

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

DEADLINE DATES

Submission of paper/poster titles: **11 April 2005**

Submission of paper/poster abstracts: **15 July 2005**

Final submission of registration forms: **15 August 2005**

[Application for student sponsorship: 1 June 2005](#)

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 and dinners (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.

Please see the attached sheet for details of the accommodation in Barrydale.

REGISTRATION FORM

Completed **registration forms and fees** should be returned as soon as possible and **not later than 15 August 2005** to:

Ms Kirsten Mahood
C/o Centre for Invasion Biology
Natural Sciences Building
Private Bag X1
MATIELAND
7602
kirsten@enviroforest.co.za

Please note: A person shall only be considered as registered on receipt of both a registration form and fee.

AZEF ENQUIRIES

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ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



First Announcement

Theme:

"Change in the Arid Zone"

12 – 15 September 2005
NG Church Hall
Barrydale, Western Cape Province

*Sponsored 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 NG Church, Barrydale, Western Cape Province, from 12 – 15 September 2005.

THEME

Main Theme: Change in the Arid Zone

To include the sub-themes:

- Spatial change in the Arid Zone
- Implementing research results to cope with change
- Climate Change and its effects on the Arid Zone

GENERAL

Several southern African scientists will be invited to present papers relevant to Arid Zone Ecology Forum - 2005. Please send Lee Simons or Kirsten Mahood suggestions for evening round table discussions on topics that are relevant to the theme.

FORMAT

Monday, 12 September 2005

Afternoon: Delegates arrive at the Apollo Theatre for registration.

Briefing session (18h30).

Get-together (cocktails) at 19h00.

Tuesday, 13 September 2005

Morning: Invited papers on the theme.

Afternoon: Paper presentations, Poster sessions.

Late afternoon: Introduction to field trips.

Wednesday, 14 September 2005

Field trips will include visits to:

Quartzite patches on local farms

Vegetation change over space and time

Sanbona Game Farm visit

Thursday, 15 September 2005

Paper presentations and poster sessions.

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CALL FOR PAPERS / POSTERS

Contributions in the form of 20-minute platform paper presentations (15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes question time) on the theme, or any other topic relevant to the arid zone, are invited. This year there will be oral presentations of posters (5-minute presentation, no questions); provision will be made for extended poster viewing sessions, where questions can be asked. Paper/poster titles should reach Kirsten Mahood by **11 April 2005**, in order to compile a Provisional Programme for the Second Announcement. A short (not more than 350 word) abstract should reach Kirsten (preferably by e-mail) by **15 July 2005** for inclusion in the programme (**Please adhere to attached guidelines**). E-mail: kirsten@enviroforest.co.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 eighth 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 will have a late registration fee for all delegates, including students. **Registration forms and fees** must reach Kirsten Mahood before **15 July 2005** to avoid the late registration fee.

The registration fee for the full duration, paid before 15 July 2005 is R765.00. This fee includes **lunches, dinners, tea/coffee**

and a **programme**. Late registration fee for the full duration is R865.00.

Registration fee for the full duration for **fulltime** students will be R665.00 (R765.00 late registration fee). **Proof of registration is needed to qualify for the discount.** Persons only attending certain days pay the following daily fees:

12 September 2005: R75.00 (Late reg fee: R85.00) per person per day

13 September 2005: R230.00 (Late reg fee: R260.00) per person per day

14 September 2005: R230.00 (Late reg fee: R260.00) per person per day

15 September 2005: R230.00 (Late reg fee: R260.00) per person per day

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

Bank : Nedbank

Branch : Riverside Mall – Nelspruit (173952)

Acc. No : 1739016882

Acc. Name : "The Arid Zone Ecology Forum"

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

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

AZEF has agreed to sponsor a reduction in registration fees (25-100%) for **FULL TIME** students presenting a poster or a paper. To be considered for sponsorship, students must submit their abstracts for the presentation before **1 June 2005**, with proof of registration from their academic institution and motivation (1 page) for attending the AZEF. Their supervisor must endorse the letter of motivation. A maximum of three students will be sponsored for each AZEF meeting.