Names Council Act 118/1998) and adhering to the SCAR Report 41 of 2021.

I trust you find the above in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.



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