

## ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation.

### The following places could be contacted for accommodation:

Gamagara Lodge	(053) 723-2285
Kathu Guesthouse	(053) 723-1138 / 723-2821
Zommerlust	(053) 723-2987
Kardoesie	(053) 723-2122 / 082 921 3543
Road Runner	(053) 723-1346
Wildernis	(053) 723-3258
Adrianna	(053) 723-2079
Namakwa	(053) 723-2456
Cranberry	082 921 3543
Ommi Hoek	(053) 723-1478
Khai-Appel Resort	(053) 723-2263
Kumba Single Quarters	(053) 723-1261

### ENQUIRIES

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# ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



## First Announcement

### **Theme :**

"Costs and benefits of biodiversity maintenance and repair in the arid zone"

**25 - 28 August 2003**  
**Kathu Sport & Recreation Hall**  
**Kathu, Northern Cape Province**

Organised by the  
Conservation and Management of  
Ecosystems and Biodiversity Focus Area  
of the National Research Foundation



## VENUE AND DATE

The conference will be held at Kathu Sport & Recreation Hall, Kathu, Northern Cape Province, from 25-28 August 2003.

## THEME

"Costs and benefits of biodiversity maintenance and repair in the arid zone". To include aspects such as livestock and wildlife ranching, conservation, ecotourism, mining and uses of resources, such as firewood and medicinal plants.

## GENERAL

Several southern African scientists/economists will be invited to present papers on the economics of conservation and rehabilitation.

Please send Mark Anderson or Bettie de Beer suggestions for evening round table discussions on topics that are relevant to the theme.

## FORMAT

- Monday, 25 August** : Afternoon: Delegates arrive at the Kathu Sport & Recreation Hall for registration.  
: Briefing session.  
: Get-together (cocktails) at 19:00.
- Tuesday, 26 August** : Morning: Invited papers on the theme.  
Afternoon: Paper presentations, Poster sessions and AGM.  
: Late afternoon: Introduction to field trips.
- Wednesday, 27 August** : Field trips will include visits to Sishen Iron Ore Mine (rehabilitation), Kathu camelthorn tree "forest" (tree die-off), Gamagara River (*Prosopis* invasion and camelthorn tree harvesting), Tswalu Desert Reserve, and the rich archaeological sites of the Kathu area.
- Thursday, 28 August** : Paper presentations and poster sessions.

## CALL FOR PAPERS / POSTERS

Contributions in the form of 20 minute platform papers (15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes question time) presentations on the theme, or any other topic relevant to the arid zone, are invited. This year there will be no oral presentation of posters, but provision will be made for extended poster viewing sessions. Paper/poster titles should reach Bettie de Beer by **1 April 2003**, in order to compile a Provisional Programme for the Second Announcement. A short (not more than 350 words) abstract should reach Bettie (preferably by email) by **4 August 2002** for inclusion in the programme. E-mail address : Bettie@NRF.ac.za.

Paper presenters using PowerPoint must please bring copies of their presentations on CD, as we will only use one laptop computer for these presentations.

## AWARDS

Awards will be made for the sixth time to the best paper and poster presentations with special priority to post-graduate students. These awards are sponsored by the Institute for Soil, Climate & Water and the NRF. For further information see AZEF website: <http://www.nrf.ac.za/azef>.

## PROGRAMME

A Provisional Programme will be sent with the Second Announcement.

## REGISTRATION FEE

This year we are introducing a late registration fee. Registration forms and registration fee must reach the NRF before **1 July 2003** to avoid the late registration fee.

Registration fee for the full duration, paid before 1 July 2003 is R430,00. This fee includes **lunches, dinners, tea/coffee** and a **programme**. Late registration fee for the full duration is R530,00. Registration fee for **fulltime** students will be R390,00 for the full duration. Proof of registration is required to qualify for the discount.

If a per son can only attend certain days, the following daily fees apply :  
25 August 2003 – R75,00 (Late Reg fee: R100,00) per person per day  
26 August 2003 – R140,00 (Late Reg fee: R165,00) per person per day  
27 August 2003 – R140,00 (Late Reg fee: R165,00) per person per day  
28 August 2003 – R75,00 (Late Reg fee: R100,00) per person per day

Registration fee can be paid by cheque, made payable to the NRF, by direct deposit into the NRF's bank account, or by direct bank transfer. The NRF's bank details are as follows :

**Bank** : ABSA  
**Branch** : Lynnwood Road, Pretoria  
**Acc No** : 540147353  
**Branch Code** : 334745

## STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

The AZEF has agreed to sponsor a reduction in registration fee (25-100%) for **FULL TIME** students presenting a poster or a paper. To be considered for the sponsorship, students must submit their abstracts for the presentation before **14 July 2003**, send a letter of proof of registration from their academic institution and write a motivation (1 page) why they want to attend the AZEF. Their supervisor must endorse the letter of motivation. A maximum of three students will be sponsored for each AZEF meeting.

For further information see AZEF website : <http://www.nrf.ac.za/azef>.

## DEADLINE DATES

Submission of paper/poster titles : **1 April 2003**  
Submission of paper/poster abstracts: **4 August 2003**  
Final submission of registration forms : **11 August 2003**

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

There will be a get-together on Monday night and a braai on Wednesday night. The cost of these functions is included in the registration fee.

## MEALS

All lunches (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) and dinners (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) are included in the registration fee.

**Please note : No breakfasts will be provided.**  
**A cash bar will be available at dinners .**

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Completed registration forms should be returned as soon as possible and **not later than 11 August 2003** to:

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