



From the EXCO:

WELCOME BACK: We trust that you have had a restful break. We are looking forward to an exciting year in which we can build on the objectives we have set for ourselves. A reminder of these objectives: integrating science and management during the 2002-2004 term of office. During this period we would also like to promote and increase connectivity within the Society and with other relevant organisations. The function of this monthly issue of SASAqS News is the first attempt at achieving greater connectivity within the Society. We provide the opportunity for members to share information regarding water issues, courses, conferences, interesting papers, etc. So **PLEASE**, anybody wishing to submit an item for inclusion in the next issue must email the information to Victor Wepener (vw@na.rau.ac.za) before the 10th of the particular month.

"Wet 'n Wildlife: Current trends in limnology and zoology in southern Africa" SASAqS CONFERENCE 2003 – CAPE TOWN: We would like to remind you that the joint SASAqS Zoological Society of Southern Africa conference would be held from 29 June 2003 to 4 July 2003. Members interested in attending are asked to reply to the organisers as soon as the call for abstracts is issued since a large delegation is expected and place will be limited. For more information please read the attached document, access the website on www.wetandwildlife.uct.ac.za or contact Heather Malan (hmalan@botzoo.uct.ac.za).

MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP FEES 2002: A request from the Treasurer, Dirk Roux. Please notify him by email or fax of an electronic transfer or bank deposit so that we are able to attach the name of a member to the membership received. Dirks contact details are: droux@csir.co.za or fax (012) 481-2506. Please inform the Secretary (Victor Wepener - vw@na.rau.ac.za) of any email or postal address changes or change in membership status.

SASAqS AWARDS: This is the first call for nominations for the SASAqS Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals. The last medals were awarded in 1999 and since the 2003 conference promises to be large gathering of Society members we would like to present medals to deserving scientists in the Aquatic Sciences. Please email nominations (which includes a CV of the nominee and a detailed motivation) to the chairman of the Awards Committee, Digby Cyrus dcyrus@pan.uzulu.ac.za. More information regarding SASAqS Medals can be found on www.dwaf.gov.za/iwqs/sasaqs/Medals.htm.

Meetings:

1. SASAqS Annual Conference 2003 – Cape Town (Heather Malan, Department of Zoology, UCT)
2. **Sixth International River Management Symposium URBAN RIVERS** – Balancing the expectations 2 – 5 September 2003 Brisbane Queensland AUSTRALIA. www.riverfestival.com.au/

▶ **MEETINGS:**

1. **SASAqS 2003**

Dear ZSSA/SASAqS member

INVITATION TO JOINT ZSSA/SASAqS CONFERENCE, CAPE TOWN: 29 JUNE-4 JULY 2003

You are cordially invited to attend the forthcoming joint SASAqS/ZSSA conference - "**Wet 'n Wildlife: Current trends in limnology and zoology in southern Africa**" - which is to be held at the University of Cape Town from the evening of Sunday 29 June to midday Friday 4 July 2003. Details of the conference format, registration and accommodation arrangements etc. can be viewed on the conference website:
www.wetandwildlife.uct.ac.za

Colour posters advertising this event have been posted to all zoological and limnological institutions we could identify. If you would like additional copies of the poster please contact us. An electronic copy of the poster is also attached to this email. Please print this and display it in a well-frequented area of your department/institute. We would be grateful if you would also copy this message to colleagues or students who are not members of ZSSA or SASAqS, but who might be interested in the meeting.

Please note that the organisers are interested in soliciting special sessions and ideas for keynote speakers for the conference. If you would like to convene a special session, or are aware of a potential keynote speaker who will be in South Africa at the time please let us know as soon as possible.

Many thanks and looking forward to seeing you at the conference!

Regards

The Organizing Committee

▶ **PUBLICATIONS:**

PUBLICATIONS BY SOCIETY MEMBERS

All members of the Society are once again invited to send in the references of their latest publications. In this manner other members of the Society can remain updated with the latest research output in aquatic science in South Africa.

▶ **JOB OPPORTUNITIES/ COURSES / BURSARIES AND FELLOWSHIPS:**

This section of SASAqS News is aimed at advertising available employment opportunities, courses, postgraduate bursaries, post-doc positions and fellowships in aquatic sciences. All information must please be sent to Victor Wepener (vw@na.rau.ac.za) before the 10th of the month.

Please visit the Society website on www.dwaf.gov.za/iwqs/sasaqs/ for updates on SASAqS matters.