

## PROGRAMME

Day 0 (14 September 2025)		
14:00	Accommodation Check-in opens in Conference Foyer	
14:00	Registration in Conference Foyer	
18:00	Welcome Reception at the Safari Lodge Hotel	

Day 1 (15 September 2025)						
07:30	Registration					
	Venue 1 - Main Hall			Venue 2 - Ndau/Nari		
08:00	Keynote 1 - Spatiotemporal variation in avian host-parasite communities Dr Jenny Dunn, Keele University Chair:					
	Session 1.1.1 Special Session: Wildlife Malaria Chair: Ed Netherlands			Session 1.2.1 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
08:50		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:10		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:30		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:50		15-min Presentation			15-min Presentation	
10:15	Morning Refreshment Break & Posters					
	Session 1.1.2 Special Session: Wildlife Malaria Chair: Ed Netherlands			Session 1.2.2 Theme Chair:		
11:00		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
11:20		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
11:40		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
12:00		15-min Presentation			15-min Presentation	
12:15	Lunch at Skukuza Lodge Hotel					

	Venue 1 - Main Hall			Venue 2 - Nda/Nari		
13:10	Poster Session 1					
13:20	Gold Sponsor Inqaba Biotec					
13:30	Guest Speaker 1 - Wildlife as carriers and transmitters of vectors, pathogens and diseases Dr Mamohale Chaisi, South African National Biodiversity Institute Chair:					
	Session 1.1.3 Theme Chair:			Session 1.2.3 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
14:05		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
14:25		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
14:45		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
15:00	African Parasites Network Meeting & WIMANET Workshop 15h00 - Welcome 15h05 - WAAVP-AN info session and Q&A 15h30 - WIMANET info session and Q&A 16h30 - Examples of successful Africa-Africa collaborations 17h00 - Further engaging over drinks & snacks					
17:30	End of Day 1 - Free Evening					

<b>Day 2 (16 September 2025)</b>						
07:30	<b>Registration</b>					
08:00	<b>Keynote 2 - Old hosts as treasure troves of worms, worms as tags for new hosts: the overlooked potential of helminthology in invasion biology Prof. Maarten Vanhove, Faculty of Sciences at the University of Hasselt, Belgium Chair:</b>					
	<b>Venue 1 - Main Hall</b>			<b>Venue 2 - Nda/Nari</b>		
	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Abs. #</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Abs. #</b>
	<b>Session 2.1.1 Theme Chair:</b>			<b>Session 2.2.1 Theme Chair:</b>		
08:50		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:10		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:30		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:50		15-min Presentation			15-min Presentation	
10:15	<b>Morning Refreshment Break &amp; Posters</b>					

	<b>Venue 1 - Main Hall</b>			<b>Venue 2 - Ndau/Nari</b>		
	Session 2.1.2 Theme Chair:			Session 2.2.2 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
11:00		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
11:20		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
11:40		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
12:00		15-min Presentation			15-min Presentation	
12:15	Lunch at Skukuza Lodge Hotel					
13:10	Poster Session 2					
13:30	Guest Speaker 2 - Parasite conservation: A new frontier for the research on parasites of wildlife Prof. Nico Smit, North-West University Chair:					
	<b>Venue 1 - Main Hall</b>			<b>Venue 2 - Ndau/Nari</b>		
	Session 2.1.3 Theme Chair:			Session 2.2.3 Theme Chair:		
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14:45		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
15:00		15-min Presentation			15-min Presentation	
15:15	End of Day 2					
18:00	Braai @ Cattle Barron Boma - All Delegates					

Day 3 (17 September 2025)						
07:30	Registration					
08:00	Keynote 3 - Vectors and vector-borne pathogens of veterinary and medical importance Prof. Luis Neves, University of Pretoria Chair:					
	<b>Venue 1 - Main Hall</b>			<b>Venue 2 - Ndau/Nari</b>		
	Session 3.1.1 Theme Chair:			Session 3.2.1 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
08:50		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:10		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:30		15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)			15-min Presentation (+ 3-min venue change)	
09:50		15-min Presentation			15-min Presentation	
10:15	Morning Refreshment Break & Posters					

	Venue 1 - Main Hall			Venue 2 - Nda/Nari		
	Session 3.1.2 Theme Chair:			Session 3.2.2 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
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12:00						
12:15	Lunch at Skukuza Lodge Hotel					
13:10	Poster Session 3					
13:40	Guest Speaker 3 - What can genetics teach us about the current taxonomic scheme for lice genera? Prof. Conrad Matthee, Stellenbosch University Chair:					
14:10	Close of Congress					
14:30	PARSA AGM (PARSA Members only)					
18:30	Gala Dinner & Presentation Awards					

Day 4 (18 September 2025)			
<i>*Workshops is dependent on number of registered attendees</i>			
	Venue 1 - Nda	Venue 2 - Nari	Venue 3 - Ingwe
08:00	<b>Workshop 1</b> Introduction to Scientific writing <i>(Prof. Sonja Matthee &amp; Prof. Russell Stothard)</i>	<b>Workshop 2</b> What species do I have in my eppendorf tube? A molecular approach <i>(Prof. Conrad Matthee)</i>	<b>Workshop 3</b> The phenomena of radiation and co-evolution in parasites: what are we looking for? <i>(Prof. Maarten Vanhove)</i>