



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SOCIETY OF AQUATIC SCIENTISTS

NEWSLETTER – January 2006

1. Conference second announcement

From Victor Wepener:

The call for registration for the joint SASAqS/PSSA conference is attached. The organisers stress that to secure your registration A DEPOSIT OF 50% PAYMENT FOR REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION MUST BE MADE BY 28 FEBRUARY 2006. THE ORGANISERS HAVE TO PAY A 50% DEPOSIT TO SECURE THE BOOKING WITH THE CONFERENCE VENUE. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER 28 FEBRUARY 2006.

Please respond to Dr Richard Greenfield at rgr@na.rau.ac.za

2. Journal access

Most members have still not activated their online access to the Journal. Access instructions from NISC are repeated here for the benefit of those who have not received these instructions before.

Your online access to the African Journal of Aquatic Science is through Ingenta. To access your subscription please go to www.ingentaconnect.com and register by issuing yourself with a UserID and Password.

To activate your subscription, log on using your UserID and Password, search for the African Journal of Aquatic Science using the title option for searching, when you have reached the Home page of the Journal you can click on "Add to personal subscription". You will then be asked for a reference, please use "AQUATIC SOCIETY" as your reference.

Please remember that your reference is private and should not be given out to non-members or people who have not subscribed.

If you have any difficulties accessing your journal subscription please contact NISC on journals@nisc.co.za or Lester Isaacs on lester@nisc.co.za.

3. AJAqS Editorial Board

From Mike Coke:

The Editor, after discussion with the EXCO, has decided to streamline the editing process to speed up the 'retention time' of manuscripts in the editing process by appointing a number of sub editors in specialist fields that will follow a manuscript through the process, including the appointment of referees. In the past, Editorial Board members refereed some papers and also advised me of potential referees for papers received. In future members will hold subject-portfolios of their choosing and will handle all manuscripts within their field, right from first submission, through the refereeing stages, up to the 'manuscript accepted for publication' stage. Manuscripts will then be passed back to me for finalisation and publishing. I will be able to assist with suggestions for potential referees in a wide variety of fields - thanks largely to the recommendations previously made by Editorial Board members, other

referees, colleagues and authors. As a subject specialist, the sub-editor may also act as a referee.

On the Editorial Board, Mike Coke reports that we now have some retirements, some 'continuers', and some new members. Bob Hecky [Canada] and Frank Kansime [Uganda] are retiring from the Board. WE thank them both VERY much for your years of participation in and contribution to the growth of our Journal.

Peter Ashton [South Africa], John Chapman [Australia], James Gagneur [France], Brian Marshall [Zimbabwe] and Heimo Mikkola [now in Uruguay] have all agreed to stay on for another two-year term: 2006-2007. Thank you all VERY much, too, for your willingness to 'hang-in-there' and to see our manuscript-editing process change gear.

We have had membership acceptances from two prominent aquatic scientists:- Dr Fred Bugenyi, Makerere University, Uganda and Dr Jeff Thornton, International Environmental Management Services Ltd, USA. Jeff is a former Editor of the Southern African J. of Aquatic Sciences, the predecessor of our current Journal. We warmly welcome you both to our ranks.

4. For sale

Mike Coke has an unbound set of A4 single-sided proof pages of AJAS 30(1) 2005 available. What offers? Please contact him if you're interested at mdcoke@futurenet.co.za

5. Vacancies in the Dept of Zoology, University of Zululand

Post Number 1:-

FACULTY OF SCIENCE & AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
AQUACULTURE AND CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
SENIOR LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

Applicants are invited to fill a Senior Laboratory Technician post in the Department of Zoology's Aquaculture and Controlled Environment Facility. The minimum requirement is a three year diploma in Aquatic Sciences or related field and an Aquaculture background. A knowledge of research techniques in the Aquatic Sciences and a drivers licence are also required whilst a 'local waters' ski boat skippers ticket would be an added advantage.

The incumbent will be required to manage and maintain the Department's Aquaculture and Controlled Environment Facility which is used for undergraduate training, post graduate research as well as staff research.

Enquires: Prof D.P.Cyrus (035) 9026738 or e-mail dcyrus@pan.uzulu.ac.za

Commencement of Duties: As soon as possible

Closing Date: 14th February 2006

CV's should be faxed to (035) 902-6394 or e-mailed to nngidi@pan.uzulu.ac.za

Post Number 2:-

FACULTY OF SCIENCE & AGRICULTURE
DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
SENIOR LABORATORY ASSISTANT

Applicants are invited to fill a Senior Laboratory Assistant post in the Department of Zoology. They should have a BSc (Hons) in Zoology or closely allied discipline and a drivers licence (prerequisite). Applicants with a BSc in Zoology and three years relevant experience will also be considered. The successful candidate will be responsible for setting up and co-ordinating of all pre-practical and practical classes in the Department. He/she will also manage it's museums, equipment and stores as well as undertake the obtaining of quotes, placing of orders and receiving thereof. Field collection of practical material and assistance with academic fieldwork activities will also be required. In addition, the maintenance of Departmental financial ledgers and other administrative work also form part of the job description. Involvement and assistance, where possible, with Departmental Research activities will also be required.

Enquiries: Prof D.P.Cyrus (035) 902-6738 or e-mail: dcyrus@pan.uzulu.ac.za

Commencement of duties: As soon as possible

Closing date: 14th February 2006

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6. PhD in Zoology with Temporary Lecturer responsibilities. University of Zululand

This position is available in the Department of Zoology at the University of Zululand. The incumbent will be expected to register for a PhD, but will also be expected to present two undergraduate modules (about 8 weeks each) per year for a period of three years.

The Department of Zoology has expertise in the fields of estuarine benthic and fish ecology, marine and estuarine zooplankton, decapod ecology and physiology (including larval development), and marine ecotoxicology.

Preference will be given to candidates with an MSc in Zoology or a related field with a strong background and interest in pursuing a PhD in the fields of estuarine ecology and ecotoxicology. The candidate's research focus will be on factors (including pollutants)

structuring the macrobenthic community within the Port of Richards Bay and the potential use of amphipods in the development of bioassay based sediment toxicity tests for estuaries. The use of amphipods in the development of bioassays to test sediment quality in anthropogenically impacted estuarine environments such as harbours is globally receiving much attention and research interest. It thus provides an extremely interesting and challenging research area, especially for evaluating anthropogenically mediated disturbance in ecologically important estuarine areas. All candidates who meet the requirements will be considered.

Remuneration will be approximately R90 000 per year for three years but does not include extra benefits (e.g. medical aid, pension). Prospective candidates should note that the University is situated about 15 kms from the nearest town Empangeni and a drivers licence and reliable transport is therefore essential.

Interested persons should contact Prof DP Cyrus (email: dcyrus@pan.uzulu.ac.za; phone 035-9026738) or Leon Vivier (email: lvivier@pan.uzulu.ac.za, phone 035-9026741) for further details, or email CVs to one of the above email addresses by Friday 17 FEBRUARY 2006.

7. Leave replacement for Prof DP Cyrus, Dept of Zoology, University of Zululand

LECTURER - ONE YEAR CONTRACT

Applicants are invited to fill a Lectureship Leave Replacement position in the Department of Zoology for the period **1st July 2006 to 30th June 2007**. The minimum requirement for the position is an MSc in Zoology, preferably with some teaching experience.

The appointee will be required to undertake a full academic teaching load as well as assist with other departmental matters as and when required. The University operates on a modular system which is effectively a quarter course equivalent of the old year courses. The incumbent will be required to undertake undergraduate teaching in Zoology. Currently teaching allocations have not been completed but modules to be taught will include Introduction to Ecology (1st Year), Introduction to Fisheries & Fisheries Science (2nd Year) and Marine Ecology (3rd Year).

A second staff member in the Department has applied for sabbatical leave from June 2007 to July 2008. The possibility therefore exists that a further one year's teaching contract may become available during the course of the current contract.

Enquires: Prof D.P.Cyrus (035) 9026738 or e-mail dcyrus@pan.uzulu.ac.za
Applications: CV's should be faxed to (035) 9026750 or e-mail dcyrus@pan.uzulu.ac.za
Salary: This will be dependant on experience but will be in the region of R8,000 to R10,000 per month plus a thirteenth cheque.
Commencement of Duties: 1st of July 2006
Closing Date for Applications: 20th February 2006

If you have had no reply from us within a month of the closing date, please accept that your application has not been successful.