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## Day 1 – Monday, 23 October

Venue: Senate Chamber (Westville campus)

### Programme

*Open in order to make scholarly research visible*



- 09:00-09:30 : Registration and Tea
- 09:40-09:50 : Joyce to introduce the speaker
- 09:50-10:05 : DVC opening remarks (15 minutes)
- 10:15-11:15 : Prof Johanna Smit - UKZN School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics

**Topic : Reflections on 21 Years of Alternation as Interdisciplinary Peer-reviewed Journal (1994/ 1996-2016), and the Launching on OJS (2018)**



**Brief biography: Johannes A. (Jannie) Smit** (DLitt) is a graduate of the University of Durban-Westville (now University of KwaZulu-Natal), founding editor of *Alternation* as peer-reviewed interdisciplinary journal (1996) and served as research chair of the former Faculty of Humanities at UDW/ UKZN (2000 – 2006). As part of this focus, he assisted numerous young academics to research, write and publish their first academic articles following the peer review process. He is the former Dean and Head of School of the School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics at UKZN, and former President of the Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa (two terms). He also served as Acting Dean and Head of School of the School of Arts for one year and three months. His research interests are the History of Systems of Thought/ Knowledge-Power in the Humanities; the Interdisciplinary Digital Humanities in Africa; and Religion and Social Transformation. He teaches Comparative Religion (main focus Christianity), in the Programme in Religion and Social Transformation. Contact details: [smitj@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:smitj@ukzn.ac.za)

11:20-12:20 : Ina Smith - Academy of Science of South Africa

**Topic: Internationalizing South African Scholarly Journals**



**Brief biography:** **Ina Smith** specialises in the adoption of open science and open access publishing in the global South, with specific emphasis on Africa. She holds a Masters' Degree from the University of Pretoria in Computer Integrated Education, a Higher Education Teaching Diploma, and an Honours Degree in Library and Information Science. She has vast experience working in open access during her employment at the Univ. of Pretoria and Stellenbosch University in repositories, journal publishing and conference publishing. She is currently employed as a planning manager at the Academy of Science of SA, where she is working on a DST/ASSAf/ICSU/CODATA project for an African Open Science Platform. She is also a DOAJ Ambassador for the southern Africa region. In 2014 she received the LIASA President's Acknowledgement for Exceptional Contribution (2014), in 2011 she was a Runner - up in the international EPT Award for Open Access, and in 2016 she was awarded LIASA Librarian of the Year. She has a keen interest in the research process in general, and are actively promoting all to become digital citizens and to remain lifelong researchers and self - learners. Translating difficult concepts into digestible format for researchers to integrate into their day to day work a passion of hers.

12:30- 13:15 : **Lunch**

13:20-14:20 : Ms Susan Veldsman - Academy of Science of South Africa

**Topic : Raising the bar in scholarly publishing: the role of the Academy of Science of South Africa**



**Brief biography:** **Susan Veldsman** was appointed to the position of Director: Scholarly Publication Unit at the Academy of Sciences in South Africa, in January 2009. She is responsible to drive the Open Science agenda by advocating for the opening up of the entire research process from agenda-setting to the dissemination of findings. Raising the visibility, discoverability and accessibility of South African scholarly journals through Open Access and online journal content management; improve the quality of SA scholarly journal, books & conference proceedings through expert peer review panels in the field; find ways and solutions to further support the development of policy frameworks in order to facilitate optimal use and access to publicly funded research.

She received the Electronic Publishing Trust (EPT) award for her outstanding contribution to the promotion of Open Access in Developing Countries. Early in a career she started off as an Information Librarian, at various Higher Education Libraries in South Africa where she eventually was promoted to Assistant Director: Client Services, Library Services at the University of Johannesburg. During

2002 she moved to a national project, South African National Library and Information Consortium (SANLiC) where she was responsible for negotiating access to commercial databases and was actively involved in promoting Open Access and setting up Institutional Repositories. She continued this work, in 2006, in an international consortium, eIFL.net, in other transitional and developing, member countries worldwide.

14:25-15:25 : Bronwyn Rassmann - EBSCOhost

### Topic: FOLIO: The Future of Libraries is Open



**Brief biography: Bronwyn Rassmann** has been employed by EBSCO Information Services for the past 9 years and is currently the Senior Regional Sales Manager focusing on academic and government markets in Southern Africa. Bronwyn has a BCom Honours Degree in Marketing Management from the University of Johannesburg. She also belongs to the Golden Key International Honours Society for Academic Achievement. Bronwyn has spent the last 9 years actively engaging with the market in the Discovery realm and prioritizes content and the accessibility thereof. In her spare time Bronwyn enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding, reading and design.

15:30-15:45 : Vote of Thanks Dr Nonhlanhla Ngcobo



## Day 2 – Tuesday, 24 October

Venue: IKS Gandhi – Luthuli Documentation Centre below Library

### Programme

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- 09:00-09:40 : Registration and Tea
- 09:45-10:00 : Opening remarks (MC)
- 10:00-11:00 : Professor Neil Koorbanally – UKZN School of Chemistry and Physics

#### Topic : Why publish your science? Who gets to read it?



**Brief biography:** Prof. Neil Koorbanally is an Associate Professor in the School of Chemistry and Physics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is an Organic Chemist by training and holds a Ph.D. from the former University of Natal (2001) and a Masters cum laude (1998) in Organic Chemistry. He was a former Colenso scholar at St. John's College in Cambridge in the United Kingdom in 2005 and is a member of several academic societies such as the Phytochemical Society of Europe, the American Chemical Society and the South African Chemical Institute. He also sits on the editorial board of Natural Products Communications.

His past interests included Natural Products Chemistry and the discovery of lead compounds from plant sources used in traditional medicine. Prof. Koorbanally has discovered compounds with antibacterial activity, sickle cell anaemia, antioxidant properties, anti-inflammatory activity, antimalarial activity and menopausal disorder activity. During his time at Cambridge, he worked on the biosynthetic pathways to the antibiotics butirosin and neomycin under the late Dr Joe Spencer.

- 11:00-12:00 : Ms Melissa Badenhorst, Bcomm(Hons) Marketing Management). Marketing Manager, WorldWide Information Services, representing Thomson Reuters Intellectual Property and Science

#### Topic : The Open Access Perspective: Trends & Measurement



**Brief biography:** **Melissa Badenhorst** obtained her Honors degree in Marketing Management from the University Of Pretoria, South Africa. After completing her studies she went to London and worked at a global recruitment company, Hudson Global Resources Inc. as a project coordinator.

She returned to South Africa and worked in an agricultural marketing firm. She then moved into advertising and did freelance work for WorldWide Information Services (pty) Ltd as sales & marketing consultant. Today as the Sales & Marketing Director she interacts with customers and publishers and supports academic institutions in the management & evaluation of research output and benchmarking with peers. She works with universities across sub-Saharan Africa and has developed expertise in Bibliometrics

12:05-12:15 : Vote of Thanks- Faith Bhengu-Magwaza

12:20-13:00 : **Lunch**



## Day 3 – Wednesday, 25 October

Venue: IKS Gandhi – Luthuli Documentation Centre below Library

### Programme

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- 09:00-09:40 : Registration and Tea  
09:45-10:00 : Opening remarks (MC)  
10:00-11:00 : Ms Johanna Kuhn – Springer Nature

#### **Topic : From Open Access to Open Research – Finding New Routes to Collaboration and Discovery?**



**Brief biography: Johanna Kuhn :** Having joined BioMed Central, the open access publisher, in 2008 Johanna's core role is to promote open access throughout Europe and Africa. In addition, she is responsible for creating institutional partnerships which have proved vital in the communication of open access to a large part of the world. More recently, she has been addressing a wider range of open access related topics such as open data and books as part of a new set of responsibilities within the Open Research Group at Springer Nature

- 11:00-12:00 : Ms Genevieve Musasa – Elsevier (Netherlands)

#### **Topic : Open Access a view from Elsevier**



**Brief biography: Genevieve Musasa** is one of the Elsevier Customer Consultants for Africa. She is based in The Netherlands, in the headquarter office of Elsevier. As your dedicated expert for ScienceDirect, Scopus and Mendeley, her aim is to help you creating more added value of these research solutions and much more. She is responsible among others for customer engagements in nearly all Africa, for conducting different type of workshops and trainings such as author workshops. She works for Elsevier for 6,5 years of which more than 3 years as a consultant for Africa. She holds a master of Business Administration from The ICHEC Brussels Management School with previous positions in the fields of client management, human resources and business development in Brussels and in Amsterdam.

- 12:05-12:15 : Vote of Thanks- Faith Bhengu-Magwaza  
12:20-13:00 : **Lunch**



