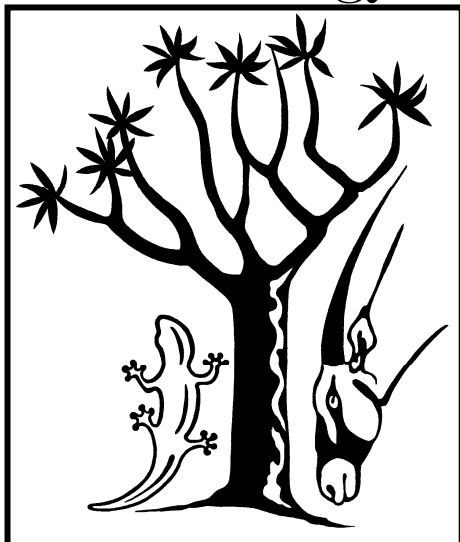


Arid Zone Ecology Forum



First Announcement

5-8 October 2009

Graaff-Reinet

THEME: "Biodiversity conservation in arid zones: people, species and landscapes"

Who should attend?

- Scientists, students, engineers, planners, and educators working in arid areas
- Managers, particularly those in conservation, forestry, agriculture, and local government
- Policy makers from government
- NGOs and the private sector
- Landowners
- EIA consultants

Venue and Date:

The conference will be held at the **John Rupert Auditorium, Parsonage Street, Graaff-Reinet** from **5 till 8 October 2009**.

Format of Forum:

Monday:

5 October: Delegates arrive and register from 16h30.
Welcome
Cocktail dinner at the Drostdy Hotel

Tuesday:

6 October: Late registration.
Paper and posters presentations all day.
AGM.
Dinner at the Drostdy Hotel

Wednesday:

7 October: Late registration.
Papers and posters.
Field trips in the afternoon.
Braai at the Camdeboo National Park lapa

Thursday:

8 October: Late registration.
Papers and posters.
Prize presentation.
Dinner at the Drostdy Hotel

Call for Paper and Posters:

- Contributions in the form of platform papers of 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes discussion) are most welcome.
- Posters will be presented in the form of a 5 minute speed presentation (3 PowerPoint slides) with time for questions at the end of the session.
- 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 must reach Tessa Oliver via email not later than 4th May 2009**
- **All abstracts must reach Tessa Oliver via email not later than 2 August 2009**

AZEF 2009 Theme:

"Biodiversity conservation in arid zones: people, species and landscapes"

All presentations and posters submitted which align with this year's theme shall be given preference for time slots. We request that papers are aligned as closely as possible to the theme. We strongly encourage trans-disciplinary papers that integrate social and biological areas of research. The AZEF committee reserves the right to change paper presentation in to poster presentations, or reject those deemed unsuitable.

A Provisional Programme:

A provisional programme will be sent out during **August 2009**.

Fieldtrips:

Field trips will be held on Wednesday **7th October 2009**. Details of options will be sent out at a later stage. Please remember to wear suitable clothing for field trips. We will use our own vehicles for the field trips.

Registration Fees:

Early Bird Registration forms and fees should reach Tessa Oliver before **31 August 2009** to avoid paying the Late Registration fee.

Thereafter the Late Registration fee will be applicable. The cut-off date for all Registrations is before **23rd September 2009**.

Registration Fees

	Full Registration	Daily Full Registration	Student Registration
Early Bird (before 31 August)	R955	R370	R830
Late Registration (before 23 Sept)	R1100	R370	R955

- 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 only.
- Registration fees are transferable provided a fresh registration form is completed and reaches the secretariat **before 23 September 2009**.
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Registration Forms:

Completed registration forms and payment for Registration should be submitted as soon as possible, and **before 31 August 2009** for the Early Bird rates. Completed registration forms and payment for Late Registration should be submitted **before 23 September 2009**.

Please return to:

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Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made *after 17 September 2009* and *before 23 September 2009* 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 23 September 2009.**
- **Refunds will only be made AFTER the conference once banking details have been sent to Tessa Oliver**

NB: 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 **23 September 2009**
- Kindly request an invoice for payment from Tessa Oliver.
- Cheques, cash, and electronic payment are accepted.
- **No** Credit Card facilities.
- Bank Details:
Bank Account Holder: "THE ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM"
Bank: Nedbank
Branch: Riverside Mall, Nelspruit
Branch Code: 173952
Type of Account: Current
Account Number: 1739016882

Meals:

The full registration fee includes teas, lunches and dinners as from dinner on 5 October 2009 and for the duration of the Forum **only**. *Any other meals are for your own cost.*

Accommodation:

Please book your own accommodation. Phone the Graaff-Reinet Tourism Office at (049) 892 4248/5774 or look for options online at:

www.graaffreinet.co.za/

CUT OFF DATES:

Item	Details	Cut-off dates
Papers & Posters	Titles	4 May 2009
Abstract	Abstracts	2 August 2009
Early Bird Registration	Registration & Payment	31 August 2009
Late Registration	Registration & Payment	23 September 2009
Cancellation	75% reimbursement	Between 17 Sept 2009 and 23 Sept 2009
Cancellation	Nil reimbursement	After 23 September 2009

Sponsorship to attend AZEF 2009:

BIOTA has made a limited amount of funds available to sponsor the attendance of students and representatives from conservation organizations, NGO's and landowners. For more information on how to apply for these funds, see the attached document entitled: "AZEF 2009 sponsorship information.doc" or go to the AZEF website: www.azef.co.za