

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK
SOUTH AFRICA



ICPOW 2020

4th

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS
ON PARASITES OF WILDLIFE

6-9 September 2020 | Kruger National Park, South Africa

www.ICPOW2020.co.za



Prof. Sonja Matthee

Dear Fellow Parasitologists,

The Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) is delighted to invite you to the 4th International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife (ICPOW), to be held at the Nombolo Mdhuli Conference Centre in Skukuza, the main congress centre of the world-famous Kruger National Park, South Africa, during 6-9 September 2020.

The congress provides a perfect opportunity to exchange research findings and engage in stimulating conversations around the broader theme of wildlife parasites. All parasitologists (in the fields of biology, taxonomy, systematics, evolutionary biology, epidemiology, veterinary science, etc.) are invited to participate. The venue complements the congress theme and will allow everyone to experience the African bush in all its glory. The event is an ideal opportunity to strengthen existing friendships and collaborations and forge new ones. As in previous years, the congress will be hosted by PARSA and will thus coincide with the 49th annual meeting of the Society.

As a Society it is our pleasure to host national, regional and international delegates and, together with the local organizing committee, we commit to making this another memorable event.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Skukuza in September 2020.

Sincerely,

Sonja Matthee
PARSA President

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- [Click here](#) to download the Abstract Submission Form.
- Please submit your abstracts, on the abstract form, to the Congress Organisers through e-mail to Corné Engelbrecht at corne@savetcon.co.za.
- The deadline for abstract submissions is **6 March 2020**.
- Abstracts can be submitted for consideration either as oral or poster presentations. Please adhere to the instructions on the form.
- Delegates wishing to submit more than one abstract must please complete a separate form for each abstract.
- Abstracts are limited to 250 words.
- Include 3-5 keywords.
- Please ensure that the e-mail addresses as submitted are correct as these addresses will be used in all correspondence and acceptance notifications.
- Late submissions will not be considered.
- Oral presentations will be allocated 10 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.
- Poster sessions form an integral part of the congress, and posters will be displayed on poster boards for the duration of the congress. Poster presenters are requested to stand at their posters during tea breaks.
- Poster Size: A0 - 841mm(w) x 1189mm(h)

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Proposals for special sessions, during the congress, should be submitted to Sonja Matthee at smatthee@sun.ac.za by **15 January 2020**.

Proposals should indicate the theme and lead scientist. Proposals with envisaged speakers, their titles and contact details are encouraged.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 15 January 2020 - Proposals for special sessions during congress submission deadline.
- 6 March 2020 - Abstract submission deadline.
- 8 April 2020 - Decision of scientific programme committee to be announced.
- 1 June 2020 - Early registration and payment deadline.
- 6 July 2020 - Regular registration and payment deadline.
- 6 July 2020 - Accommodation payment deadline.



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For more information, contact the Congress Secretariat.
SAVETCON Event Management
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Email: admin@savetcon.co.za

ACCOMMODATION

- Registration is a pre-requisite for booking of accommodation
- All accommodation bookings will require a 50% deposit within 7 days of the reservation and the balance by 6 July 2020.
- Delegates wishing to extend their stay in Kruger Park, i.e. enter the park prior to 6 September 2020 or leave the park after 10 September 2020 should book that specific accommodation separately and directly with SANParks (www.sanparks.org).
- There will be no refund for payments if delegates are unable to attend the congress.

Accommodation has been reserved at Skukuza, Kruger National Park, and all accommodation bookings for the congress have to be made through SAVETCON.

Accommodation ranges from luxury, river-view bungalows, self-catering bungalows and bungalows and safari-tents without kitchen facilities. All accommodation units have their own barbecue facilities.

The comfortable, en-suite, thatch-roofed bungalows and safari-tents have 2 or more single beds and are rented on a room-only basis.

Tariff per unit per night is for one or two persons - there is an additional fee for a third person sharing the accommodation.

Skukuza Camp has a cafeteria, a restaurant (Cattle Baron) and a well-stocked shop that offers basic commodities (e.g. groceries, bread, vegetables, drinks, meat, toiletries, etc.).

All coffee & tea breaks, lunches, the welcome reception, catered boma-braai and the gala dinner are included in the full registration fee.

GETTING THERE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A MALARIA AREA

Traveling time to Skukuza, by road from Gauteng, is approximately 5-6 hours, with an additional ± 30 minutes from the Paul Kruger entrance gate to the camp.

Daily flights are available with Airlink from Johannesburg (OR Tambo International Airport) or Cape Town, to Nelspruit KMIA as well as the Skukuza Airport. Shuttle services would need to be pre-arranged from both airports. Bookings for flights can be done online at www.flyairlink.com.

Transfers from Skukuza Airport

Avis runs a shuttle service from the Skukuza Airport to the Skukuza Camp at the various times. Please enquire at the Avis desk when you arrive at the Skukuza Airport or contact them before you arrive on 013 735 5651 to book a car.

Accommodation rates, unit types and booking forms can be downloaded from the [ICPOW 2020 website](#)

TRADE EXHIBITORS & SPONSORSHIPS

For Sponsorship packages, tailor made options, or to book your exhibition space at the congress, contact the Congress Secretariat:
Claudia Cloete at
marketing@savetcon.co.za



PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Sunday 6 September 2020

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| 12h00 - 16h00 | Pre-congress workshops 1) Writing a scientific publication, that will include information on Predatory Journals and how to write response letters (i.e. addressing reviewers' comments). 2) Improving presentation skills, that can include slide preparation and content. |
| 16h00 - 18h00 | Registration Opens |
| 18h30 | Welcome Reception @ Congress Venue |

Monday, 7 September 2020

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| 07h30 | Registration opens |
| 08h00 | Welcome |
| 08h15 | Keynote 1 |
| 09h00 | Parallel Session 1 |
| 10h30 | Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing |
| 11h00 | Parallel Session 2 |
| 12h30 | Lunch |
| 13h30 | Parallel Session 3 |
| 15h00 | End of Day 1 |
| 18h00 | Catered Boma-braai @ Cattle Baron (non-students only) |

Tuesday, 8 September 2020

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| 07h30 | Registration opens |
| 08h00 | Announcements |
| 08h15 | Keynote 2 |
| 09h00 | Parallel Session 4 |
| 10h30 | Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing |
| 11h00 | Parallel Session 5 |
| 12h30 | Lunch |
| 13h30 | Parallel Session 6 |
| 15h00 | End of Day 2 |
| 18h00 | Catered Boma-braai @ Cattle Baron (students & post-docs only) |

Wednesday, 9 September 2020

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| 07h30 | Registration opens |
| 08h00 | Announcements |
| 08h15 | Keynote 3 |
| 09h00 | Parallel Session 7 |
| 10h30 | Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing |
| 11h00 | Parallel Session 8 |
| 12h30 | Lunch |
| 13h30 | Parallel Session 9 |
| 15h00 | End of Day 3 |
| 15h30 - 16h30 | PARSA AGM |
| 19h00 | Gala Dinner @ Congress Venue |

REGISTRATION

All delegates are required to register online at www.savetcon.co.za

| Registration Category | Payment received* by 1 June 2020 | Payment received* by 6 July 2020 | Payment received after 6 July 2020 |
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| FULL CONGRESS | | | |
| Delegate | R5,750.00 | R6,500.00 | R9,000.00 |
| Student (full-time)** | R3,800.00 | R4,800.00 | R6,000.00 |
| Accompanying Person# | R2,500.00 | R2,750.00 | R2,950.00 |
| DAY REGISTRATION## | | | |
| Delegate | R3,000.00 | R3,250.00 | R3,450.00 |
| Student (full-time)** | R1,800.00 | R1,950.00 | R2,150.00 |
| WORKSHOP REGISTRATION | | | |
| Delegate & Student | R500.00 | R500.00 | R500.00 |
| SOCIAL FUNCTIONS (for additional persons) | | | |
| Welcome Reception | R180.00 | R180.00 | R180.00 |
| Catered Boma-braai# | R250.00 | R250.00 | R250.00 |
| Gala Dinner | R450.00 | R450.00 | R450.00 |

*NB: payment not received by the advertised due date will automatically be carried over to the next payment category.

**Valid Student number and Proof of registration for 2020 is required.

#Catered boma-braai, for either Monday or Tuesday evening is not included in the registration fee for "Accompanying persons" and are optional.

##Social function on day of attendance is included in the day-registration fee.

ICPOW2020 Congress T-shirts will also be available to purchase on the registration site @ R200 per shirt.

Registration for full congress includes:

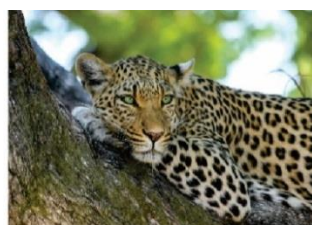
- USB with congress abstract book;
- Congress bag;
- Morning break refreshments (3);
- Lunches (3);
- Welcome reception (canapés) on Sunday evening;
- Boma-braai (Monday for non-students or Tuesday for students & post-docs);
- Gala dinner on Wednesday evening.

Registration for full congress accompanying person includes:

- Morning break refreshments (3);
- Lunches (3);
- Welcome reception (canapés) on Sunday evening;
- Gala dinner on Wednesday evening.

Registration for pre-congress workshops includes:

- (Sunday 6 September 2020, 12h00 - 16h00)
- Lunch and refreshments.



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