

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 and 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.

ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation.

Accommodation details are available on request from Kirsten Mahood

REGISTRATION FORM

Completed registration forms should be returned as soon as possible and **not later than 11 August 2004** to:

Ms Kirsten Mahood
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1200
E-mail: kirsten@enviroforest.co.za

ASSOCIATED MEETING

Colloquium on Adaptation in Desert Fauna & Flora (27-29 August 2004)

The Colloquium is being held under the auspices of the Royal Society of South Africa and the Biodiversity Transect Analysis in Africa (BIOTA).

NOTE: This meeting will be held at the Apollo Theatre Complex, Victoria West

Further details: Contact Prof. J. Skinner: john.skinner@up.ac.za

AZEF ENQUIRIES

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ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



Second Announcement

Theme:

"Managing Variability in the Arid Zone"

**30 August – 2 September 2004
Apollo Theatre Complex
Victoria West, 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 the Apollo Theatre Complex, Victoria West, Northern Cape Province, from 30 August - 2 September 2004.

THEME

"Managing variability in the Arid Zone". To include the sub-themes:

- How arid zone plants and animals cope with spatial and temporal variability in resources.
- Short-term variability: managing commercial natural resource-based enterprises under arid-zone uncertainty: Strategies and tactics for coping with drought, flood, insect damage, etc.
- Long-term variability: managing arid zone conservation in the arid zone with global change: Planning for changes in rainfall quantity, seasonality, invasive biota, water availability, increasing land and resource demands from a growing human population.
- Policy and monitoring relevant to changing landuse, differing biota, soils, topography and socio-economic conditions in the arid zone.

PROGRAMME

This year's AZEF conference promises to be excellent, with many interesting and relevant papers and posters. The provisional programme is included herewith.

PAPER & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The conference will consist of paper and poster presentations. The deadline for submission of titles has closed and the programme is now full. If you want to be placed on the waiting list, in case there are cancellations, please send your paper/poster titles to Kirsten Mahood

The paper presentations are either 20 min or 30 min long (see programme), which includes question time. Note that as the programme is full, the conference

organisers will be strict with time-keeping.

Poster Presentations: The programme will allow for a five-minute oral presentation to summarise 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. There will be extended poster-viewing sessions, over tea/coffee (and with the bar open).

Paper and poster presenters using PowerPoint must please bring copies of their presentations on CD, as only one laptop computer will be used for presentations.

AWARDS

Awards will be made for the seventh time to the best paper and poster presentations with special priority to post-graduate students. 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

There will be a field trip to view Riverine Rabbit research and conservation initiatives on the afternoon of Wednesday 1 September.

REGISTRATION FEE

This year there will be a late registration fee. Registration forms and registration fee must reach Kirsten Mahood before **1 July 2004** to avoid the late registration fee.

Registration fee for the full duration, paid before 1 July 2004 is R500.00. This fee includes **lunches, dinners, tea/coffee** and a **programme**. Late registration fee for the full duration is R600.00. Registration fee for **full-time** students will be R450.00 for the full duration. Proof of registration is required to qualify for the

discount. Person only attend certain days pay the following daily fees:

30 Aug 2004 – R60.00 (Late Reg fee: R70.00) p/p per day

31 Aug 2004 – R147.00 (Late Reg fee: R177.00) p/p per day

01 Sept 2004 – R147.00 (Late Reg fee: R177.00) p/p per day

02 Sept 2004 – R147.00 (Late Reg fee: R177.00) p/p per day

Registration fees can be paid by cheque, by direct deposit or by direct bank transfer into the AZEF bank account. The AZEF bank details are as follows:

Bank : Nedbank
Branch : Riverside Mall - Nelspruit
Acc No : 1739016882
Acc. Name : The Arid Zone Ecology Forum
Branch Code : 173952

Deposit slips should be faxed or e-mailed to Kirsten Mahood.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

The deadline for applications for student sponsorship closed on 1 June 2004.

For further information about the sponsorship of students' attendance of AZEF meetings, see the AZEF website: <http://www.nrf.ac.za/azef>.

DEADLINE DATES

Cut-off date for early registration: **1 July 2004**

Submission of paper/poster abstracts: **1 August 2004**

Final submission of registration forms: **11 August 2004**