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## CIRCULAR #1 – JULY 2016

Dear members,

The year 2016 is marching on at a fast pace and now we are already in July. As I was very busy professionally, I neglected to inform you during the year about activities in our Society. I therefore would like to make up for this and at the same time I would like to invite you to the next Annual General Meeting, during which you will get a detailed report about the past year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, **18 August 2016 at 19H00** at the Sam Cohen Library. If it is not possible for you to be present, please pass on your proxy to a person of your trust.

At the AGM elections will take place. The following committee members have completed their terms of office:

Volker Gretschel (is prepared to stand for re-election)

Gustav Obermaier

Alexander von der Pforte (is prepared to stand for re-election)

Joachim von Wietersheim (is prepared to stand for re-election)

Kirsten Kraft and Karen Gebhard have still been elected for another year and we have invited two new candidates into the committee, who will be standing for election at the AGM:

Mrs. Karin Böttger

Dr. Gabi Schneider

Further nominations are welcome and can be handed in at the Sam Cohen Library not later than **08 August 2016**.

The renovations are now completed and all rooms at the Otavi-Bahnhof, as well as the Omega-Haus are let.

At the moment the Museums Café is being renovated and will be re-opened during the middle of August. We hope that through a total renewal and new management a positive change will take place – to the satisfaction of all visitors.

At the Museum we have a new honorary colleague in Mrs. Böttger, who also offers tours through the Museum. We thank her very much for her engagement.

The plan for the Museum has been actualised and is available to all visitors to the Museum. At the moment we have an exhibition about the Baobab trees and would like to invite all members to visit it.

From the beginning of August the lecture hall (Rössing Room) will be renovated to improve the conditions for lecturers presenting lectures and films. We also would like to create more room for interesting (touring) exhibitions. In future we would like to combine lectures with excursions and/or exhibitions, for instance water resources.

Our business manageress, Nadine Kohlstaedt, has successfully completed her probation period and we are glad to have won such an energetic and engaged person. It is simply impossible for the honorary committee to master the day-to-day responsibilities and decisions.

Mrs. Kohlstaedt is regularly in contact with the NSS (Namibia Scientific Society) and the MAN (Museums Association of Namibia) and through this contact she could organise the Baobab-exhibition in the Swakopmund Museum. She also manages our internet presence and is busy coordinating the digital data, which we intend to put „online“.

As you surely have noticed already, every Friday a small column appears in the Allgemeine Zeitung called „Zahl des Tages“. This information is researched and presented by Mr. Francois Hartz and offers a continual way of advertising the Scientific Society Swakopmund. We thank the editor of the AZ and Mr. Hartz for their support.

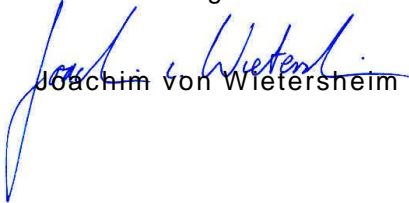
You have received the „Berichte“/Reports and I would like to thank the editor Dr. Obermair and his team for the publication of these newsletters! If you have an interesting story that you would like to share, you are welcome to pass it on to us.

Dear members,

As you can see, the committee members and the personnel are engaged to work for the benefit of the Scientific Society Swakopmund. This input is motivated to preserve the contents of the Sam Cohen Library and the Museum especially also for future generations. For this we always need support, not only financially. If you can assist by offering your help, i.e. by presenting a lecture, an excursion or your engagement in the committee we would be very thankful!

I am looking forward to welcome you at the AGM.

With kind regards

  
Joachim von Wietersheim