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<http://www.azef.co.za>

#### DEADLINE DATES

Submission of paper/poster titles: **21 April 2006**  
Submission of paper/poster abstracts: **3 July 2006**  
Deadline for early bird registration: **15 July 2006**  
Application for student sponsorship: **1 June 2006**  
Final submission of registration forms: **1 August 2006**

#### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND MEALS

All lunches and dinners (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) as well as the cocktail party on the Monday evening 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 Kamnieskroon and surrounds.

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Completed registration forms and fees should be returned as soon as possible and not later than **1 August 2006** 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.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations made before 14 July 2006 will be refunded to 75% of the registered amount. Refunds will only be made after the meeting, once full bank details are sent to Kirsten Mahood.

#### AZEF ENQUIRIES

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# ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

**Theme:**  
"Celebrating 21 Years of AZEF"

**21 – 24 August 2006**  
**Succulent Karoo Knowledge Centre**  
**Kamieskroon, Northern 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 Succulent Karoo Knowledge Centre, Kamieskroon, Northern Cape Province, from 21 – 24 August 2006.

## THEME

### Main Theme: Celebrating 21 years of AZEF

To include the sub-themes:

- 21 years of arid zone research - what have we achieved
- Long-term ecological research in the arid zone
- Interdisciplinary approaches of Arid Zone Research (within and between life and social sciences)
- Implementation/application/communication of research findings to users and the broader public
- Research challenges for the future

## GENERAL

Several southern African scientists will be invited to present papers relevant to Arid Zone Ecology Forum - 2006. Please send Lee Simons or Kirsten Mahood suggestions for evening round table discussions on topics that are relevant to the theme.

## FORMAT

### Monday, 21 August 2006

Afternoon: Delegates arrive at the Succulent Karoo Knowledge Centre, Kamieskroon, for registration.

Briefing session (18h30).

Get-together (Cocktail Dinner) at 19h00.

### Tuesday, 22 August 2006

Morning: Invited papers on the theme.

Afternoon: Paper presentations, Poster sessions.

Late afternoon: Introduction to field trips.

### Wednesday, 23 August 2006

Field trips: Details will be given in the 2<sup>nd</sup> announcement

### Thursday, 24 August 2006

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, 5-minute questions). Paper/poster titles must reach Kirsten Mahood by **21 April 2006**, in order to compile a Provisional Programme for the Second Announcement. A short (not more than 300 words) abstract must reach Kirsten (preferably by e-mail) by **3 July 2006** for inclusion in the programme (**Please adhere to attached guidelines**). E-mail: [kirsten@enviroforest.co.za](mailto:kirsten@enviroforest.co.za)

Presenters using PowerPoint must bring copies of their presentations on CD/flash-drive, 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.azef.co.za>.

## 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 June 2006** to avoid the late registration fee.

The registration fee for the full duration, paid before 15 June 2006 is R875.00. This fee includes **lunches, dinners, tea/coffee** and a **programme**. Late registration fee for the full

duration is R1000.00.

Registration fee for the full duration for **fulltime** students will be R775.00 (R875.00 late registration fee). **Proof of registration is needed to qualify for the discount**. Please note: Post-Docs do not qualify for student rates.

Persons only attending certain days pay the following daily fees:

21 August 2006: R100.00 (Late reg fee: R115.00) per person per day

22 August 2006: R258.00 (Late reg fee: R295.00) per person per day

23 August 2006: R258.00 (Late reg fee: R295.00) per person per day

24 August 2006: R258.00 (Late reg fee: R295.00) per person per day (dinner included)

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 must 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 2006**, with proof of registration from their academic institution and motivation (1 page) for attending the AZEF. Their supervisor must endorse the letter of motivation.