



South African National Society



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YEAR END NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and Associates

Since the last review members have enjoyed two interesting meetings.

This year the Ken Gillings memorial lecture was presented by Dr Anthony Zaborowski. This talk traced the history of Poland from early times and the audience were riveted. A detailed report back is to be found on the website.

The AGM was held on Saturday 16 November at the Durban Country Club. At this meeting the following members were elected to serve on the 2020 committee:

President: Robert King Chairman: Angela St George Vice Chairman: Graeme Fuller

Treasurer: Myra Boyes Secretary: Memory Coutts

Members: Steven Kotze, Mikhail Pappas, Sanabelle Ebrahim, Johan Van Der Berg.

Both Ian Smith and Hugh Bland have decided to stand down in 2020. Hugh has however agreed to keep the website up-to-date and we are most grateful for his outstanding contribution to SANS. Ian Smith was elected as an Honorary Life Vice President. This honour is well deserved as Ian has served on the SANS committee for more than 10 years and as President has made a significant contribution to the society.

The AGM and lunch was followed by a fascinating talk on the coelacanth and the work of the Smiths and Marjorie Courtenay-Latimer. Professor Mike Bruton's talk was certainly a highlight of the year and the fact that a coelacanth was spotted by a group of divers at Pumula 5 days after the talk made it all the more exciting!

The last SANS meeting of the year will take place at KwaMuhle on **Tuesday 10 December**. Alison Bastable's talk entitled **Living History** is not to be missed and details are attached. There will be festive fare to enjoy before the meeting.

Also diarise **Tuesday 14 January 2020**. Notice of this meeting will be sent out early in the New Year.

Very best wishes to all members and their families for a joyous and blessed Christmas and may everyone enjoy a peaceful year ahead.

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