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31ST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

7-10 November, 2021

VIRTUAL



Message from the Chair of the CATSA2021 Local Organising Committee

For the first time in the 30 year history of the Catalysis Society of South Africa (CATSA), the 2020 conference was postponed due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Also, for the first time, the 31st (CATSA) international conference scheduled for 7th - 10th November, 2021 will be virtual and hosted by the University of KwaZulu-Natal. The theme of the conference "*Catalysis for a sustainable society*" resonates with the current global focus towards cleaner and environmentally benign synthetic and industrial processes.

The conference aims to attract over 200 local and international delegates from academia, research institutions, and industry to deliver plenary, keynote, oral and poster presentations. Abstracts are invited from the areas of homogeneous, heterogeneous, biocatalysis, nanocatalysis and electrocatalysis. The meeting also provides an opportunity for our industry partners to showcase their products and build stronger links with all stakeholders in the catalysis industry,

including research institutions and academia. Although the virtual platform deprives delegates of the serene atmosphere of the physical venue, the surrounding attractions and contact networking, it offers a unique opportunity to delegates across the globe to participate from the comfort of their offices and homes.

This year's conference is privileged to have Prof Paul Chirik, a renowned scholar in the field of homogeneous catalysis, as the Eminent visitor. Prof Chirik currently holds the position of Edwards S. Sanford Professor of Chemistry at the Princeton University in the United States of America and is the Editor-in-Chief of Organometallics journal. We are looking forward to a fruitful scientific engagement with you. All are welcome!

With very best wishes,

Prof Stephen Ojwach

Chair of the Local Organising Committee