

BotSoc Council welcomes two new members

Two new members of Council were elected unopposed at the AGM on 23 September: Mr Jacques von Coppenhagen and Professor Julian Sonn. Both bring new skills and perspectives to the Council.



Jacques von Coppenhagen is the current Chairman of the Pretoria Branch of BotSoc and has been appointed as a member of the society's eight-member council.

He is in full-time government employment as a project manager for the local City of Tshwane Municipality and brings this experience to the council.

'My experience in government prepares me well for this position as I have developed a strong sense of the laws of governance and finance,' said van Coppenhagen.

Van Coppenhagen is also a keen conservationist and is involved in several conservation projects including Faerie Glen Nature Reserve in Pretoria and Luton Park Conservation Area in Centurion.

According to van Coppenhagen, he is thrilled about the appointment and hopes to be a major influence as a member on the BotSoc Council.

Professor Julian Sonn, a member of the Botanical Society of South Africa's Kirstenbosch Branch has recently been appointed as a member of the BotSoc Council.

Sonn, who currently works as a Professor

in Executive Leadership and Diversity at the University of Stellenbosch Business School, says that he has always loved and appreciated South Africa's botanical beauty and is a keen supporter of BotSoc's centenary charter and



its intention to make the society a more inclusive entity.

This Fulbright Scholarship winner says that he would like to contribute to making sure

that future generations also get to enjoy the wonders of the country's natural beauty.

'I am excited to be a member of council for a society that is helping to preserve South Africa's unique heritage', he said.