



## SOUTHERN AFRICAN SOCIETY OF AQUATIC SCIENTISTS

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### NEWSLETTER – September 2006

#### 1. Membership and the Journal

Hendrik has sent out the invoices for 2006 subs. Note that only members who were paid up at the end of 2004 received accounts. We have only 112 members at the moment - i.e. members who have access to the Journal. Our current low numbers stem mainly from the removal of defaulters with more than two years subscriptions outstanding. Please contact the Treasurer, Dr Hendrik Jerling on [hjerling@pan.uzulu.ac.za](mailto:hjerling@pan.uzulu.ac.za) if you have not received an invoice and think you are still a member, or would like to reinstate your membership.

Our reduced membership has led to a flurry of correspondence between the Society Exco and NISC, who served notice on us unless we increased our numbers. While the Society cannot subsidise Journal subscriptions for non-paying, dormant 'members', we have undertaken to guarantee the minimum of 120 online Society member subscriptions required by Nisc to produce an *online only* Journal in 2007. Our low numbers do not warrant a printed copy. To achieve the minimum membership required to continue the Journal and to hopefully grow our membership in the near future we will try and get back as many of the dormant members as possible and are also looking at introducing a heavily subsidised membership category (with Journal access) for *bona fide* full time students from 2007.

NISC have established that going the online only route will NOT affect our SAPSE rating. They have also pointed out that we can increase the number of articles per issue, which will improve publication time for authors.

#### 2. Joint conference with Zoosoc

The 33rd Meeting of the Zoological Society of Southern Africa  
July 8-11, 2007

***The sixth extinction - conserving zoological biodiversity***  
North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa

The possibility of combining with Zoosoc in Potchefstroom in 2007 was mooted at the meeting in Grahamstown last year. I have established contact with the conference convenor, Dr Andre Vosloo, who says:

*On behalf of the Zoological Society of Southern Africa, the Local Organizing Committee at North-West University and Natural Events we wish to invite Zoologists, in their professional, management and training capacities, to join us in Potchefstroom for the 33rd meeting of the Zoological Society of Southern Africa.*

*We will gladly accommodate "watery types" - we have several of them around! If SASAQs would like to provide session topics and descriptions, we can post these on the web site in order to further attract delegates. (Please see the on-line pre-registration and session nomination form.) If SASAQs can nominate somebody to look after the sessions (contacting potential delegates etc. and eventually chairing the session) it would greatly help us. We will provide full instructions for session organizers. **Details of the conference are on their website***

<http://www.natural-events.com/ZSSA>

**Any offers to co-ordinate from our side?**

### **3. Position offered: Database Editor at Nisc**

Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September

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