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AQUATIC  
SCIENTISTS

# SASAQS 2014 CONFERENCE | 22-26 JUNE 2014

On behalf of the Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists, Department of Zoology & Entomology, UFS, and FREE STATE DETEA: Biodiversity Research Division, we invite you to attend the 2014 SASAqS conference to be held at Black Mountain Leisure and Conference Hotel near Thaba Nchu in the central Free State

## ACCOMMODATION

AVAILABLE AT BLACK MOUNTAIN LEISURE AND CONFERENCE HOTEL	
Standard Accommodation Bed & Breakfast:	Single R605.00/day
Standard Accommodation Bed & Breakfast:	Sharing R390.00/day
PLEASE MAKE BOOKINGS DIRECTLY AT THE HOTEL	
Remember to state that it is for the SASAqS 2014 conference.	
TEL: 051 871 4200	FAX: 086 750 3199
www.blackmountainhotel.co.za	
EMAIL: conference@blackmountainhotel.co.za	

## TRADE EXHIBITORS

Interested companies should contact the conference secretariat for more information and to book exhibition space.

## SESSIONS

### Categories will include:

- Conservation of Aquatic Ecosystems
- Wetland, Estuarine & Marine Ecology and Management
- Water Availability, Quality and Management
- Ecotoxicology
- Aquatic alien invasions
- Impact of Climate change
- Sustainable utilization of aquatic resources
- Inland fisheries and Aquaculture
- Aquatic Parasitology

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT ORAL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE 15 minutes PLUS 5 minutes for questions. **DDD's**, will include a three minute oral presentation, which will be incorporated into the program.

## ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

- The deadline for submission is 3 March 2014 and you will be notified by 30 March 2014 if your abstract/paper has been accepted. Please submit abstracts electronically on [www.easyabstract.com](http://www.easyabstract.com)

## SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS & DDD's

- Presentation to be generated using PowerPoint software package.
- Windows 8 operating System, Office 2010 will be used.
- The DDD presentation can be done using Office PowerPoint 2013, 2010 and 2007.
- The presentation needs to be done in LANDSCAPE. The screens being used to display the DDD's, are 21 inch touch screens. The screens will be setup in a LANDSCAPE format.
- A maximum of 5 PowerPoint slides will be allowed.
- No PDF presentations will be allowed.
- The DDD's will be displayed on screens in such a way that delegates of the congress can sit down in front of a screen and browse through the DDD presentations at own leisure.

## PLENARY/KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Dr Danie Vermeulen, Director of the Institute for Groundwater Studies UFS:** His presentation will deal with the very controversial Shale gas development and the sensitive Karoo environment where it is taking place –one of the main questions is whether these two subjects are compatible.
- **Dr John Mendelsohn, Director of RAISON (Research and Information Services of Namibia):** Will present an overview of drainage systems in the central Kalahari Basin, especially the area south of Angola and the Great Equatorial Divide. West to east, these are the Cuvelai, Cunene, Cubango/Okavango, Cuito, Kwando and Zambezi. Some rivers flow west or east to the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, while others end in salt pans or freshwater deltas within the Kalahari Basin. Water in these areas generally have very low mineral concentrations, thus biological productivity is low. Ephemeral flow in certain areas has led to the development of lakes and floodplains that are highly productive.

## ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

- Session I: *Alien invasions in South African Aquatic Systems.*  
Chair: Prof Jo van As
- Session II: *Inland Fishery Bio-assessment, the Way Forward.*  
Chair: Dr Gordon O'Brien

## 2014 YELLOWFISH WORKING GROUP (YWG) CONFERENCE

The YWG conference will be held prior to SASAQS 2014 on Sunday, 22 June 2014, 08:00 - 17:00, also at BMH. For more information on registration, costs involved and to present an oral presentation (15 min + 5min discussion) at the YWG Conference, contact Leon Barkhuizen at [barkhl@dtea.fs.gov.za](mailto:barkhl@dtea.fs.gov.za) or Peter Arderne at [mwardern@mweb.co.za](mailto:mwardern@mweb.co.za)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO CORRESPONDENCE OR REGISTRATION FOR THE YWG CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO SAVETCON OR THE ORGANIZERS OF SASAqS 2014!**

## REGISTRATION

All delegates are required to register online at [www.savetcon.co.za](http://www.savetcon.co.za). (Registration for the YWG Conference should be done with Leon Barkhuizen or Peter Arderne.)

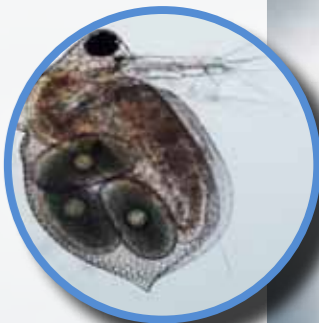
### Registration includes:

- Abstract book
- Conference bag;
- Tea's/Coffee's;
- Lunches (3); Dinners (3) and Gala event

Registration category	Payment received before 30 April 2014	Payment received after 30 April 2014
SASAqS member	R3 500.00	R3 900.00
SASAqS non-member	R3 800.00	R4 200.00
SASAqS student member	R2 500.00	R2 900.00
SASAqS student non-member	R2 800.00	R3 200.00
Day registration SASAqS member	R1 300.00	-
Day registration SASAqS non-member	R1 500.00	-

## PRELIMINARY TIMES OF SESSIONS

Sunday 22 June 2014	
16h00	Registration
19h00-	Cocktail function (Meet & Greet)
Monday 23 June 2014	
07h00-08h00	Registration - Foyer BMH
08h00-08h15	Welcoming
08h15-10h30	Session 1
10h30-11h00	Tea/Coffee Break
11h00-13h00	Session 2
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h45	Session 3
15h45-16h15	Tea/Coffee Break
16h15-18h00	ROUND TABLE 1
19h00 BMH	Evening dinner
Tuesday 24 June 2014	
07h30-8h00	Registration - Foyer BMH
08h00-10h00	Session 4
10h00-10h30	Tea/Coffee Break
10h30-13h00	Session 5
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h45	ROUND TABLE 2
15h45-16h15	Tea/Coffee Break
16h15-17h30	Session 6
18h00-19h00	Blue movie
19h00 BMH	Evening dinner
Wednesday 25 June 2014	
08h00-8h30	Registration - Foyer BMH
08h30-10h00	Session 7
10h00-10h30	Tea/Coffee Break
10h30-13h00	Session 8
13h00-14h00	Lunch
14h00-16h00	Session 9
16h00-16h15	Short break
16h00-17h30	AGM
19h00-	Gala dinner
Thursday 26 June 2014	
08h30-10h00	Departure



## CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT



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2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement