



# ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM

Second Announcement: AZEF 2011 - Nieuwoudtville



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### Venue and Date

The conference will be held at the Dutch Reformed Church Hall, Nieuwoudtville, Northern Cape from **3 - 6 October 2011**.

### Who should attend?

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

### Call for Papers

Contributions in the form of platform papers of 15 minutes (12 minutes for presentation and 3 minutes for questions/discussion) are invited.

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.

**All titles** *must* reach the secretariat *via email* no later than **1<sup>st</sup> July 2011**.

**All abstracts** *must* reach the secretariat *via email* no later than **12<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

### Programme Outline

**Monday  
03 October**

- Delegates arrive and register from 16h30.
- Welcome
- Cocktail dinner

**Tuesday  
04 October**

- Late registration.
- Paper and posters presentations all day.
- AGM.
- Dinner

**Wednesday  
05 October**

- Late registration.
- Papers and posters.
- Field trips in the afternoon.
- Dinner and Dance

**Thursday  
06 October**

- Late registration
- Papers and poster presentations all day.
- Prize presentation.
- Dinner

### Fieldtrips

Field trips will be held on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2011**. Details of the fieldtrips on offer have yet to be finalized, however at this stage we anticipate expert-guided excursions will include the following local attractions:

- Hantam National Botanical Garden
- Kokerboom Forest
- Knersvlakte & Dwarf Succulents.
- Avontuur Conservation Area

### AZEF 2011 Theme – “Interactions”

Through this broad theme we hope to highlight the underlying complexity and inter-dependence of ecological systems and social dynamics. Topics and thematic areas will include but are not restricted to Climate Change, Pollination Biology, Fire, Landuse, Policy and Conservation, Invasive Biology, Plant-Animal Interactions, Livelihoods and the environment, etc.

A full provisional programme outline will be sent out in early September once the bulk of the abstracts has been received.

## Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration forms and fees should reach the secretariat before **23rd August 2011** to avoid paying the Late Registration fee.

Thereafter the Late Registration fee will be applicable. The cut-off date for all Registrations is **23rd September 2011**.

	Full Registration	Daily Full Registration	Student Registration
Early Bird (before 23 August)	R 1,400	R 450	R 850
Late Registration (before 23 Sept)	R 1,500	R 550	R 950

- 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 2011**.

## Cut Off Dates

Item	Details	Cut-off dates
Talk/Poster Titles	Titles to be sent to secretariat	1 July 2011
Abstract	Abstracts	12 August 2011
Early Bird Registration	Registration & Payment	23 August 2011
Late Registration	Registration & Payment	23 September 2011
Cancellation	75% reimbursement	Between 16 Sept 2011 and 23 Sept 2011
Cancellation	Nil reimbursement	After 23 September 2011

## Accommodation

Accommodation needs to be booked and paid for by yourself.  
 Visit the Nieuwoudtville Publicity Associations' Tourism office web:  
<http://www.nieuwoudtville.com/>  
**or phone the Nieuwoudtville Information Office on 027 218 1336 (Open Mon, Wed, Fri mornings 09h0-14h00 out of flower season)**

## Conference Attractions

Indigo Development & Change has offered the use of their venue as an **'internet café'** for AZEF participants, with wireless internet access and delicious cappuccinos for sale.  
 In a slightly new twist, AZEF will host a break-the-ice **Dance and Disco** session this year, to be held on Thursday in a rustic (but warm) farm-shed setting.  
 The **local dance theatre group**, Kakalaka, will perform a small dramatic piece for entertainment before one of the AZEF dinners.

## Registration Forms:

Completed registration forms and payment for Registration should be submitted as soon as possible, and **before 23 August 2011** to qualify for Early Bird rates. Completed registration forms and payment for Late Registration should be submitted **before 23 September 2011**.

Please return completed Registration Forms to the AZEF Secretariat:

Wendy Paisley

Email: [azef.sa@gmail.com](mailto:azef.sa@gmail.com)

Or by post to:

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## Student Sponsorship

AZEF has some funding this year to sponsor several students to attend AZEF. Sponsorship includes a reduction in registration fees (25-100%), as well as some funds to cover transport and/or accommodation costs. Applicants must be FULL TIME students presenting a poster or a paper. To be considered for sponsorship, students must submit their abstracts for the presentation before 12th August 2011, with proof of registration from their academic institution and strong motivation for sponsorship for attending the AZEF. They must be prepared to help with preparations and small jobs at the conference. Their supervisor must endorse the letter of motivation.

## Awards

Awards will be made to the best paper and poster presentations by young scientists, with special priority to postgraduate students. Awards are sponsored by the NRF.

### Payments:

PLEASE NOTE: All Registration payments *must* be made before **23 September 2011**

Kindly request an invoice for payment from the secretariat.

Cheques, cash, and electronic payment are accepted.

Unfortunately, we **do not** have Credit Card facilities.

**NB:** A person shall only be considered registered on receipt of both registration form and fee.

## Banking 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