



Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists

Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists Congress 2018: Aquatic ecology in the Anthropocene

24-28 June 2018

Wetlands, rivers, lakes and estuaries provide humans with a variety of services which are vital for the food security, livelihoods, wealth and well-being of the human population.

As a result of increasing pressure from the human-induced stressors of habitat loss, pollution, the changing climate, overharvesting and species invasions, the conservation of the freshwater ecosystems to safeguard the services that they provide is increasingly important.

On behalf of the Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists we have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in our annual conference with the theme "*Aquatic ecology in the Anthropocene*". The conference will be hosted by South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB), Rhodes University, Nelson Mandela University and the University of Fort Hare.

SPONSORSHIP

Please encourage postgraduate students to attend the conference. We are trying to secure sponsorship for students. To qualify, students must give an oral or poster presentation and must be SASAqS members.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

- ✓ Inland fisheries assessment, status and management
 - ✓ Floodplain ecology and utilization
- ✓ Functional morphology, traits and responses
 - ✓ Managing invaded ecosystems
- ✓ Estuary resilience and response to pressures

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts in all fields of the aquatic sciences are invited. The deadline for submission of abstracts and posters is the 10th of March 2018. We will not do electronic posters and the size of the poster boards is A0 in portrait (84.1 cm wide x 118.9 cm tall lamination included.)

Please submit electronically on Oxford Abstracts

<https://app.oxfordabstracts.com/login?redirect=/stages/293/submission>
It will require you to register with Oxford Abstracts, just follow the procedure.

- Abstracts can be submitted for consideration either as full length oral presentations, speed presentations or as posters..
- Full length oral presentations: 12 minutes + 3 minutes for questions.
- Speed presentations: 3 minutes + 2 minutes for questions.
- Please ensure that e-mail addresses as submitted are correct, as these addresses will be used in all correspondence and acceptance notifications.

DEADLINES

- 20 October 2017, First Announcement and call for Abstracts
- 10 March 2018, 1st Abstract Deadline.
- 20 March 2018, Acceptance letters (such that students have time to apply for support for early bird registrations)
- 30 April 2018, Early bird registration closes
- 24-28 June 2018, Congress

- Maximum length: 250 words
- Late submissions will not be considered

Delegates will be informed of the outcome via Oxford abstracts by 10 March 2018 with feedback by 20 March 2018.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

All delegates are required to register online at www.abevents.co.za

| Early Registrations | Payments before 30 April 2018 |
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| Members SASAQS | R 3 500.00 |
| Non-Members | R 4 000.00 |
| Student Members | R 3 200.00 |
| Student Non- Members | R 3 800.00 |
| Regular Registrations | Payments before 15 June 2018 |
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| Non-Members | R 5 000.00 |
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| Late/ On Site Registrations | Payments after 15 June 2018 |
| Members SASAQS | R 6 000.00 |
| Non-Members | R 7 200.00 |
| Student Members | R 5 060.00 |
| Student Non- Members | R 5 700.00 |
| Day Registrations | Day Registrations |
| Members SASAQS | R 1 900.00 |
| Non-Members | R 2 200.00 |
| Student Members | R 1 800.00 |
| Student- Non Members | R 3 400.00 |
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| 2 day | R 4 400.00 |

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EVENT ORGANISER

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