



## SOUTHERN AFRICAN SOCIETY OF AQUATIC SCIENTISTS

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### NEWSLETTER – November 2006

#### **1. Student discount on SASAqS membership**

As part of our drive to increase member numbers, we are offering a 50% discount on the SASAqS membership fee to *bona fide* full-time students from 2007. This includes full membership of the Society, including online subscription to the Journal. Interested persons are required to submit a letter from their institution stating that they are registered full-time students.

#### **2. Journal page charges**

From Lester Isaacs at NISC:

Please find below the page charge rates for the African Journal of Aquatic Science.

##### **South African**

Regular R120

Paid up SASAqS Subscriber discounted rate R80

*(Prices exclude Vat)*

##### **African**

Regular R120

Paid up Subscriber discounted rate R80

##### **International**

Regular US\$25

Paid up SASAqS Subscriber discounted rate US\$17

Any African Author who for valid reasons can not afford a page charges invoice they have received may apply to Michelle Willmers ([michelle@nisc.co.za](mailto:michelle@nisc.co.za)), the Publishing Manager, to have their page charges waived.

#### **3. Positions offered**

From Linda Coetzee at SAIAB:

Aquatic Biologist

Coastal Data Scientist

Field Technician

Student Interns (3 positions)

Education Officer

Adverts on following pages



**The South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity**

invites applications from suitably qualified South Africans for the position of

**AQUATIC BIOLOGIST (Taxonomy/Systematics)**

The **South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)**, based in Grahamstown, is a National Research Facility of the National Research Foundation. The Institute is a world-renowned centre for the study of aquatic biology with particular emphasis on ichthyology.

**The successful candidate's responsibilities will include:** Planning, leading and undertaking research • Communication of research results through publication in national and international journals and other media • Developing the National Fish Collection • Training and supervision of postgraduate students in taxonomy and systematics.

**Candidates should have the following qualifications and attributes:** A minimum of an MSc degree in the biosciences • Research experience in taxonomy and biosystematics, preferably within the field of systematic ichthyology • Experience and a positive track record of publications in the aquatic biodiversity field, particularly taxonomic and genetics research, will be a strong recommendation.

Interested persons that meet the requirements can obtain application forms and further information about the post from the General Manager: phone: 046-6035800; fax 046-6222403; e-mail [L.Coetzee@ru.ac.za](mailto:L.Coetzee@ru.ac.za). Additional information on the Institute can be viewed on the website: [www.saiab.ru.ac.za](http://www.saiab.ru.ac.za).

Correspondence will be conducted with short-listed candidates only.

**Closing date:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2006

***SAIAB is committed to employment equity and redress.***

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## South African Environmental Observation Network

### ELWANDLE COASTAL NODE Grahamstown

The SAEON Elwandle Coastal Node is based in Grahamstown and hosted by the South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity. It forms one of six nodes of the SAEON network, which is part of the National Research Foundation. The Elwandle Coastal Node is mandated to undertake long term monitoring and research on South Africa's coastal zone. The node is presently being established and is looking to fill a number of contract posts (4-year contracts) with dynamic, driven individuals who have a passion for the sustainable utilisation of our coastal resources.

#### COASTAL DATA SCIENTIST

**The successful candidate's responsibilities will include:**

- The development and management of a national coastal database
- Sourcing, managing and archiving long term data sets
- Undertaking data analysis and the production of data products

**Candidates should have the following qualifications and attributes:**

- A minimum qualification of an MSc in a discipline related to coastal ecology or coastal management, with a strong basis in computing  
**OR**
- A degree in information systems or computer science, with some form of tertiary education in the life sciences
- A minimum of 3 years work experience (in field)
- Working knowledge of one or more of the following disciplines: Databases, GIS, spatial and temporal data analysis
- Ability to travel and communicate effectively with scientists

#### FIELD TECHNICIAN

**The successful candidate's responsibilities will include:**

- Planning and implementing the node's field activities
- Management of all node equipment including boats and vehicles
- Managing the node's SCUBA diving activities
- Overseeing the running of a small laboratory

**Candidates should have the following qualifications and attributes:**

- Scientific Diving Supervisors ticket
- Skippers ticket
- Matric with biology
- Willingness to travel

#### STUDENT INTERNS (3 positions)

The Elwandle Coastal Node is looking to attract hard working individuals to undertake MSc degrees in coastal monitoring. The three-year studentships will be based in Grahamstown and offer a highly competitive package in that they cover all tuition and operating costs as well as a generous living allowance.

#### APPLICATIONS

##### Contract positions

Interested persons who meet the requirements can obtain application forms and further information about the posts from Mrs Linda Coetzee: phone 046-603 5800; fax 046-622 2403; email [L.Coetzee@ru.ac.za](mailto:L.Coetzee@ru.ac.za). CVs without application forms will not be accepted. Additional information on SAEON can be viewed on the website: [www.saeon.ac.za](http://www.saeon.ac.za).

##### Student Interns:

Students may apply by submitting a detailed CV and motivation to Dr Angus Paterson at [Angus@saeon.ac.za](mailto:Angus@saeon.ac.za).

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**EDUCATION OFFICER**

**The successful candidate's responsibilities will include:**

- The development and management of a secondary school outreach programme
- Development of activities such as science camps, educator training courses and class materials which aim to develop learners' understanding of the coastal environment and the need for monitoring

**Candidates should have the following qualifications and attributes:**

- Teaching diploma or related tertiary education
- A minimum of 3 years work experience (in field)
- A good command of Xhosa and English

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