

## SDL CONFERENCE 2018

The 2nd SDL Conference of the Research Focus Area Self-Directed Learning (SDL) of the Faculty of Education will take place from 5 to 7 November 2018 at the Elgro Hotel in Potchefstroom.

Profs Karl Wirth (Macalester College, USA), Sharan Merriam (University of Georgia, USA) and Ignatius Gous (UNISA, SA) will present their keynote addresses on the conference theme, *Self-Directed Learning for the 21st Century: Implications for Higher Education*. The four conference strands are:

- Teaching / learning and assessment strategies and skills to enhance Self-Directed Learning (e.g. cooperative learning, problem-based learning and case-based teaching and learning) in school and Higher Education contexts
- Tools, Apps and technologies to enhance Self-Directed Learning
- The role of the contextualised curriculum to enhance Self-Directed Learning
- Scholarship and praxis of Self-Directed Learning

The conference will start with a plenary discussion on day one. After a short 2 minute video, on how, in the South African education system, we train school children to sit for the final examinations, and how the examination-driven teaching and learning prevent the enhancement of Self-Directed Learning, the keynote speakers, as well as other stakeholders (Department of Education officials, teachers, teacher educators, teacher union rep) will make a short statement on this. After this the audience will be involved in the discussions and Q&A. This will be followed by Prof Wirth's keynote address (5 Nov). On day 2 (6 Nov), Prof Merriam will read her keynote address and day 3 (7 Nov) will showcase Prof Gous' keynote.

Registration and submission of papers or posters opened on 28 February 2018 and interested persons have the opportunity to submit their papers/posters until 31 July 2018. Each paper will be double-blind peer reviewed and the best papers will be considered for publication in the New Generation Sciences Journal.

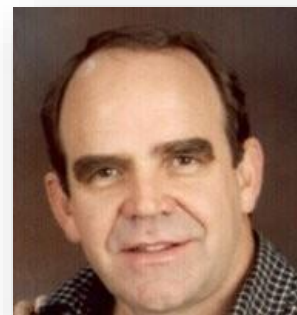
Conference registration and submission of papers/posters can be done on the SDL website at <http://www.education.nwu.ac.za/sdl>



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