



"Interfaces" 2008



First Announcement
OUTDSHOORN
3rd - 7th August 2008

Theme: "Linking across Biome Boundaries"

Who should attend?

- All researchers working in fynbos and arid regions
- Scientists, students, engineers, planners, and educators working in fynbos and arid regions
- Working for Water staff
- Working for Wetlands staff
- Working on Fire staff
- Managers, particularly those in conservation, forestry, and agriculture
- Policy makers from government
- NGOs and the private sector
- Landowners
- EIA consultants

Venue and Date:

The conference will be held at the **Burgersentrum**, Voortrekker Road, **Outdshoorn** from 3rd to 7th August 2008.

Format of Forum:

Sunday:

3rd August: Delegates arrive and register from 15h00
Welcome and presentation
Dinner

Monday:

4th August: Late registration
Paper and poster presentations all day
Student party

Tuesday:

5th August: Late registration
Paper presentations
Farmer's workshop
Field trips from morning tea till the afternoon

Wednesday:

6th August: Late registration
Paper presentations
Workshops in the afternoon
FF and AZEF AGM
Dinner and dance

Thursday:

7th August: Late registration
Paper presentations
Prize presentation
Packed lunch for journey home

Call for Paper and Posters:

- Contributions in the form of platform papers of 15 minutes (12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes discussion), speed presentations of 6 minutes (a discussion will be held at the end of each session), or posters, on the session themes would be most welcome.
- Abstracts should be a maximum 300 words.
- Abstracts need to clearly articulate what the paper/poster is about.
- *No* references, *no* tables, and *no* logos should be included in the abstract.
- Specific guidelines will be sent out shortly.
- **Paper and poster titles and abstracts must reach Wendy Paisley via email not later than 9th May.**
- Posters should have a jpeg or pdf version submitted by the 27th June so that they can be included in the hard copy of the programme. Instructions to follow.
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Interfaces 2008 Theme: Linking across Biome Boundaries

"Interfaces" is a combined meeting of the Arid Zone Ecology Forum and the Fynbos Forum. The aim of the meeting is to facilitate cooperation and sharing of ideas across biome boundaries.

Session Themes:

1. Ecotones and their role in evolution, ecology and conservation; (tension zones between biomes and what do they tell us)
2. Strengthening the links between research and application (taking what we do to the people who use it) – embracing the social ecological and economic issues
3. Big differences/similarities between biomes – thresholds (point of no return) ecological, biotic, abiotic, management and action
4. Face to face: learning from each other, brainstorming ideas across the boundaries
5. Disturbances across space and time

A Provisional Programme:

A provisional programme will be sent out during June.

Fieldtrips:

Will be held on the 5th August. Please refer to the Registration form for the different options. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd & 3rd choices. Please remember to wear suitable clothing for field trips.

Registration Fees:

Early Bird registration forms and fees should reach Wendy Paisley before 20th June to avoid paying the Late Registration fee. Thereafter the Late Registration Fee will be applicable. The cut-off date for Late Registration is before 18th July.

Registration Fees

	Full Registration	Daily Full Registration	Student Registration
Early Bird (<i>before 20th June</i>)	R1100	R300	R680
Late Registration (<i>before 18th July</i>)	R1300	R350	R780

- Full registration fees include administrative costs, morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas, and dinners *only*, for the duration of the Forum.
- Daily rates include administrative costs, morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas and dinner. Daily Rates do **NOT** include breakfast.
- Registration fees are transferable provided a fresh registration form is completed and reaches the secretariat **before 14th July**.
- Applications by students and financially constrained individuals for sponsorship to attend the Forum must be sent with the Registration form

Registration Forms:

Completed registration forms and payment for Registration should be submitted as soon as possible, and **before 20th June** for the Early Bird rates. Completed registration forms and payment for Late Registration should be submitted **before 18th July**.

Please return to:

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Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made *after 14th July* and *before 18th July* will only be refunded 75% of the fee.

- Please note that no refunds will be made if there is cancellation or change of dates after 18th July.
Please Note: A person shall only be considered as registered on receipt of **both** registration form and fee.

Payments:

- PLEASE NOTE: All Registration payments *must* be made before 18th July.
- Kindly request an invoice for payment from Wendy Paisley.
- Please fill in & return the attached form regarding payments so that invoices are correctly sent out.
- Cheques, cash, and electronic payment are also accepted.
- No Credit Card facilities.

Meals:

The full registration fee includes teas, lunches and dinners as from afternoon tea on 3rd August and for the duration of the Forum *only*. Any other meals are for your own cost.

Accommodation:

Please look at the web site of the Oudtshoorn Tourism Bureau www.oudtshoorn.com for the options, as well as correct prices.

CUT OFF DATES:

Item	Details	Cut-off dates
Papers & Posters	Titles & abstracts	9 th May 2008
Posters	Posters pdf version	27 th June 2008
Early Bird Registration	Registration & Payment	20 th June 2008
Late Registration	Registration & Payment	18 th July 2008
Cancellation	75% reimbursement	If made between 14 th and 18 th July 2008
Cancellation	Nil reimbursement	After 18 th July 2008

Interfaces 2008 aims to be a GREEN conference

Minimise your carbon footprint: share transport or use public transport to get to Oudtshoorn. Cycle or walk from your accommodation to the conference venue.

To book a bicycle in Oudtshoorn please contact

Backpackers Paradise & Joyrides

Oudtshoorn, South Africa

T: +27 (0)44 272 3436

F: 086 633 7487

www.backpackersparadise.net

and let them know you are part of the Interfaces 2008 conference.

Other tips: shower instead of bath, switch off unnecessary lights and electrical appliances, shower with the lights off, recycle paper, plastic and glass.

Support the Climate Culture initiative and partially offset your carbon footprint by making a donation to them which will be used for Thicket restoration.

Please visit the "Interfaces 2008" website:

<http://www.botanicalsociety.org.za/interfaces2008>



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