



We cordially invite you to attend the
8TH ANNUAL ECOHEALTH AND WELLBEING CONFERENCE
1ST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS
DATES: 16 & 17 NOVEMBER 2017

CONFERENCE THEME:

*Exploring the past, present and future of citizen science knowledge contributions in
Ecohealth and Wellbeing research*

VENUE:

BE MY GUEST HOTEL & CONFERENCE VENUE
CNR MINNAAR STR AND R57, VAALPARK, SASOLBURG



BRIEF OVERVIEW

Understanding and considering citizen science contributions (also in some known part of research in Indigenous Knowledge Systems or (IKS), and integrating this knowledge with scientific research has in recent decades received much attention in post graduate research. It also has been a cross cutting theme of the 10 year innovation plan of the Department of Science and Technology in South Africa. It is believed that knowledge contributions by ordinary citizens can contribute towards sustainable economic development in the country, and furthermore also advancing its scientific competitive advantage. To contribute to this effort the emphasis of the 8th Ecohealth and Wellbeing Conference is on citizen scientist knowledge (IKS) and what has been researched so far by, amongst others, academic scientists and post graduate students. Possibilities to inform, share, liaise, integrate and consolidate knowledge are major foci for this conference gathering.

Other focus-specific sub themes from which presenters can choose any topic from could be:

- Citizen science - Origen, nature and research methods;
- IKS - History/Regional specific history (Legacies, narratives, stories, knowledge generation, memories);
- Citizen science alias IKS and Scientific research – a divide or a mutual devotion?;
- Recording, applying and/or utilising citizen science knowledge in the public management sphere (local and provincial government sphere);
- Bio-economy (African traditional medicine, food security, technology, nutraceuticals, health and beauty, and cosmetics);
- Citizen Science;
- Practices among communities (such as the Khoi, Nama, Griqua, San and Tsonga communities);
- Novel and creative thinking that will shift boundaries in IKS knowledge production and compliment national priorities in South Africa;
- Exploiting IKS capacity building and development as well as tourism opportunities;
- Observing IKS and/or citizen science in for example water research, religion, spiritual activities or in any other discipline;
- Considering and debating the value of citizen science or IKS in legislation and public policy-making;
- Any other related topic dealing with an aspect on citizen science.

DETAILS OF CONFERENCE

Proposals for paper presentations are invited to the 2017 Ecohealth and Wellbeing Conference. The conference usually addresses a range of interdisciplinary and interinstitutional disciplines.

The purpose of the conference is to attract scholars, researchers and practitioners from a variety of disciplines and work environments and to bring together a cohort of established and emerging researchers in one assembly to deliberate on topics related to the theme, but always having in mind the broader focus of ecohealth and wellbeing in/of communities

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to Bronwyn or Petra Lawson at conferencepl@gmail.com on the prescribed form. A maximum of 250 - 300 words (excluding, title and keywords) is required.

Acknowledgement of receipt of all abstracts:

Within three working days of the abstract having been successfully submitted, an e-mail will be sent to the presenting author(s) to acknowledge receipt. The author will also be provided with an abstract number that ***must*** be stated in all further correspondence.

All abstracts will be adjudicated.

A detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.

Presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session.

Posters are welcome. A 5 min presentation time location will be provided for poster presentations.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Final date for submission of abstracts:	Date: 18 September 2017
Notification of acceptance of abstracts:	Date: 22 September 2017
Closing date for registration:	Date: 2 October 2017
Closing date for payment (submit proof of payment):	Date: 19 October 2017

REGISTRATION

The fee **includes** registration, book of abstracts, printed peer reviewed proceedings, refreshments, lunch during the day(s) of attendance and the conference dinner. It **excludes** all travelling costs, accommodation, and any other refreshments not included in the programme.

Academic Researchers:	R 1 850.00
Post Graduate Students:	R 1 700.00
1 day attendance:	R 1 000.00

No refunds will be possible, however, you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Complete the delegate registration form and forward it to Bronwyn Lawson. An official invoice will be e-mailed to you. When you have made the required payment, you are registered to attend the conference.

Please fax/e-mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer to Bronwyn Lawson at:

Fax no.: +27 (0)86 541 1173

E-mail: conferencepl@gmail.com

ENQUIRIES

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ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

Please take note:

All costs (travel, accommodation, subsistence) related to your participation in the conference must be covered by the participant, regardless of the abstract acceptance. The conference organizers are not liable and hold no responsibility for any of these costs.

Accommodation is available at the venue:

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Single room (B&B) R 450.00

Sharing room (B&B) R 700.00

Tel: 016 971 3650

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Reservations/ enquiries: bmg@vaal3hoek.co.za;

Please mention that you are attending the Eco Health conference.

Alternative accommodation:

Riverside Hotel

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E-mail address: riverside@southern.sun.com

Little Eden Guest Lodge

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Telephone number: 086 180 1802 or international +27 21 710 5800

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