

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 for their own accommodation.

Accommodation details are available on request from Kirsten Mahood

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
P.O. Box 2391
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kirsten@enviroforest.co.za

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

AWARDS

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

AZEF ENQUIRIES

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ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



Second 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 the NG Church Hall, 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

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 and abstracts** to Kirsten Mahood

The paper presentations are 20 minutes long (see programme), including question time. Note that as the programme is full, the conference organisers will be strict with time-keeping. Key note addresses are 30 minutes long.

Poster Presentations: The programme will allow for a 10-minute oral presentation (including 5 minutes for questions) 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 poster-viewing sessions, over tea/coffee.

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

FIELD TRIPS

1. Doornkloof Reserve – Lead by Jan Vlok

A short introductory talk and lunch will be held at Doornkloof Reserve.

2. Koktyls Private Game Farm

This trip will concentrate on the rehabilitation of old fields and problems with soil erosion.

3. Nature College Wild Life Training Centre.

The centre is run by Johan Fourie who will give an introductory talk on his experiences in the Karoo.

4. Repeat Photography Trip (limited to 10 people).

Accompany Prof. Timm Hoffman to visit sites in the Ladysmith area photographed by Pole Evans in 1920.

5. Sanbona wildlife Reserve

The Sanbona Reserve boasts elephants and white lions as well as other big game such as buffalo, black rhino, leopard and cheetah.

REGISTRATION FEE

This year there will have a late registration fee for all delegates, **including students**. **Registration forms and registration fee** must reach Kirsten Mahood before **15 July 2005** to avoid the late registration fee.

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 **full-time** students will be R665.00 for the full duration (R765.00 for late student registration). **Proof of registration is required to qualify for the student discount.**

Person attend 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 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/proof of payment should be faxed or e-mailed to Kirsten Mahood.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

The deadline for applications for student sponsorship closes on **1 June 2005**.

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: **15 July 2005**

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

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

Please note: No refunds will be made after 15 August 2005