



Knoetze and fellow hikers at the start to the Amathole six-day hiking trail.



Barnard Knoetze at Cabo Finisterre in Spain during the Camino de Santiago de Compostela walk.

Talking heads Upcoming conferences

- A conference will be held to coincide with the 22nd African Human Rights Moot Court Competition at the University of the Western Cape, which runs from 2 to 7 September 2013. The conference will be on 6 September 2013 and its theme is *Constitution-making in Africa*. For further information, contact Debbie Gordon at dlgordon@uwc.ac.za
- The Mandela Institute at Wits School of Law presents two seminars in August and September. The *First Annual Banking and Finance Law Focus* will deal with current and topical issues including the regulation of the banking industry. Confirmed speakers include Johan de Lange (head: Banking and Finance at Webber Wentzel); Dr Ina Meiring (director: Werksmans), and Lionel Shawe (head: Banking and Finance at Bowman Gilfillan). Date: 27 August 2013. Closing date for registration: 20 August 2013. Venue: Chalsty Centre, Wits. Contact Julie.Dunsford@wits.ac.za
- Also at the Mandela Institute, Peter Solomon SC and Julia Boltar will identify some of the practical and controversial issues that arise from the provisions of the *Tax Administration Act 2011*. Date: 18 September 2013. Closing date for registration is 30 August 2013. Venue: Chalsty Centre, Wits. Contact Julie.Dunsford@wits.ac.za
- The 16th Annual SASLAW Conference will take place on 4 & 5 October 2013, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town. See <http://www.saslaw.org.za/contact.php>
- A conference on disability rights in Africa with the theme *Overcoming obstacles: Towards the effective implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Africa* will be held by the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria, on 5 November 2013. See <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/>
- The Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria will also host a conference commemorating the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the *Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa* focusing on promoting women's sexual and reproductive rights. It will be held on 9 & 10 December 2013. See <http://www1.chr.up.ac.za/>
- The Oliver Schreiner School of Law at Wits will host the *Southern African Law Teachers' Association Conference* from 13 to 16 January 2014. Papers from any legal subject area are to be sent to abstracts.sltsa@wits.ac.za preferably no later than 31 August 2013. For registration forms, see: http://www.wits.ac.za/files/f6usb_695210001375129759.pdf