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Executive Summary

Why Africa? Why Johannesburg?

- The Global Conference has never been to Africa. Bringing it here will be a huge boost to African investigative reporters who often work under difficult conditions. It will enable us to highlight, support and encourage the interesting and powerful work being done in a number of countries across the continent.
- This is not just a Johannesburg or a South African bid: it is an Africa-wide proposal to bring the conference to this continent. We have the support of the Forum of African Investigative Reporters, the African Editors' Forum, the Southern African Editors' Forum, the South African Editors' Forum, the Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Reporting in Nigeria and the Tanzanian Centre for Investigative Reporting. We plan a global conference with a distinctive Africa flavour.
- Johannesburg is a media hub, housing all the major South African media groups and a number of international media operations. It is also a travel hub, with direct flights to most parts of the world and most of Africa.
- For 10 years, we have hosted Power Reporting – the African Investigative Journalism Conference, which last year drew 350 people from African countries. We therefore have the experience, skills and infrastructure to handle a major conference. We have a team of experienced conference organisers in place and the support of the University of the Witwatersrand's considerable resources.
- Wits – the University of the Witwatersrand – has ample infrastructure for the conference: multiple lecture, computer and other rooms of variable size all in close proximity to allow for various programme tracks to happen simultaneously.
- We have a strong fundraising record. We currently receive R1,6m (\$140 000) from regular donors for our conference, which will provide a sturdy foundation for the global conference, and our department raises about R13m (\$1,2m) a year in support of journalism teaching and training.
- Wits Journalism is a hub of activity in investigative reporting. Apart from the annual conference, it runs the country's largest journalism prize for investigative journalism, a

grant system for investigative journalists and is the leading trainer in data journalism in the region.

- Joburg was named the *Rough Guide*'s number one city to visit for 2015: "South Africa's biggest city is finally beginning to break free from the chains of its troubled past, and parts – like the arty Maboneng quarter – have rooted themselves as exciting cultural hubs. New clusters of forward-thinking museums, galleries and shops are set to emerge in 2015, though better-known attractions like Constitution Hill and the poignant Apartheid Museum should still be on the to-do list of any first-time visitor."
- For those who want to take advantage of travelling a long way, we will facilitate trips to Cape Town, to a game reserve and visits to some key Johannesburg sights, before and after the conference.

"We boldly support this bid because Wits University not only has the ability but the logistics to host such a major event." – The African Editors' Forum

"We hope that Wits' bid will be looked at favourably and thus bring this conference to African soil for the very first time" – South African National Editors' Forum

Background

Wits University

The University of the Witwatersrand, commonly known as Wits, is 91 years old and is one of Africa's premier research universities. It has a diverse student population of 25 000 and a staff of 4 000. It is strategically located in the heart of Johannesburg, in the vibrant and fast-developing Braamfontein area.

Wits is considered to have world class faculties of engineering, law, medicine and humanities, but is probably best known for its prestigious palaeontology department, which has been responsible for a number of ground-breaking discoveries at the Cradle of Humankind, north of Johannesburg. Wits has produced four Nobel Prize Winners in chemistry, literature, medicine and peace (Nelson Mandela studied law at Wits). Wits is positioned 24th in the Times Higher Education rankings of those universities from which Fortune 500 CEOs graduated.

Wits houses, inter alia, the Origins Centre (which records the university's remarkable work in paleontology; the Wits Art Museum (which houses the world's biggest collection of African art, the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) and the renowned Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (Wiser).

Wits Journalism

Wits Journalism is the graduate programme in journalism and media studies at Wits. It was created in 2001 to fill a gap: the need for university-level journalism training in the continent's media capital. Wits Journalism is defined by its location, at the heart of the media industry in central Johannesburg, and is steeped in the tradition of independent, quality journalism. The University works closely with the major media companies in Johannesburg and the teaching is done by experienced, working professionals who remain active and engaged in the industry.

Wits Journalism runs BA Hons (4th year), Masters and PhD programmes as well as a number of certificate courses in areas such as Development Journalism. We house the

Wits Radio Academy (including the Voice of Wits radio station) and the Investigative Journalism Workshop, a hub for a range of activities to support and encourage investigative reporting.

A major factor that sets Wits Journalism apart is the range of journalism projects hosted in the department, which serve to enrich our teaching by introducing strong practical and socially-engaged elements.

These projects include:

- The Wits Justice Project (based on the Innocence Project), which uses journalists, lawyers, students and interns to investigate the justice system, in particular cases of wrongful imprisonment. For more information, see [Wits Justice Project](#)
- Africa Check, founded by the AFP Foundation and housed at Wits, is a fact-checking operation which campaigns for a culture of accuracy in public life. For more information, see [AfricaCheck](#)
- Wits China-Africa Reporting Project, which promotes better coverage of the growing role of China in this continent. For more information, see [China-Africa Reporting Project](#)
- The Network Society, an internet research project tied to the World Internet Project. For more information, see [The Network Society](#)
- Investigative Journalism Workshop. Details below.

The Investigative Journalism Workshop

The 11-year-old Investigative Journalism Workshop is the home of the myriad activities in Wits Journalism to promote and support investigative journalism. These include:

- The Taco Kuiper Grants. We have R350 000 a year from the Valley Trust to give to reporters to pursue public interest stories which would not otherwise be done. See [Taco Kuiper Grants](#)
- The Taco Kuiper Award for Investigative Reporting. This is the country's biggest journalism prize, given annually for "the best exemplar of investigative reporting". See [Taco Kuiper Awards](#)

- The Taco Kuiper Chair in Investigative Reporting. This university chair is dedicated to teaching, researching and promoting investigative reporting. It was held until recently by Margaret Renn and will be taken up by Jeff Kelly Lowenstein in January 2016.
- Teaching. We run courses in investigative reporting and data journalism and have built up our own team of data journalism trainers who have attended IRE training.
- Power Reporting: The African Investigative Journalism Conference. See details below.

Power Reporting: The African Investigative Journalism Conference

Now in its 11th year, this is the continent's biggest annual gathering of working reporters. In 2014, our biggest conference yet attracted 350 people, including 100 from more than 15 countries across Africa and 14 from China, mostly working journalists but also a large student contingent. We held 63 sessions over three days with 51 speakers from Australia, the United States, UK, France, Sweden, Italy, Nigeria and Angola. Thirty-four of the speakers were from South Africa. Twenty-seven classes were devoted to data journalism and computer-assisted reporting.

The central theme in 2014 was mining, around which we ran a number of different meetings. We also ran three day-long courses in reading company accounts, with Raj Bairoliya; in making Webdocs with Arnaud Dressen; and a day on using Excel with South African journalist Anina Mumm. Other sessions covered media law, developing investigative stories, ethics, using freedom of expression legislation, working across national and international boundaries, staying safe in high-risk areas and staying secure online. (Download programme here: [PowerReporting Programme](#))

We showed two films and organised a photo exhibition. Alongside our conference, our China-Africa Reporting Project ran a one-day roundtable and the World Association of Newspapers and News Publishers held an African Women-in-Media conference.

The Carlos Cardoso Memorial Lecture, now in its fourth year, is part of the conference. It commemorates an assassinated Mozambican journalist and is dedicated to issues of media freedom in Africa. Speakers so far were Pansy Tlakula (Special Rapporteur on

Freedom of Expression for the AU), Gwen Lister (Namibian editor) and Rafael Marques de Morais (Angolan anti-corruption campaigner).

The conference is run by a team of four people with a budget of R1,6-m (\$140 000/€122 000), excluding a number of flights paid directly by associated projects. Funders include the Open Society Foundations, The Valley Trust (a South African trust), the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the French Institute. Over R200 000 was generated in registration fees in 2014. Our partners include the Forum of African Investigative Reporters (FAIR), the Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN), Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) and the Centre for Investigative Reporting in London (CIJ).

The 2015 conference will run from November 9th -11th, at Wits, alongside the African Media Leadership Forum (November 12th – 13th). Programme planning is under way, with a focus on financial investigations; corruption in sport; secrecy, surveillance and security; using social media in investigations and data journalism.

We have the experience, infrastructure, skills and funding base to host the global conference. It would be our intention if we do host GIJC 2017 to fold our local conference into the global one for that year.

GIJC 2017

Our intention is to make this a global conference with a distinctive African flavour, using the event to highlight, support and encourage African investigative reporters across the continent and link them up with the global network.

Programming would be done in partnership with the Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN), built around the most interesting investigative work of the two years leading up to the conference. As with our own conference, we envisage a variety of formats: plenary sessions with keynote speakers; skills-teaching sessions in laboratories or classrooms; panel discussions; lightning talks from journalists who have done interesting recent investigations; films; networking and social events.

Fundraising

As described above, we currently raise R1,6-m (\$140 000) annually for our conference. Our core funder is the Valley Trust, a generous long-term supporter of all our investigative journalism work. Their funding covers our core conference organisational costs and they also fund bursaries for South African journalism students and community media journalists. In recent years, this has been supplemented by the Open Society Foundation (who assist in bringing journalists from across the continent), the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (who assist with core funding, international speakers and participants from other southern African countries) and the French Institute (which funds international speakers and some delegates).

Having this funding in place provides us with a strong foundation and means that our organisational and fundraising infrastructure is already in place. We would need to work closely with GIJN to agree on what other potential funders and sponsors (such as corporate and media sponsors) would be appropriate to approach.

Our department has an excellent record of fundraising, bringing in over R13m a year (\$1,2m) for our various activities, which indicates that we have a credible and

trustworthy record with donors and funders. All funds raised in the name of the University are placed in the Wits Foundation, a registered, tax-exempt educational charity, and which has sister trusts based in the US and UK to handle the university's international fundraising and to allow donors to make tax-deductable contributions.

Local and continental support

The Wits Journalism Department, home of the Investigative Journalism Workshop, works closely with all the major media companies and organisations in Johannesburg. We have working relationships (including bursaries, internships and funding) with Media24, Times Media Group, Independent News and Media, Caxton Media Group, Primedia Ltd, Kagiso Media and the Mail & Guardian. We also have working relations with a number of international media companies, such as Reuters (which funds bursaries and internships with us), Bloomberg (bursaries and internships) and the AFP Foundation (our partner in Africa Check).

We have ongoing funding partnerships with the Open Society Foundations and its regional organisations; the Raithe Foundation; the Canon Collins Foundation in the UK; the Valley Trust; Claude Leon Foundation; the European Union; the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the French Institute.

As a university department, we have formal relations with Columbia University in New York, the Communications University of China in Beijing, Ryerson University in Vancouver, the University of Zambia in Lusaka and the Aga Khan Graduate School of Media and Communication in Nairobi.

For our annual conference, our longstanding partners have been the Forum of African Investigative Reporters (FAIR), Independent Reporters and Editors (IRE), the Centre for Investigative Journalism (CIJ) in London and the Institute for the Advancement of Journalism in Johannesburg. We have also received funding from the SA Reserve Bank and Standard Bank SA for our financial journalism programme.

For this bid, we have received letters of endorsement from:

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg

The African Editors' Forum (TAEF)

The Southern African Editors' Forum (SAEF)

The South African National Editors' Forum (Sanef)

The Forum for African Investigative Reporters (Fair)

The Investigative Journalism Union of Tanzania (IJUTA)

The Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Reporting in Nigeria.

It is apparent from this that, although we provide the organisational base for the conference, we can call on a range of partners who bring financial and political support to ensure the smooth-running of our event.

The environment

In South Africa, we will have the advantage of meeting in a country where the media is remarkably free and outspoken and investigative journalism has been thriving since the advent of democracy two decades ago. South Africa has a rich history of investigative journalism stretching back about 60 years, when pioneering work was done by Drum Magazine's Henry Nxumalo.

The country currently has more investigative reporting teams at work in different newsrooms than ever before. As the judges in our Taco Kuiper Award for Investigative Reporting said in April this year: "I can tell you with confidence that we still are fortunate enough to have a cadre of journalists who have the courage, dedication and skills to play their role in holding to account those who wield power and authority. There are old foxes and young terriers, in the biggest newspapers and the smallest radio stations, in the big cities and the small towns, tackling parochial stories and the big national ones, but they are there ensuring that at least no one can say they did not know there was crookery or thievery or dishonesty or malfeasance. "

Insofar as there are threats to media freedom, having the conference here will bolster the fight to defend these freedoms and give support to journalists in neighbouring countries, like Zimbabwe and Swaziland, where investigative reporting is often suppressed.

Security

The university provides a safe and relaxed conference environment, as do the recommended hotels. Each day during the conference, transport will be provided from the hotels to the conference venue. At other times recommended taxi firms are available.

Visitors to Johannesburg do need to take precautions against crime. Walking the streets carrying laptops and mobile phones is not recommended, nor is walking at night.

The Venue

On the University Campus, we have a choice of a number of venues large enough to accommodate the conference and allow for simultaneous sessions.

Plenaries: The University Great Hall



The Great Hall seats up to 1 035 delegates and has a rich heritage that dates back to the world premiere of the SA musical King Kong and beyond. It has excellent acoustics and caters perfectly for a larger audience with all the technical/audiovisual facilities associated with high level conferencing built into the venue.

FNB Building



The FNB Building, situated on the University's West Campus, is the venue we use for our annual Power Reporting – the African Investigative Journalism Conference. The infrastructure and venue layout allow for a big registration space, a welcome foyer area where tea/coffee and snacks can be served during breaks and an upstairs foyer area for exhibitions or displays.

There are a number of rooms for different tracks to run simultaneously. The two large lecture auditoriums (which are fully equipped with state-of-the-art technical/audiovisual systems) each hold about 400. Two smaller lecture theatres hold just over 200 people each. Other key features of the venue include two computer rooms and a myriad of smaller rooms, disability access and ample parking for local attendees and easy access for conference buses to collect and drop off delegates.

Below the schedule of room capacities

FNB Building Room Capacities

FNB Building		West Campus	
FNB101	443	AUDITORIUM	1st Floor
FNB102	350	AUDITORIUM	1st Floor
FNB45	215	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNB47	215	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNB5	216	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNB33	186	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNB36	186	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNB37	165	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNB35	154	THEATRE	Ground Floor
FNBBA	140	TUTORIAL	Basement
FNBGA	140	TUTORIAL	Ground Floor
FNB148	80	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB149	50	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB132	50	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB114	48	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB151	45	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB-1E	40	TUTORIAL	Resource centre
FNB157	30	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB159	30	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB119	30	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB103	30	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB-1A	30	TUTORIAL	Resource centre
FNB-1B	30	TUTORIAL	Resource centre
FNB-1D	30	TUTORIAL	Resource centre
FNB150	25	TUTORIAL	1st Floor
FNB131	25	TUTORIAL	1st Floor

Wits Science Stadium



The Wits Science Stadium was opened in June 2012. It consists of a former sports grandstand that has been converted into lecture theatres and a new building housing laboratories. The structure contains five large lecture theatres, which can host capacities ranging from over 400 delegates to 200 plus delegates, and a number of smaller tutorial rooms. The lawns offer a perfect space to set-up a marquee for tea/coffee breaks and delegate lunches or even an evening event in warmer weather. The venue has hosted many high-level conferences successfully and would be a great option for a conference of this stature.

Wits Science Stadium Room Capacities

Wits Science Stadium		West Campus	
WSS2	420	PLENARY VENUE	Ground Floor
WSS4	300	AUDITORIUM	Ground Floor
WSS5	300	AUDITORIUM	Ground Floor
WSS1	240	AUDITORIUM	Ground Floor
WSS3	240	AUDITORIUM	Ground Floor
WSS101	50	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS102	35	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS103	40	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS104	45	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS105	40	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS106	40	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS107	40	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS112	30	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS113	30	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS114	30	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS121	30	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS122	30	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS123	15	BREAKAWAY VENUE	1st Floor
WSS201	50	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor
WSS202	35	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor
WSS203	38	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor
WSS204	40	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor
WSS205	40	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor
WSS206	30	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor
WSS207	45	BREAKAWAY VENUE	2nd Floor

Accommodation

There are many hotel options in Johannesburg. We highlight three which would be suitable and available. There are cheaper and more expensive options available, as well as bed & breakfast alternatives.

Option 1: Crowne Plaza Johannesburg-The Rosebank

Crowne Plaza Johannesburg-The Rosebank is a modern and stylish Johannesburg hotel that is well located for business and leisure travel. It is just two blocks from the Rosebank Gautrain station, 30 minutes drive from O.R.Tambo International Airport and a short drive from the University.

The hotel is in walking distance of the Rosebank Mall and the African Craft Market that offers visiting guests a wide array of shopping and dining options. The hotel has 318 bedrooms consisting of standard single rooms, sharing/double rooms, deluxe rooms, a few suites and some wheelchair access rooms.



Estimated room rates for 2017 on a Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis:

Standard Single room DBB @ R2050.00 | approximately \$155

Standard Double or Twin room @ R2500.00 | approximately \$190

Option 2: The Courtyard Hotel Rosebank

The Courtyard Hotel is opposite Gautrain's Rosebank Station, which provides quick and easy transport to O.R. Tambo International airport.

Major shopping centres, craft markets, restaurants and cinemas are all within walking distance. The Courtyard Hotel is about 15 minutes' drive from Wits University.

With 85 rooms on offer, the hotel has a smaller, more intimate setting than bigger establishments.



Estimated room rates for 2017 on a Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis:

Standard Single room DBB @ R2050.00 | approximately \$155

Standard Double or Twin room @ R2500.00 | approximately \$190

Option 3: Garden Court, Milpark – Johannesburg

A modern, bright and contemporary hotel within the academic precinct of Johannesburg, the Garden Court Milpark offers a convenient location near to many of the city's local attractions and hot spots. Located a mere seven-minute drive from Wits and only 30 minutes from O.R Tambo International Airport, this is a comfortable and affordable option.

Garden Court Milpark Hotel has 251 en-suite rooms, all with working desk, comfortable king or two double beds and complimentary WiFi.

Estimated room rates for 2017 on a Bed & Breakfast basis:

Standard Single room DBB @ R1350.00 | approximately \$155

Transport

Airport to hotels

Johannesburg, much like Los Angeles, is a young and sprawling city geared to the freeway-borne private motorist, with some excellent public transport. Travellers arriving at Johannesburg's international airport, O.R. Tambo International, are just a half-hour drive from most major parts of the city. The Gautrain can take visitors to Rosebank or, for those staying in the city centre, to Park Station. The Gautrain has a comprehensive schedule available on [Gautrain Timetable](#). Travellers buy a pre-paid card at the airport.

For travellers arriving very early or very late most hotels operate their own shuttle bus services to and from the airport. The cost is R560 (\$45) one way per person.

The Uber app is also fully functional across South Africa and Uber cabs are another means of getting around conveniently, safely and affordably.

Other minibus services are available and can be booked at kiosks close to the airport entrance. Metered taxis, recognisable by the yellow "taxi" lights on the car roofs, are also available at the airport, although more expensive.

Ground transportation

We will partner with one of our accredited transport companies to make available conference shuttles to travel to and from the hotel at regular intervals throughout the duration of the event. We would have a dedicated logistics manager to facilitate bookings of the shuttle service and to ensure requests are managed speedily, efficiently and cost effectively.

Pre/Post conference tours

We are aware that many of those who travel far to Johannesburg will be keen to sample some of this country's flagship sights. To facilitate this, we will work with a travel agent to offer some options for before and after the conference. These may include:

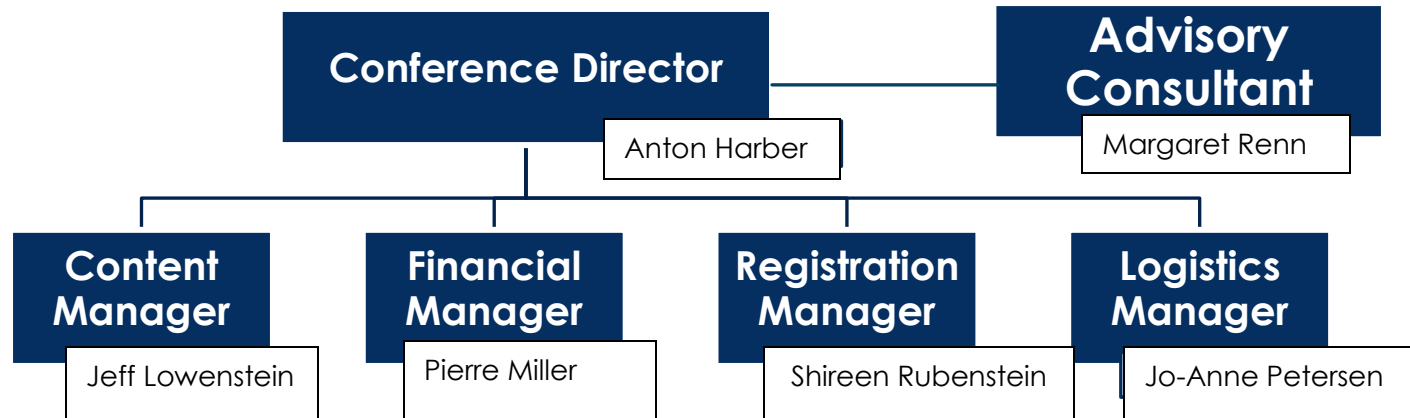
- Day trips in Johannesburg to the Apartheid Museum, Constitutional Hill, the Hector Pieterse Museum in Soweto, Mandela's house and Soweto itself.
- Days trips to the Sterkfontein caves and Maropeng Museum – the Cradle of Humankind.
- For those who want to view game, a two-day tour to Pilanesberg, the nearest game reserve to Johannesburg and home to the Big Five, or a longer tour to the Kruger National Park.
- Travel to Cape Town, which can include a visit to Robben Island, Table Mountain and the wine route.
- There is direct access from Johannesburg to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia.

Visa schedule

Any citizen who holds a national passport from one of the following countries does not need a special visa to visit South Africa.

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The team



Conference Director

- Strategic oversight for content and logistics
- Fundraising
- Engage endorsement partners and partnership organisations

Content Manager

- Collaborate with GIJN committee on programme, panels and workshops
- Source topical speakers and suggest topics of current interest
- Plan, coordinate and execute programme
- Brief and work closely with speakers

Financial Manager

- Budget supervision
- Issuing of invoices and allocation of payments from registration income
- Financial reporting
- Process supplier payments and negotiate payment terms

Registration Manager

- Point of contact for delegate online registrations
- Queries related to online registrations
- Provide ongoing attendance and registration reports
- Update of registration webpage with relevant information
- Handle on-site and post-event delegate queries

Logistics Manager

- Venue liaison (pre-conference and on-site)
- Transport management for conference shuttles and any other ground transport
- Organise surrounding events such as conference welcoming dinner, etc.
- Point of contact for all suppliers and services
- Flights and accommodation for speakers and other sponsored delegates



Anton Harber: Conference Director

Anton Harber is Caxton Professor of Journalism. He was the founding editor of the *Mail & Guardian* newspaper (previously known as the *Weekly Mail*). Harber was chair of the South African Conference of Editors (in 1991), chair of the National Association of Broadcasters (in 1998) and chair of the Freedom of Expression Institute (since 2010).

Harber writes a regular column in *Business Day* and is the author of *Diepsloot* (2011) and co-editor of *Troublemakers: the best of South Africa's investigative journalism* (2010).



Margaret Renn: Advisory Consultant

Margaret Renn was the Taco Kuiper Visiting Fellow in investigative journalism at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa 2009-2014, and organised the annual Power Reporting – African Investigative Journalism Conference. From 2006 to 2008 she ran the summer school at the Centre for Investigative Journalism in London. She worked for 25 years as an investigative journalist, with Paul Foot at the *Daily Mirror*, and on the BBC's prestigious *Rough Justice* programme, investigating miscarriages of justice.

She wrote, with Melanie MacFadyean, *Thatcher's Reign: A Bad Case of the Blues* (London, 1984) and co-edited with Anton Harber, *Troublemakers: the best of South African investigative journalism* (2010)

Jeff Lowenstein: Content Manager

Jeff Kelly Lowenstein will be the Taco Kuiper Chair in Investigative Journalism starting in January 2016. He has worked as an investigative journalist for more than a decade, and his work has garnered local, national and international recognition from organisations like Investigative Reporters and Editors and the National Press Club. In 2013 he taught the first semester - long data journalism class in Chile as a Fulbright Scholar and has worked during the past year with the Institute for Non-Profit News and Investigative Journalism Education Consortium to help build a national and international network of journalism educators, journalism students and working journalists. In that capacity he spent three weeks in New Zealand as a Fulbright Specialist working at two universities. He presented, translated and taught at the 2013 Global Investigative Journalism Conference in Rio and worked with journalism educators convened by Carlos Eduardo Huertas in Honduras to develop an



investigative journalism syllabus to be taught throughout Latin America. For the past five years he was worked with journalists of diverse backgrounds to help boost their presence at the annual IRE conference

Pierre Miller: Finance Manager

Pierre has many years of experience in administration and financial management. She joined Wits Journalism in 2009 and has been responsible in this for financial management of all department activities, including the Power Reporting annual conference.



Shireen Rubenstein: Registration Manager

With more than 10 years of professional experience in the nonprofit and small business sectors, Shireen's background gives her a valuable perspective on event efficiency and attendee engagement. Shireen has event planning experience ranging from large-scale fundraising events, to conferences, workshops, seminars and smaller scale meetings. Her role at these events includes planning and logistics, staffing and volunteer management, budgeting, and marketing. She was the conference manager of the annual African Literature Association International Conference, which hosted more than 300 international, African and local guests, and logistics co-ordinator for the annual Power Reporting Conference 2014 which hosted approximately 350 delegates. Shireen is currently an Event Co-Ordinator with Wits Journalism.

Jo-Anne Petersen: Logistics Manager



Jo-Anne holds a diploma in Public Relations and has over seven years' experience in event management ranging from conceptualising, arranging and developing private itineraries for small groups of luxury travellers to organising, managing and marketing large-scale conferences, events and productions. Jo-Anne first joined Wits Journalism to assist with organising Power Reporting 2012 and was subsequently appointed as Events & Marketing Organiser.

Budget

The attached indicative budget is based on our existing conference budget, which enables us to give a close estimate of likely costs. Our existing conference funding provides a strong foundation for the conference. With this funding, and if 400 delegates pay a conference fee of \$350, then we have covered basic costs, excluding only travel grants. We estimate that for 100 travel grants, we will need R2 000 000 (\$158 000). Since we already have in our budget R600 000 for travel grants, we will need to raise R1,4m (\$111 000) for travel grants.

DRAFT BUDGET FOR GIJC 2017 IN JOHANNESBURG					
INCOME		Exchange Rate (R1,00 equals \$0.07919) - 28 July 2015			
Item	Quantity	Unit Cost	Unit Cost (USD)	SubTotal (Rands)	SubTotal (USD)
Conference Fees	400	R 5 000.00	\$ 395.95	R 2 000 000.00	\$ 158 380.00
Exhibition Stands			\$ -	R -	\$ -
Grants/Funding	1	R 1 000 000.00	\$ 79 190.00	R 1 000 000.00	\$ 79 190.00
TOTAL INCOME				R 3 000 000.00	\$ 237 570.00
EXPENSES	Quantity	Unit Cost	Unit Cost (USD)	SubTotal (Rands)	SubTotal (USD)
Conference venue expenses (cleaning, security, etc)	1	R 55 130.00	\$ 4 365.74	R 55 130.00	\$ 4 365.74
Tech/AV	1	R 286 626.20	\$ 22 697.93	R 286 626.20	\$ 22 697.93
Travel Speakers/Staff	40	R 27 832.47	\$ 2 204.05	R 1 113 298.80	\$ 88 162.13
Website	1	R 54 000.00	\$ 4 276.26	R 54 000.00	\$ 4 276.26
Conference Programme	1	R 67 702.50	\$ 5 361.36	R 67 702.50	\$ 5 361.36
Marketing	1	R 125 000.00	\$ 9 898.75	R 125 000.00	\$ 9 898.75
Staff Salaries	1	R 278 100.00	\$ 22 022.74	R 278 100.00	\$ 22 022.74
Registration	1	R 87 950.50	\$ 6 964.80	R 87 950.50	\$ 6 964.80
Conference Dinner (incl food, beverages and entertainment)	400	R 550.00	\$ 43.55	R 220 000.00	\$ 17 421.80
Conference lunch/tea,coffee breaks x 3.5 days	400	R 713.48	\$ 56.50	R 285 392.00	\$ 22 600.19
Conference Transfers (from hotel to conference venue - return)	1	R 226 800.00	\$ 17 960.29	R 226 800.00	\$ 17 960.29
Miscellaneous Costs	1	R 200 000.00	\$ 15 838.00	R 200 000.00	\$ 15 838.00
TOTAL EXPENSES				R 3 000 000.00	\$ 237 570.00
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TRAVEL GRANTS					
TRAVEL GRANTS INCOME	1	R 600 000.00	\$ 47 514.00	R 600 000.00	\$ 47 514.00
TRAVEL GRANTS EXPENDITURE	100	R 20 000.00	\$ 1 583.80	R 2 000 000.00	\$ 158 380.00
Amount to be fundraised for travel grants				R 1 400 000.00	\$ 110 866.00

NOTES:**Technical/AudioVisual**

The technical/audiovisual quote is based on conferencing at the FNB Building. Most of the venues are equipped with standard technical facilities. The amount budgeted for is for additional equipment where rooms do not have these facilities. They include hire of 6 laptops, 2 projectors, 2 screens, technical support, electrical fittings, wi-fi and sound equipment

Translation

There are two options for translation - option 1 is to have one translation booth in the plenary venue only with approximately 20 translation headsets and translation from english into one other language. The cost for this is approximately R15000,- . Option 2 (quoted here) is for translation to be set up with 400 headsets in the main auditorium for the duration of the conference

Travel Speakers/Staff

Travel budgeted for speakers/staff is an estimate for 40 speakers (10 US, 10 Europe, 10 Africa, 5 South Africa and 5 from other countries such as Brazil, etc)



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Mr Brant Houston

Chairperson, Global Investigative Journalism Committee
Global Investigative Journalism Network
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14 July 2015

Dear Mr Houston

Hosting of the Global Investigative Journalism Conference 2017

The University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg would be delighted to host the Global Investigative Journalism Conference 2017. This event will serve to highlight the excellent investigative work being done by many journalists across Africa, and offer support, encouragement and skills training to those who work under what are often difficult circumstances.

Our Journalism Department is a dynamic centre of activity in this area, and has built up a considerable reputation in a short space of time. The Department's Investigative Journalism Workshop hosts the country's biggest journalism award, runs a grant system for investigative reporters, and conducts a range of teaching and research in investigative reporting. It has hosted the African Investigative Journalism Conference for 10 years, and this has grown to be the biggest gathering of working journalists in the continent. This demonstrates the Department's ability to plan, organise and execute an event of this scale. In addition, the University regularly hosts international gatherings of this sort, such as last year's Civicus International Civil Society Week which was attended by 500 delegates from around the world.

You will find our campus a convivial and convenient venue for such a gathering, particularly in September, which will be our spring. We give our full support to the bid and will ensure that the University's considerable infrastructure and resources are mobilised to make a success of this event.

We look forward to welcoming you to Johannesburg in 2017.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Adam Habib".

Professor Adam Habib



Professor Anton Harber
University of Witwatersrand
Johannesburg

21 July 2015

On behalf of The African Editors' Forum (TAEF), it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for Wits University's bid to host the 2017 Global Investigative Journalism Conference.

We boldly support this bid because Wits University not only has the ability but the logistics to host such a major event. Every November, the university hosts the annual African Investigative Reporting Conference, which is the local arm of the global network. TAEF can proudly vouch for Wits' capacity to host such an event.

As Wits University's role in the African media adheres to TAEF's objectives of defending and promoting media freedom and independence, aspiring to provide sustainable, credible, professional and inspirational support for African journalists and editors, we are happy to support the university's bid to host the prestigious event.

Any programs that can help our members be better equipped in the profession and benefit African journalists in the African media community at large, as surely this event would do, is of crucial importance to our continental forum.

TAEF was established in 2003 when editors from all over the Africa met in South African for the first time to look at the role and responsibility as senior journalists and media educators in Africa. Currently it has over 200 members drawn from 45 African countries making it a truly continental organization with regional editors' forums from all five regions of Africa.

Warm Regards,

Jovine Rantao
Chairperson,
The African Editors' Forum (TAEF)



Professor Anton Harber
University of Witswatersrand
JOHANNESBURG

21 July 2015

SAEF supports Wits University's bid to host the 2017 Global Investigative Journalism Conference (GIJC)

The Southern African Editors' Forum unequivocally supports Wits University's bid to host, for the first time in Africa, the Global Investigative Journalism Conference in 2017 after Norway this year.

SAEF stands for ethical and quality reporting, and is consciously aware that the GIJC has in the past been credited with playing a "rapid global expansion of investigative reporting" by focusing on skills training and cross-border collaborations" which have resulted in ground-breaking projects into corruption and abuse of power.

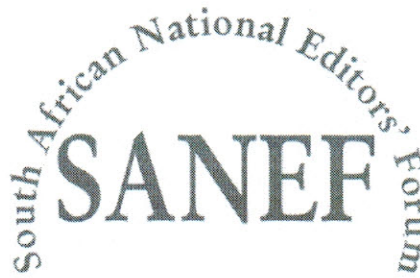
Our region, southern African and the African continent as a whole, could do with such investigative skills for media to sharpen its ability to tell meaningful and compelling stories to its readers and audiences.

Currently the SAEF constituency includes eight chapters in Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia. Angola and Zimbabwe are as yet to establish unified forums but we have a number of editors and broadcast managers in these two countries who are considered part of the SAEF family.

We would like to urge Wits to source funding so that as many African journalists as possible attend this conference. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you need any help.

Jovial Rantao

SAEF Chairperson



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THE GLOBAL INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM CONFERENCE BID BY WITS UNIVERSITY

Dear Sir/Madam

The South African National Editors Forum (Sanef) is the premier body of editors, senior editorial executives and journalism academics and trainers in South Africa. Our mandate is to enhance the quality of journalism and defend the space for media freedom and freedom of expression. In this regard the growth of investigative journalism is an important aspect of the enhancement of the quality of journalism.

It is for this reason that we write to support the bid by Wits University and its Journalism Department to host the World Investigative Journalism Conference. Sanef is part of the Southern African Editors Forum (SAEF) which brings together editors of the 12 countries in the sub region and is also a part of The African Editors Forum (TAEF) which is our continental body. Our support for the bid by Wits is also premised on the understanding that this will be an African event which will bring together investigative journalists from across our continent.

We hope that Wits' bid will be looked at favorably and thus bring this conference to African soil for the very first time.

Mathatha Tsedu
SANEF Executive Director.



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Anton Harber
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It is my great pleasure to write this letter in support of your bid to host the Global Investigative Journalism Conference in Johannesburg in 2017.

This follows several engagements and discussions with members of the Board and our members across the continent, all of whom are happy to be part of the bid to host this august conference for the first time on African soil.

At FAIR we fully support all the brave efforts of investigative journalists everywhere in the world who continue to uncover corruption despite facing detention, harassment and death threats from the powerful individuals in business and governments.

The Forum for African Investigative Reporters – or FAIR - is a pan-African association of investigative journalists whose mission is to enhance, deepen and build investigative journalism throughout the African continent. FAIR was established in 2003 as a Public Benefit Organisation, registered in South Africa (PBO: 930016519) and is based in Johannesburg.

Yours sincerely,

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FAIR Executive Director

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Mr Brant Houston
Chairperson
Global Investigative Journalism Network (GIJN)

Dear Sir or Madam:

REF: GLOBAL INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM CONFERENCE IN JOHANNESBURG

The Investigative Journalists Union of Tanzania (IJUTA) is a registered, non-government, non-profit, non-partisan organization which promotes and supports investigative journalism in Tanzania. We wish to give our support to the bid from the Investigative Journalism Workshop of the University of the Witwatersrand, to host the 2017 Global Investigative Journalism Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

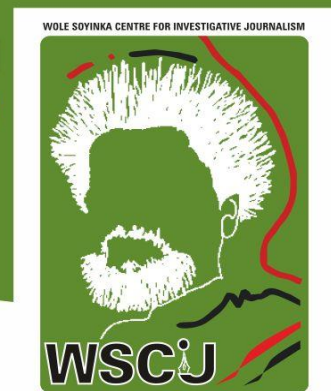
We believe that this conference will promote, support and encourage investigative journalism in Africa, the objectives which augur well with our aims. The venue's proximity should also make it easy for most of us to participate.

A number of us have taken part in the annual Power Reporting: the African Investigative Journalism Conference organized by the Investigative Journalism Workshop in Johannesburg, and we have seen that the university has the resources, experience and skills to manage a major conference of this kind. They have assured us that they want to make GIJC 2017 a conference that boosts investigative reporting across Africa, and we believe that this can play an important role in supporting those who often work under difficult conditions.

We look forward to the possibility of GIJC coming to Africa. We give this bid our full support.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX 2 G

27th July, 2015

Board Members,
Global Investigative Journalism Conference.

Dear Board Members,

**Letter of Support for the WITS Investigative Journalism Workshop
towards its hosting bid for the Global Investigative Journalism
Conference, 2017**

We write to offer our enthusiastic support to the Investigative Journalism Workshop of the WITS University Johannesburg, South Africa, for its hosting bid for the Global Investigative Journalism Conference, 2017

The WSCIJ has enjoyed an esteemed partnership with WITS for about half a decade now, and we have watched the annual **Power Conference** grow in strength, scope, influence and prestige every other year. This is homage to a powerful sense of organisation and thoughtful reflection on the place of investigative journalism in the renewal of Africa's politics, economy, and society.

When, half a decade ago, the WSCIJ was seeking to help form the Nigerian Centre for Investigative Reporting as a central body of investigative reporters in the country, it was to the WITS workshop that we sought peer mentorship and collaborative guidance.

African investigative reporting is at a critical point in the history of the region today. The challenge of governance, the debilitating index of corruption, and the crisis of human rights impunity, put an unusual demand and burden on investigative journalists to help generate contents for debates and visions for the ultimate renewal of our region.

This reason, in itself, recommends Africa for consideration as the host region of the GIJC, and, thankfully, there is a chapter organisation that is capable to provide excellent hosting that we do us all proud.

We have no doubt in our minds that the institutional skills behind the WITS workshop will bring competence and exemplary organization to successfully host the GIJC 2017. We are also proud to announce that we shall be willing to collaborate in every respect to help ensure the successful hosting of the conference in Africa.

Best regards,

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Executive Director