

## ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation.

**The following places can be contacted for accommodation:**

Gamagara Lodge & Wildernis	(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
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**



## **Second 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.

## PAPER & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

A short (not more than 350 words) abstract should reach Bettie (preferably by e-mail) by **4 August 2002** for inclusion in the programme. E-mail address: Bettie@NRF.ac.za.

Although we had decided that this year there will be no oral presentations of posters, space in the programme will allow for a five minute oral presentation to summarize the findings outlined in each poster. A maximum of three 35 mm or PowerPoint slides may be used. Digital images will be taken of other posters for projection onto the screen during the talk.

Paper and poster 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>.

## FIELD TRIPS

Delegates will be able to go on one of two field trips on Wednesday 27 August, either to Tswalu Desert Reserve

(limited number of people) or to view various projects in the Kathu area. If you have a hard hat and protective shoes please bring these along for the Kathu field trip

## 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 person can only attend certain days, the following daily fees apply:

25 Aug 2003 – R75 (Late Reg fee: R100) p/p per day  
26 Aug 2003 – R140 (Late Reg fee: R165) p/p per day  
27 Aug 2003 – R140 (Late Reg fee: R165) p/p per day  
28 Aug 2003 – R75 (Late Reg fee: R100) p/p 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 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, Wednesday & Thursday) are included in the registration fee.

**Please indicate on the Registration Form if you want dinner on Thursday night.**

**Please note: No breakfasts will be provided.**

**A cash bar will be available at dinners.**

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Please see overleaf for a list of places to book accommodation.

## REGISTRATION FORM

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

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