

Entrepreneurs' Evening Programme – 13 March 2012

17h00 – 17h15

Take Your Seats
Coke & popcorn

17h15 – 17h20

Welcome and Introduction

17h20 – 17h35

**Saberi Marais
InnovUS**

Saberi started his career as a research scientist with a British biotechnology company after which he was Technology Transfer Manager at the South African Medical Research Council's Innovation Centre. At InnovUS, Saberi identifies new invention disclosures and is a point of contact for Stellenbosch University's researchers. He is motivated by the potential opportunities of extracting value from Stellenbosch University's researchers, their ideas and their inventions. Saberi holds an MSc (Molecular and Cell Biology) degree from UCT.

17h35 – 17h55

**Lelani Strydom
Department of Business Management**

Ms Lelani Strydom is currently a lecturer in Entrepreneurship within the Department of Business Management at the University of Stellenbosch. She completed her master's degree in Marketing. She is involved in training and consulting to small- and medium-sized businesses as well as a course called "Entrepreneurship and Empowerment in South Africa" (EESA). EESA course participants work in teams and are provided the opportunity to assist emerging entrepreneurs from Stellenbosch and the surrounding areas in analysing the strengths and weaknesses of their business by means of the Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) Support Model.

17h55 – 18h00

Break/Q&A

18h00 – 18h30

**David Weber
Acorn Venture Capital**

David has a PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and an MEng and BEng in Electronic Engineering from the University of Stellenbosch. His technical skills were honed during his career as an academic, culminating in a position as Associate Professor at the University of Stellenbosch. He has 10 years of solid business experience in the software and systems sector as the CEO of Stone Three Venture Technology and is now a partner in Acorn Venture Capital where he is the CTO. He is known for his out of the box thinking and keen insight into difficult technical problems.

18h30 – 19h10

**Dr. Petro Janse van Vuuren
Playing Mantis**

For the last 15 years, Petro has used theatre and drama to help people find their voices and live meaningful stories. In her PhD thesis she developed a strategy for using improvised drama as a means for reflecting on values and life purpose. From senior executives and sales teams to radio DJ's and rap artists, Petro teaches people the skills to present themselves and their ideas authentically in a way that captivates audiences and moves people to action and lasting transformation. With Petro you will transform your everyday life into a running success story wherein you can be the author, lead character and director.

19h10 – 19h15

Q&A

19h15 – 20h15

Networking
Free cheese & wine



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