

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT SASAqS 2009



The Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists

**"Beyond rapid assessments - time for an aquatic
research renaissance in South Africa"**

21 – 24 June 2009, Magaliesberg Conference Centre,
Broederstroom.

On behalf of the University of Johannesburg we invite you to the Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists symposium from 21 – 24 June September 2009 at Magaliesberg Conference Centre, Broederstroom, South Africa

We look forward to your participation with us.

*The Local Organising Committee
University of Johannesburg*



SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

The conference will focus on aspects related to aquatic and estuarine research and includes themes on conservation and management of aquatic resources in southern Africa. During the conference week the presentations will be scheduled within multidisciplinary sessions that are structured around the theme "Beyond rapid assessments - time for an aquatic research renaissance in South Africa". Each day will begin with a plenary session, introduced by a guest speaker and then move on to the presentation of papers. Arrangements will be made for parallel sessions if necessary. Poster papers are welcome and will be displayed for the duration of the conference. Time allowed for oral presentation will be strictly 15 minutes followed by 5 minutes discussion. Posters should not be more than 90cm wide x 110cm long and should be easily readable from a distance of 1m.

Prizes will be awarded for:

- Best student presentation
- Best student poster

CONFERENCE VENUE



The Magaliesberg Conference Centre is a green haven in the foothills of the Magaliesberg in the picturesque Broederstroom - close to Hartebeestpoort Dam. An easy 10 minutes from Lanseria airport and a 40 minute drive from Pretoria and Johannesburg, this long-established conference centre is rated amongst the finest training establishments in Southern Africa providing up-market conference facilities in a country setting just outside of Johannesburg. The air conditioned auditorium which seats 150 is comfortably furnished and well equipped with modern training and presentation aids and all necessary office equipment. To ensure the safety of delegates the property is surrounded by a security fence and patrolled 24 hours per day. This venue offers a top-class restaurant, bar and various leisure-time facilities such as a swimming pool, tennis courts, volley ball court, snooker and darts. There is an outdoor lapa and outside pub for more informal gatherings. Nature lovers will delight in the bird-life and joggers and hikers have access to some of the best routes in the Magaliesberg.

KEY THEMES

Whilst not wanting to be too prescriptive the initial theme topics are:

- Freshwater ecosystems
- Estuarine ecosystems
- Freshwater-estuarine interface
- Marine ecosystems
- Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
- Management of shared water resources
- Aquaculture
- Coastal zone management and conservation
- Catchment management
- A call for further suggestions

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Please complete and use the accompanying submission form

Abstracts for the oral and poster presentations need to reach the organising committee by **30 April 2009**. Please note that only abstracts submitted in the prescribed abstract format, and accompanied by payment of the registration fee will be considered for acceptance. If you do not have access to e-mail facilities please supply a copy of the abstract/s in MS WORD on a disk and post it, together with a hard copy of the abstract and all other relevant correspondence to the organising committee. The official language of the Congress will be **English**. Please note that abstracts not submitted in acceptable English will be returned or rejected.

Completed forms should be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to:

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INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS (see example below)

1. Abstracts should contain a short **title**, a list of **author(s)**, the **affiliation/s** of the author/s, and the **text**.
2. The title should be written in lower case letters (**bold**) and the names of the authors in unbold lower case. The author/s affiliation/s must be in *italics*. Underline the presenting author. Include the e-mail address of the presenting or senior author.
3. Abstracts should state the study's **objective**, briefly describe the **materials and methods** used, summarize the **results** obtained, and state the **conclusion/s**.
4. Type the entire abstract **single-spaced**. The recommended font is "**Arial 12 point**".
5. The abstract should be a maximum of **350** words in length (excluding the title, authors etc.) and should accurately reflect the contents of the paper or poster to be presented.

Receipt of the abstract, acceptance of the paper or poster and the scheduled date of presentation will be communicated to the principal author. For this notification, your correct mailing address including telephone and fax numbers, as well as an E-mail address, is essential. Please take care to present this information clearly when completing the form. If you have not received confirmation of receipt of your abstract within 4 weeks, please communicate directly with the Conference Co-coordinators (yκλοete@uj.ac.za).

POSTERS

There is a wall which will be used as the poster board and the conference committee will provide appropriate materials for affixing your poster to the board. A general size of A0 or A1 is suggested as a guideline for the poster dimensions.

ACCOMMODATION

Reservations have been made to accommodate 90 delegates (further details will be available in the second announcement). There are 48 standard bedrooms (each sleeps 2) with showers available as well as 12 standard (each sleeps 2) *en suite* bedrooms with baths. All the rooms have TVs and there is a communal TV in the lounge. There will be a first come first served policy in regards to the 12 rooms with baths unless special circumstances require use of those rooms. There is secure undercover parking with 24 hour security guards.

B & B single (per day)
B & B sharing (per day)

R535 pp
R300 pp

Complete the accommodation section of the accompanying submission form.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee of R1300 / delegate includes lunches and dinners for 3 days, tea/coffee breaks and use of facilities. Registration fees are payable not later than **30 April 2009**. A penalty fee of R300 / delegate will be charged extra for late registrations. Day delegates will need to pay R300/day per person which includes lunch as well as the tea and coffee. A penalty fee will be charged for late registrations.

Registration fee members	R1,300 pp
Registration fee non-members	R1,700 pp
Registration fee students	R 800 pp
Late registration fee members	R1,600 pp
Late registration fee non-members	R2,000 pp
Late registration fee students	R1,000 pp
Day delegate (per day)	R 300 pp
Late day delegate (per day)	R 400 pp

Student registration

The **WRC** has sponsored R500 per student who will be presenting at this SASAqS conference. To qualify for student registration, students must provide proof of full-time student status (university registration). All applications must be submitted together with the registration form by **30 April 2009**. Students who do not presenting orals or posters will not qualify for student registration.

Complete the registration section of the accompanying submission form.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

A fee of R 650 for the 3 days is payable for day delegates. Late registration for accompanying persons will be an extra R150 per person.

Accompanying person's fees are inclusive of the Welcome function, Monday night's dinner, and the Gala dinner. The accommodation fee includes breakfast. They are free to enjoy the Magaliesberg and surrounding areas during the day as well as the Conference venues facilities including:

- Swimming pool
- Floodlit tennis courts
- Volleyball court
- Darts and snooker
- Bird watching
- Walks and jogging

REMEMBER:

- **Submission of Abstracts, registration, accommodation bookings and payment – deadline 30 April 2009**