

Excellent Research Rewarded

The Excellence in Research Awards are held biennially in Honour of Dr Gerrie Stander, the first Executive Director of the Water Research Commission (WRC), who was recognised internationally for his contributions to water research. Hosted by the Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA), the evening allows three young researchers to share the stage with an experienced water sector professional. This year, the memorial lecture was presented by Prof Peter Rose, Director of the Environmental Biotechnology Research Unit at Rhodes University on South Africa's contribution to the remediation and treatment of polluted mine-water. Also presenting their research were Dr Jonathan Taylor of North West University, Jennifer Molwantwa of Golder Associates and Scott Sinclair of the University of KwaZulu-Natal.



Above: Dr Jonathan Taylor, Prof Peter Rose, Jennifer Molwantwa, Scott Sinclair and Master of Ceremonies, Prof Fred Otieno.



Deon Nel of Biwater SA, WISA CEO Wallace Mayne and Koetoe Botha, husband of WISA president Dr Marlene van der Merwe-Botha.



Left: Dr Renias Dube, Jay Bhagwan, Dr Shafick Adams and Dr Kevin Pietersen, all of the WRC.



Jennifer Molwantwa, Tebogo Sehlabele of Golder Associates, Laetitia Coetser of SRK Consulting, Tracy Heath, wife of Dr Ralph Heath of Golder Associates, and Siyanda Ngebulana of Biwater SA.



Liezl and Dr Marius Claassen of CSIR, and Dr Ralph Heath of Golder Associates.