

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 (RSVP Required)	

Day 1 (15 September 2025)						
07:30	Registration					
	Venue 1 - Main Hall			Venue 2 - Nda/Nari		
08:10	Keynote 1 - Spatiotemporal variation in avian host-parasite communities (Dr Jenny Dunn, Keele University, United Kingdom) Chair:					
	Session 1.1.1 Special Session: Wildlife Malaria Chair:			Session 1.2.1 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
08:55		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:12		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:29		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:46		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
10:03		12-min Presentation			12-min Presentation	
10:20	Morning Refreshment Break & Posters					
	Session 1.1.2 Special Session: Wildlife Malaria Chair:			Session 1.2.2 Theme Chair:		
10:50		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:07		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:24		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:41		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:58		12-min Presentation			12-min Presentation	
12:15	Lunch at Skukuza Lodge Hotel					

	Venue 1 - Main Hall			Venue 2 - Nda/Nari		
13:15	Gold Sponsor Presentation - Inqaba Biotec					
13:25	Guest Speaker 1 - Wildlife as carriers and transmitters of vectors, pathogens and diseases <i>(Dr Mamohale Chaisi, South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa)</i> Chair:					
	Session 1.1.3 Theme Chair:			Session 1.2.3 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
13:53		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
14:10		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
14:27		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
14:44		12-min Presentation			12-min Presentation	
15:00	Sponsor Presentation - Cambridge University Press					
15:10	African Parasites Network Meeting & WIMANET Workshop 15:10 - Welcome (5 mins) 15:15 - WAAVP-AN info session and Q&A (25 mins) 15:40 - WIMANET info session and Q&A (60 mins) 16:40 - Examples of successful Africa-Africa collaborations (30 mins) 17:10 - Further engaging over drinks & snacks					
17:30	End of Day 1 - Free Evening					

Day 2 (16 September 2025)						
07:30	Registration					
08:00	Keynote 2 - Old hosts as treasure troves of worms, worms as tags for new hosts: the overlooked potential of helminthology in invasion biology (<i>Prof. Maarten Vanhove, Faculty of Sciences at the University of Hasselt, Belgium</i>) Chair:					
	Venue 1 - Main Hall			Venue 2 - Nda/Nari		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
	Session 2.1.1 Theme Chair:			Session 2.2.1 Theme Chair:		
08:43		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:00		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:17		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:34		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
09:51		12-min Presentation			12-min Presentation	
10:06	Morning Refreshment Break & Posters					

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	Session 2.1.2 Theme Chair:			Session 2.2.2 Theme Chair:		
	Presenter	Title	Abs. #	Presenter	Title	Abs. #
10:40		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
10:57		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:14		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:31		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
11:48		12-min Presentation			12-min Presentation	
12:03	Lunch at Skukuza Lodge Hotel					
13:05	Guest Speaker 2 - Parasite conservation: A new frontier for the research on parasites of wildlife (<i>Prof. Nico Smit, North-West University, South Africa</i>) Chair:					
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	Session 2.1.3 Theme Chair:			Session 2.2.3 Theme Chair:		
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13:33		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
13:50		12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)			12-min Presentation, 3-min Q&A (+ 2-min venue change)	
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14:56	DEDICATED POSTER SESSION					
16:00	End of Day 2					
18:00	Braai @ Cattle Barron Boma – Booked event (limited to 80 guests)					

Day 3 (17 September 2025)						
07:30	Registration					
08:00	Keynote 3 - Vectors and vector-borne pathogens of veterinary and medical importance (<i>Prof. Luis Neves, University of Pretoria, South Africa</i>) Chair:					
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14:20	Guest Speaker 3 - What can genetics teach us about the current taxonomic scheme for lice genera? (<i>Prof. Conrad Matthee, Stellenbosch University, South Africa</i>) Chair:					
14:45	Close of Congress					
15:00	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	Workshop 1 Introduction to Scientific writing <i>(Prof. Sonja Matthee & Prof. Russell Stothard)</i>	Workshop 2 What species do I have in my eppendorf tube? A molecular approach <i>(Prof. Conrad Matthee)</i>	Workshop 3 The phenomena of radiation and co-evolution in parasites: what are we looking for? <i>(Prof. Maarten Vanhove)</i>