



CATALYSIS SOCIETY

OF SOUTH AFRICA

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CATSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT DIAZ HOTEL RESORT, MOSSEL BAY, WESTERN CAPE
ON 6 NOVEMBER 2023**

REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

E VAN STEEN - UCT	D OPPERMAN - UFS	T MNTAMISO - TUT
A DE OLIVEIRA - HIERN	A EBRECHT - UFS	D TEFTU - UL
YR RAMZI - CRT	G HUTCHING	J OGADA - WITS
P ROTHJANGEL - FJG	E HECHTER - WITS	J S-PEREZ - CORNELL
M FADLALLA - UCT	K CHEPAPE - PTEC	K OZOEMENG - WITS
T GAMBU - UCT	V DAL SANTO - CNR	L NDZUZO - UCT
R MOHAMED - UCT	R T-MENSON - UJ	S NTSHIBONGO - UJ
N NDILA - UCT	M ONU - UJ	F RADZILANI - UJ
P KETLOGETSWE - UCT	P MOSES - WITS	B GEORGE - UCT
M CHAZA - UCT	F HAILU - WITS	J HOLMQUIST - PTEC
R MEHZOOM - UZ	T TSEKELI - WITS	C NEUKES - PTEC
B OWAGA - UKZN	Z PENG - UNISA	S MOLOI - UCT
L JEWELL - UNISA	R LIU - UNISA	T NYATHI - UCT
R O'CONNOR - WITS	W ANYOMIH - UJ	J HOFFMAN - UCT
M MAPHOU - TUT	P KASEKE - UJ	Y RAGOO - UCT
H FRIEDRICH - UKZN	A PECK - UCT	F PANDAY - CSIR
M LANDMAN - UP	A POLHARD - UKZN	M AGON - UFH
F MALAN - UP	O MTALANA - TUT	C MUSAVULI - NWU
R RAMOHOLA - UL	N SINGH - UKZN	T LEKGETHO - TUT
D PIENAAR - UP	E LINGANISO - WITS	J CHETTY - CLAR
T SINGH - UKZN	N BATHONI - CPUT	F DU TOIT - CLAR
R CHANERIKA - UCT	V MAVHINDI - WITS	R DU PLESSIS - CLAR
T DBAREMBE - NMU	G MOSS - UCT	A OGUMLAYA - NMU
S JEZA - UKZN	Z DUMA - CSIR	Z TSHEWTU - NMU
Z RAJAN - UCT	S BOOYSEN - UWC	L GEOLATHLE - WITS
N MANGWANE - TSH	D DEOLIVEIRA - UCT	A MAPOLE - SU
C MATHEBE - PLAB	N DEOLIVEIRA - UCT	N CORNELL - WITS
Z LANGABI - PLAB	W SFONTEIN - NWU	S DUBE - UKZN
T LEFAKAWE - PLAB	P KOOYMAN - UCT	Y NZUZO - UJ
H MOKWENA - UJ	M MKHANYA - MUT	J MOMA - WITS
B MTETWA - UCT	M MYAMYA - UKZN	M SHOZI - UKZN
T PAPO - UKZN	C MATHYSE - UCT	S NGQOLODA - MTEK
G NGUBENI - WITS	C MULLINS - UCT	N CHAUKE - MTEK
S GGOBA - WITS	S MAHLABA - UCT	T TAHIER - UCT
B ITOTA - UCT	L STUURMAN - UCT	D FAPOJUWO - NMU
R DU TOIT - UCT	Z MSELEKU - MTEK	T DIPHEKO - UCT
L NGEMA - UCT	L QWABE - MUT	A MWENYANE - MUT
J DU TOIT - NWU	A FALCH - WITS	T HUGHES - SASL
M VOSLOO - NWU	L NAICKER - SASL	M RAMTHEKI - SASL
M VD BERG - NWU	N GOVENDER - SASL	T NAICKER - SASL
C VAN SITPERT - NWU	R VESAGER - SASL	T BOTHA - SASL
V NDABENKLU - UKZN	K HKIRI - ITH LABS	T MGWENYA - MTEK
A NGQAKWEZI - MTEK	R GARIDZRAI - NWU	A MGUBANE - UNISA
P MENTE - UNISA	H MBATHA - UNISA	L MGUNI - UNISA



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N THBNXANE - UNISA
K MMELESI - UNISA
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O RANGANTHN - UCT
M PRETTIER - CSIR
N FISCHER - UCT
S ROBERTS - UCT
N FEATHERSTNE - UCT
P KHANGALE - UJ
M ONANI - UWC
L CHRISTOPH - SU
M SMIT - UFS
Y YAO - UNISA
T UNDERWOOD - UCT
V PADAYACHEE - UCT
S ZONG - UNISA
P LEPONESE - UCT
X TIAN - UNISA
D BRADY - WITS
S GIDAGA - UFS

N CHAUKE - TUT
K RAMU - UNISA
B BALOPI - UNISA
T HLBATHE - UNISA
J KABAMBA - UCT
C ESLICK - UCT
W MARQUART - UCT
S RASEALE - UCT
T LEPEDI - UJ
N NCANAMA - UKZN
E MAGGOTT - SUN
X LIU - UNISA
B POHO - TUT
R MCONDOCHI - UP
A DE KOCK - UP
B SEMPUGA - UNISA
N NYEMBE - WITS
V MOAGI - TUT
M MARINKOV - UFS

C CANNILLA - ITAE
G BONURA - ITAE
A MEZZAPICA - ITAE
N NOSRATI - UCT
N MADUBUKO - GER
V AZOR - UFS
P MASHAZI - RU
N BINGWA - UJ
L KEKANA - UJ
E KADURA - UKZN
K CHURCHILL - SU
H XU - UNISA
E VAN VUUREN - UP
B ZHANY - UJ
N WANG - UJ
N DE LEEUW - UK
M HDUNI - WITS
B AWE - UP
M KRUGER - UFS

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chairperson of CATSA welcomed all members to the 2023 AGM in the name of the Society.
Apologies for Prof Jack CQ Fletcher were noted.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

No items were added.

3. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

The draft minutes of the 2022 AGM were proposed by Prof Reinout Meijboom and seconded by Prof Selwyn Mapolie and are therefore accepted as a true reflection of the 2022 AGM.

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Prof Fischer thanked the organizing team of the 2022 CATSA conference around Prof John Moma.
Prof Fischer thanked the CATSA Committee for their work over the previous year and especially Prof Marilé Landman for serving the Society as treasurer.

CATSA provided travel grants to three students to attend the North American Catalysis Society meeting in Providence, EuropaCAT in Prague and the 244th ECS Meeting in Gotheburg, Sweden.



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Scientific work was presented in form of two posters and one oral presentations. The Society supported a further 61 students from 8 universities with grants to attend the 2023 CATSA conference.

Prof Fischer highlighted the 2023 CATSA Eminent Visitor Prof Nora de Leeuw from Leeds University, UK.

CATSA is a full member of the European Federation of Catalysis Societies as well as the International Association of Catalysis Societies with Prof Holger Friedrich and Prof Nico Fischer representing the Society at these international councils. At the EuropaCAT 2023, EFCATS elected a new Board and Prof Fischer was voted onto the Board as Member at Large. ICC 2024, the flagship conference of IACS, will be held in Lyon in July 2024. Dr Mzamo Shoji serves on the Young Scientist Committee and Prof Fischer on the Ethics Committee of the conference, strengthening the international visibility of CATSA.

Within South Africa the fourth international Syngas Convention was held in Cape Town in April 2023. The Chem4Energy conference was held at NWU in March/April 2023 and will be organized again in March 2024.

Prof Fischer extended a special thanks to Prof van Steen and his team for organizing the 2023 CATSA conference and thanked the sponsors of the conference for their contributions.

The report was proposed by Prof Xinyng Liu and seconded by Prof Reinout Meijboom.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Prof Marilé Landman presented the Treasurer's Report. Due to the 2023 conference being early in November, the financial report for the full financial year was not available yet. By the end of October CATSA's current account held R354 995.12 with the investment account R1 179 154.45. Between the conference even and odd account the Society holds funds of R1 300 715.32. The very high profit achieved by the 2022 CATSA conference of over R750k was highlighted, and Prof Moma congratulated on his success.

The 2023/24 budget was updated with this high profit and now balances expenditure of approximately R319 000 with an income of R900 889.51 resulting in a projected profit for the Society of R581 889.51.

The report was proposed by Prof Reinout Meijboom and seconded by Prof Holger Friedrich.

7. MEDIA OFFICER'S REPORT

Prof Moma presented the website and newsletter of the Society and requested content submissions by the membership. Social media platforms include Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram and X/Twitter are maintained. Sponsors are now also invited to advertise on these channels according to a new conference sponsorship protocol.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES'S REPORT

Mr van Vuuren reported on the activities of the CATSA Student Committee and introduced the committee members, which managed the Society's Twitter account and organized the student challenge. An invitation was extended to students to become involved in the upcoming year.



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9. CONFERENCE 2022 REPORT

Prof Moma provided a brief report on the 2022 CATSA conference. The conference had a total of 304 delegates, with 141 students, 26 virtual attendees and 9 sponsor delegates and surpassed expectations resulting in a significant profit of R757 039. Prof Moma thanked his organizing committee supporting the efforts. The Eminent Visitor was Prof Charles Sykes from TUFTS University, USA, and a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Prof Jack Fletcher (UCT).

Prof Fischer conveyed the Society's thanks to Prof Moma as well as the loyal sponsors that continue to support CATSA.

10. CONFERENCE 2023 ORGANISER'S INTERIM REPORT

Prof van Steen reported that the conference attracted approximately 272 on site delegates. Prof van Steen thanked his organizing committee as well as the sponsors supporting the event.

11. CONFERENCE 2024 OUTLOOK

Prof Meijboom presented the plans to host the 2024 CATSA conference at the Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensberg with a target of 300 delegates. The EV was confirmed to be Prof Ben Feringa from the University of Groningen, Netherlands.

12. REPORT FROM THE GAUTENG CATALYSIS FORUM

Prof Fischer reported on discussions between the CATSA committee and the Gauteng Catalysis Forum. Dr Mabu Maphoru reported on the activities of the Forum in the past year. A subcommittee of the CATSA committee will be established in the next year to discuss opportunities to link the Forum to CATSA.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further items were raised.

13. ELECTON OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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| • Nominated: | • Elected: |
| Bernard Owaga | Marilé Landman |
| Shaine Raseale | Cornie van Sittert |
| Martin Onani | Mabuatsela Maphoru |
| Holger Friedrich | Linda Jewell |
| Marilé Landman | Thelma NgWenya |
| Cornie van Sittert | Holger Friedrich |
| Wijnand Marquart | |
| Mabuatsela Maphoru | |
| Rhiyaad Mohamed | |



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Joshua Gorimbo

Patricia Kooyman

Linda Jewell

Thelma NgWenya

Reinout Meyboom

Phathutshedzo Khangale

Frikkie Malan

❖ **MEETING CLOSED**