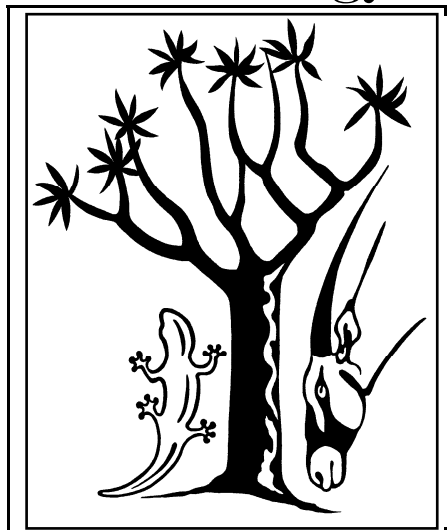


Arid Zone Ecology Forum



First Announcement

4-7 October 2010
Gariep Dam

THEME: "Change and stasis in the Arid Zone"

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 **De Stijl Hotel** from **4 till 7 October 2010**.

Format of Forum:

Monday:

4 October: Delegates arrive and register from 16h30.
Welcome
Cocktail dinner

Tuesday:

5 October: Late registration.
Paper and posters presentations all day.
AGM.
Dinner

Wednesday:

6 October: Late registration.
Papers and posters.
Field trips in the afternoon.
Dinner

Thursday:

7 October: Late registration.
Papers and posters.

Prize presentation.
Dinner

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 for Abstracts will be sent out shortly.
- **All abstracts must reach the secretariat via email not later than 13 August 2010**

AZEF 210 Theme:

"Change and stasis in the Arid Zone

This year's meeting will reflect on past learning over the last 25 years of research within the arid zones. The focus will be on where this research has had an impact, how it has changed the way arid systems are viewed, used and managed, and how arid regions have changed over this time. The meeting will also focus on how interdisciplinary interactions (e.g. social and biological) are shaping arid system management. The next 25 years are likely to be a critical period for reducing the stress on our arid systems whilst simultaneously improving the livelihoods of the people of these regions. Future research needs and directions including those relating to human livelihoods, combating degradation, mitigating climate change and conserving biodiversity will also be addressed.

A Provisional Programme:

A provisional programme will be sent out early in **September 2010**.

Fieldtrips:

Field trips will be held on Wednesday **6th October 2010**. Details of options will be sent out at a later stage. Please remember to wear suitable clothing for field trips.

Registration Fees:

Early Bird Registration forms and fees should reach the secretariat before **30 August 2010** to avoid paying the Late Registration fee.

Thereafter the Late Registration fee will be applicable. The cut-off date for all Registrations is before **24th September 2010**.

Registration Fees

	Full Registration	Daily Full Registration	Student Registration
Early Bird (<i>before 30 August</i>)	R 1,300.00	R 450.00	R830.00
Late Registration (<i>before 24 Sept</i>)	R 1,500.00	R 500.00	R955.00

- 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 2010**.

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Registration Forms:

Completed registration forms and payment for Registration should be submitted as soon as possible, and **before 30 August 2010** to qualify for Early Bird rates. Completed registration forms and payment for Late Registration should be submitted **before 24 September 2010**.

Please return to:

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Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made *after 17 September 2010* and *before 24 September 2010* 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 24 September 2010.**
- **Refunds will only be made AFTER the conference once banking details have been sent to the secretariat**

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 **24 September 2009**
- Kindly request an invoice for payment from the secretariat.
- Cheques, cash, and electronic payment are accepted.
- Unfortunately, we **do not** have 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 4 October 2010 and for the duration of the Forum **only**. *Any other meals are for your own cost.*

Accommodation:

Please book your own accommodation. Phone the Gariiep Dam Tourism Office at 051-754-0071 or look for options online at:

<http://www.sa-venues.com/accommodation/gariepdam.php>

CUT OFF DATES:

Item	Details	Cut-off dates
Abstract	Abstracts	13 August 2010
Early Bird Registration	Registration & Payment	30 August 2010
Late Registration	Registration & Payment	24 September 2010
Cancellation	75% reimbursement	Between 17 Sept 2010 and 24 Sept 2010
Cancellation	Nil reimbursement	After 24 September 2010