

ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM 2007

DROUGHT AS A DRIVER: PHYSICAL, ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC EFFECTS, INTERACTIONS AND RESPONSES

10 – 13 September 2007
NG Church Hall
Sutherland, Northern Cape Province

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of paper/poster titles: 2 April 2007
Submission of final abstracts: 2 July 2007
Deadline for application for student sponsorship: 18 July 2007
Deadline for early bird registration: 3 August 2007
Final submission of registration forms: 3 September 2007

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration forms and fees must reach Kirsten Mahood before 3 August 2007 to qualify for the early bird registration fees. Fees include lunches, dinners, tea/coffee and a programme. Proof of student registration is needed to qualify for the student discount. Post-docs do not qualify for student rates.

FULL DURATION:

NON-STUDENT FULL RATES		STUDENT FULL RATES	
EARLY BIRD	STANDARD (After 3 August 2007)	EARLY BIRD	STANDARD (After 3 August 2007)
R955.00	R1 100.00	R830.00	R955.00

DAILY RATES APPLY AS FOLLOWS:

DATE	NON-STUDENT DAILY RATES		STUDENT DAILY RATES	
	EARLY BIRD	STANDARD (After 3 August 2007)	EARLY BIRD	STANDARD (After 3 August 2007)
10 September 2007	R110.00	R125.00	R95.00	R108.00
11 September 2007	R282.00	R325.00	R245.00	R282.00
12 September 2007	R282.00	R325.00	R245.00	R282.00
13 September 2007	R282.00	R325.00	R245.00	R282.00

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

Registration fees can be paid by cheque, direct deposit or EFT into AZEF's bank account. Deposit slips must be faxed or e-mailed to Kirsten Mahood.

AZEF bank details:

Bank: Nedbank, Riverside Mall – Nelspruit (173952)

Acc. No: 1739016882

Acc. Name: "The Arid Zone Ecology Forum"

REGISTRATION FORMS

Completed registration forms should be returned as soon as possible and **not later than 3 September 2007** to:

Ms Kirsten Mahood
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FORMAT

Monday, 10 September 2007 <u>Afternoon</u> : Arrive at Sutherland for registration. Briefing session (18h30) Get-together (Cocktail Dinner) at 19h00	Tuesday, 11 September 2007 <u>Morning</u> : Invited papers on the theme <u>Afternoon</u> : Paper presentations
Wednesday, 12 September 2007 <u>Morning</u> : Papers on the theme <u>Afternoon</u> : Open theme workshops <u>Evening</u> : Posters on the theme	Thursday, 13 September 2007 <u>Morning</u> : Parallel A: Feedback on workshop and paper presentations Parallel B: Farmers' Day workshop and presentation <u>Afternoon</u> : Field trips <u>Late afternoon</u> : AGM

STUDENTS

SPONSORSHIP

AZEF will sponsor a reduced registration fee (between 25 and 100%) for **FULL TIME** students presenting a poster or paper. To be considered for sponsorship, students must submit their titles and abstracts before **2 April 2007**. Proof of registration and a 1 page motivation (endorsed by supervisor) for attending the AZEF meeting must reach Kirsten Mahood by **18 July 2007**.

AWARDS

Awards for the best paper and poster presentations by young scientists will be made for the ninth year (special priority to post-graduate students). These awards are sponsored by the Institute for Soil, Climate & Water and the NRF. New guidelines for poster presentations have been posted on the AZEF website. Further information is on the AZEF website: <http://www.azef.co.za>

ACCOMMODATION, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND MEALS

Teas, lunches and dinners on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as a 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. No breakfasts will be provided. A cash bar will be available at dinners.

Delegates are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation. See the attached sheet for details of the accommodation available in and around Sutherland.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations made before 13 August 2007 will be refunded to 75% of the registered amount. After this date, no refunds will be made. Refunds will only be made after the meeting, once full bank details are sent to Kirsten Mahood.

ENQUIRIES

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