



2018 Autism Symposium

Lets' get together to connect and spark better outcomes

The program is subject to minor changes to accommodate traveling arrangements of the presenters

Day 1

7:30 – 8:00	Registration EXHIBITION	
8:00-8:05	Welcome- Dr. Kobus Du Plooy, Institute of Psychology and Wellbeing and Sandy Usswald, ASA	
8:05–8:15	Opening- Prof. Phaswana-Mafuya, Vice-chancellor for research and innovation	
Time	Presenter	Title
8:15-9:00	Prof Petrus De Vries Professor of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, UCT	Interventions for the mental health comorbidities of ASD
9:00-9:45	Dr. David Griessel Specialist: Paediatrics and Child Health, UFS	Girls on the ASD spectrum
9:45-10:30	Dr. Liezl Schlebusch Centre for Autism Research in Africa, UCT	Family matters! Routines, impact, and family quality of life of South African families raising children with autism
10:30-11:00	Tea EXPERT CORNERS- IPW, ASA EXHIBITION	
11:00-11:45	Dr. Nola Chambers Centre for Autism Research in Africa, UCT	Autism navigator: An innovative approach to improving access to early detection and intervention for ASD
11:45-12:30	Josh Crickmay Teenage author	Josh's Big Year A story of hope- From Autistic, broken, suicidal, 15 years old to a year later with a self-published coffee table book showing courage and triumph
12:30-13:15	Sherainne Reddy Parent	Incredible Minds Adaptive Learning Centre and the innovative approaches used with children ages 3 to 13 that had led to countless success stories

13:15-14:00	Lunch	EXPERT CORNERS EXHIBITION			
14:00-14:45	Talia Jade	Fight with insight- Boxing and Autism program	14:00-14:45	CLOSED SESSION – Attendance by invitation Prof Chris Venter & Rumando Kok Counselling and Clinical Psychologists, IPW,NWU Continue	Listening group with Autistic adults
14:45-15:30	Kim Rundle Parent	Special Kneads Cafe	14:45-15:30		Listening group with Autistic adults
15:30-15:45	Comfort break		15:30-15:45	Comfort break	
15:45-16:30	Dr. Enid Moolman	Assessing for AAC and visual schedules	15:45-16:30	Continue	Listening group with Autistic adults

Provincial stakeholder event – IPW @ 19:00

Day 2:

7:30 – 8:00	EXHIBITION	
8:00–8:15	Introduction of the World Health Organization Caregiver Skills Training Programme for families of children with developmental disabilities Dr Liezl Schlebusch, Centre for Autism Research in Africa, UCT	
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8:15-9:00	Dr. David Griessel Specialist: Paediatrics and Child Health, UFS	Supporting adults living with autism: what does the future hold?
9:00-9:45	Dr. Carla Groenewald Specialist Child Psychiatrist	Ready, steady, sleep! Overview of different causes of sleep problems, as well as resources for improving sleep for children with Autism and adult carers
9:45-10:30	Emile Gouws Second-year Master's student at University of Pretoria	Overcoming barriers to learning- My personal experiences as an Individual on the Autism Spectrum and how the assistance of additional support helped me to achieve my goals.
10:30-11:00	Tea EXHIBITION	EXPERT CORNERS
11:00-11:45	Doctorandi Marlene Zwiegers Drama Specialist	Autism Friendship Circles and drama therapy: exploring safe spaces for your child's development.

11:45-12:30	Vicky Lamb Educator, ASA	Timian SA: Managing Challenging Behaviours			
12:30-13:15	Claire Allen Specialist Educator	How to write social stories			
13:15-14:00	Lunch EXHIBITION	EXPERT CORNERS			
14:00-14:30	Dudley and Debby Flugel- Parents Recorded session	The trials of errors and success with supporting Autistic adults	14:00-14:30	Jackie Patterson Occupational therapist	Managing Sensory Issues
14:30-15:00	Mary Moeketsie Parent, ASA	Our story	14:30-15:00	Hanlie Degenaar Speech-language therapist, IPW, NWU	ASD and literacy development
15:00-15:30	Melt Olckers	Managing work environments and employment issues	15:00-15:30	Kerry Simpson	How my being an autistic parent helped my autistic child's development and what allistic parents can learn from this.
15:30-15:45	Comfort break		15:30-15:45		
15:45-16:30	Prof.Chris Venter & Rumando Kok	Feedback on the listening group	15:45-16:30	Parent Corner	Tips and notes to self
Closing					