

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 and fees should be returned as soon as possible and not later than 1 August 2006 to:

Ms Kirsten Mahood

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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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AUDIO-VISUAL DISPLAY

This year AZEF delegates who attend the Thursday evening meal will be treated to an audio-visual display by world-renowned photographers Freeman Patterson and Colla Swart

ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



Second 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 the Succulent Karoo Knowledge Centre and the NG Church Hall, 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

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](mailto:Kirsten.Mahood@azef.co.za)

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 5-minute oral presentation to summarise the findings outlined in each poster (with no time for questions). A **maximum** of three 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 where poster presenters will be expected to be present at their poster to answer any questions.

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

AWARDS

Awards will be made for the ninth 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: www.azef.co.za

FIELD TRIPS

Investigating veld condition at a fence line contrast
Led by Sue Milton

Repeat Photography
Led by Timm Hoffman

Visit to various Namaqua National Park research sites
Hosted by South African National Parks.

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 2006** to avoid the late registration fee.

Registration fee for the full duration, paid before 15 July 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 **full-time** students will be R775.00 for the full duration (R875.00 for late student registration). **Proof of student registration is required to qualify for the student discount.**

The following daily fees apply for attendance of part of the meeting:

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 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](mailto:Kirsten.Mahood@azef.co.za).

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

The deadline for applications for student sponsorship closed on 1 June 2006.

For further information about the sponsorship of students', see the AZEF website: www.azef.co.za

DEADLINE DATES

Cut-off date for early registration: **15 July 2006**
Submission of paper/poster abstracts: **3 July 2006**
Final submission of registration forms and fees: **1 August 2006**.

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.