

**The 16th Annual Symposium 2016 of the**

**Heritage Association of South Africa**

**at Genadendal**

**on Thursday 20, Friday 21 & Saturday 22 October 2016**

***The Khoi and the Genadendal mission movement – A scrutiny***

**PROGRAMME**

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| **THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016** | |
| 11:00–16:00 | **AGM of the Heritage Association of South Africa, historical walk, dinner**  Venue: Greyton. Interested persons are welcome to attend as observers |
| **FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016** | |
| 08:30–09:00 | **Arrival, registration, tea & coffee. Venue: Moravian Church.** |
| 09:10–09:15 | **Welcoming**  – **Len Raymond**, **chairman of the Heritage Association of South Africa** |
| 09:20–10.05 | **The Khoekhoen (Khoi), ‘a forgotten first people’**  Early European contacts, perceptions and depictions from the early writings  **– Prof Michael De Jongh**, **anthropologist, author**  QUESTIONS |
| 10:10–10:55 | **The disintegration of the traditional Khoekhoen (Khoi) society in the wake of European expansion**  **– Prof Russel Viljoen**, **UNISA, author**  QUESTIONS |
| 11:00–11:15 | **Tea & coffee** |
| 11:20–12:05 | **Jan Paerl and the Khoekhoen (Khoi) resistance to the VOC**  – **Prof Russel Viljoen, UNISA, author**  QUESTIONS |
| 12:10–12.55 | **The role of the missionary George Schmidt**  The arrival of George Schmidt, missionary and human rights champion; the establishment of the settlement at Baviaanskloof; and Schmidt’s return to Europe and the consequences thereof. Sparrman finds his followers and their dilemmas.  **– The Reverend Chris Wessels, Moravian Church, Genadendal**  QUESTIONS |
| 13:00–13:55 | **Lunch –** provided by members of the Genadendal community, under the oaks or in the Hester Dorothea Hall, depending on the weather |
| 14:00–16:25 | **The re-establishment of Genadendal: The growth of the mission station, the people, and their lifestyle and employment, followed by a tour of the mission buildings and the industries**  Genadendal provided a refuge for people of different racial groups and origins, who settled there. It was not uncommon for men of European origin to court Khoi women, to the extent that – although discouraged by the missionaries – the majority of the residents at Genadendal were the result of these unions.  – **Dr Isaac Balie**, sixth-generation Genadendal Khoekhoen descendant, local historian, and former director of the Mission Museum  QUESTIONS |
| 16.30–17:00 | **Tea & coffee** |
| 18:30 for 19:00 | **Gold Medal Dinner in the Schiefer Hall –** provided by members of the Genadendal community. Two Simon van der Stel gold medals and two certificates will be presented to award winners |
| **SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER 2016** | |
| 08:30–08:55 | **Tea & coffee. Venue: Moravian Church** |
| 09:00–09:45 | **The Moravian Mission at Genadendal: The visitors to the mission and their observations about the role the mission played, and its socioeconomic effect**  Apart from religion, the missionaries applied the philosophy of “the dignity of Labour”. This played a big role in transforming the Khoi, and established a social and economic class of peoples from various origins, who became trained artisans and labourers in a changing world.  **– Prof Matilda Burden, Stellenbosch University, author**  QUESTIONS |
| 09:50–10:25 | **Highlights of the Museum – A guided tour**  **–Samuel Baatjies, Genadendal museum tour guide** |
| 10:30–11:00 | **Tea & coffee –** during which the Genadendal brass band will play traditional music |
| 11:05–12:00 | **Tracking the Hessequa: The decimation or dispersal in the Overberg and beyond**  In 1848 Bishop Grey wrote that there was only one true Khoi (Hottentot) community left and they were in Genadendal, as elsewhere the Khoi seemed to have disappeared.  **–Prof Michael de Jongh, anthropologist, author**  QUESTIONS |
| 12.05–12:55 | **Genadendal education: A road well-travelled from dirt track to major highways**  An account of Genadendal education and teacher training, and how this enabled the local people to progress in the modern era  **–Dr James Ellis, internationalisation consultant**  QUESTIONS |
| 13:00–13:40 | **Lunch –** at the Schiefer Hall, where the symposium will continue, owing to the commencement of a wedding in the church |
| 13.45–14:30 | **Early images of the Khoi and the Genadendal Mission Station as reflected in the illustrations of visitors over the years**  View graphicdepictions of the steady conversion of the indigenous people to the colonialist way of life.  **-Len Raymond, chairman Heritage Association of South Africa**  QUESTIONS |
| 14:35–15:30 | **PANEL DISCUSSION on the different views of the role played by the mission stations** **and what they may have done, or neglected to do, to protect the indigenous peoples’ entitlement to resources that they enjoyed before the arrival of the VOC**  **Panellists: Symposium speakers** |
| 15:35–16:00 | **Final summing up by the Heritage Association of South Africa**  **–Len Raymond, chairman** |
| 16:05 | **Walk around the area, view the wedding ceremony and the village** |

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**Sixteen symposiums – where it all began**

The Simon van der Stel Foundation, known today as the **Heritage Association of South Africa (HASA)**, was established in 1959 and is presently the largest and oldest non-governmental organisation involved in heritage conservation. HASA is a non-profit section 21 company, managed by a national council, with affiliated branches across the country. Annual symposiums, highlighting regional conservation issues and acknowledging successes, are hosted by the branches with assistance and input from the National Council. This gives members and the public an opportunity to attend lectures by experts and professionals, to network, to consult with the professionals, to share ideas and problem-solve. The public are encouraged to attend this annual event. The Genadendal symposium celebrates the 16th anniversary of the inaugural symposium held in Paarl.

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