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## 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on PARASITES OF WILDLIFE Kruger National Park, South Africa 24 – 27 September 2017

**Dear Fellow Parasitologists**

I am thrilled to invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife which will take place at Skukuza in the Kruger National Park, South Africa. After the success of this event in 2014, and due to the demand and enthusiasm of the previous delegates, we decided to host the congress every three years. For such a congress, what better venue than the famous Kruger National Park?

Apart from interesting presentations about the parasites of wildlife to stimulate the mind, delegates can relax in the tranquillity of the park and enjoy its wildlife. It will be the perfect opportunity to strengthen existing friendships and collaborations and forge new ones. As in 2014, the congress will be hosted by the Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) and will thus also include the 46<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of this society.

As a society it is our pleasure to host national and international delegates and, together with the local organizing committee, will do all it takes to make this another memorable event.



We are looking forward to welcoming you to Skukuza in September 2017.

**Sincerely, Susan Dippenaar  
President: PARSA**

[http://savetcon.co.za/Wildlife\\_parasites2017/](http://savetcon.co.za/Wildlife_parasites2017/)

The Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) is delighted to invite you to a three-day international congress on **PARASITES OF WILDLIFE**, to be held at the state-of-the-art Nombole Mdluli Conference Centre in Skukuza, the main tourist centre of the world-famous Kruger National Park. The optional fourth day (28 September 2017) will be devoted to workshops.

All parasitologists (in the fields of biology, zoology, veterinary science, etc.) are invited to participate. Abstracts of studies on parasites of free-ranging as well as captive wildlife species will be considered for either oral or poster presentation. One of the planned sessions will focus on the management of parasitoses in captive wildlife.

The scientific programme will start early (08:00) and end at 15:00 every afternoon, allowing ample time for game drives in the late afternoon. All delegates will stay in Skukuza where accommodation has provisionally been booked. Accommodation ranges from luxury, river-view bungalows, self-catering bungalows and bungalows without kitchen facilities to two-bedded tents (communal ablutions) and campsites. All accommodation units have their own barbecue facilities. Tariff per unit per night is for one or two persons; there is a fee for a third person sharing the accommodation. The comfortable, en-suite, thatch-roofed bungalows have either 2 or 3 single beds and are rented on a room-only basis. Skukuza camp has a cafeteria, a restaurant 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 and the gala dinner are included in the registration fees.

## Abstract submissions

Please submit abstracts electronically on <https://savetcon.conference-services.net/directory.asp>

- Abstracts can be submitted for consideration either as oral or poster presentations.
- Oral presentations: 15 minutes, which includes a few minutes for questions.
- Please ensure that e-mail addresses as submitted are correct, as these addresses will be used in all correspondence and acceptance notifications.
- Maximum length: 250 words
- Late submissions will not be considered

## Important dates

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: 14 March 2017 (Decision of scientific programme committee to be announced by 15 April 2017)
- Deadline for early-bird registration: 31 May 2017
- Deadline for regular registration: 31 July 2017
- Deadline for accommodation payments: 31 July 2017

## Accommodation

- Accommodation has been reserved at Skukuza, Kruger National Park. SAVETCON has negotiated a 10% discount on the normal rates. The discounted rates are only applicable if booking is made through SAVETCON.
- 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 31 July 2017.
- Delegates wishing to extend their stay in Kruger Park, i.e. enter the park prior to 23 September 2017 or leave the park after 29 September 2017, should book that accommodation separately and directly with SANParks
- email: [admin@savetcon.co.za](mailto:admin@savetcon.co.za)

**Rates will be available from 5 October 2016**



## Programme outline

<b>Sunday 24 September 2017</b>	
16h00-18h00	Registration
18h00	Welcome reception
<b>Monday 25 September 2017</b>	
07h30-08h00	Registration
08h00-10h00	Session 1
10h00-10h30	Tea/Coffee Break
10h30-12h00	Session 2
12h00-13h00	Lunch
13h00-15h00	Session 3
18h00	<b>Bring &amp; braai</b> Fires, cutlery, crockery, cash bar provided. Delegates to bring own food.
<b>Tuesday 26 September 2017</b>	
07h30-08h00	Registration
08h00-10h00	Session 1
10h00-10h30	Tea/Coffee Break
10h30-12h00	Session 2
12h00-13h00	Lunch
13h00-15h00	Session 3
<b>Wednesday 27 September 2017</b>	
07h30-08h00	Registration
08h00-10h00	Session 1
10h00-10h30	Tea/Coffee Break
10h30-12h00	Session 2
12h00-13h00	Lunch
13h00-15h00	Session 3
19h00	Gala Dinner
<b>Thursday 28 September 2017</b>	
08h00-15h00	Workshops

## Trade exhibitors & sponsorships

Interested companies should contact the Congress Secretariat for more information and to book exhibition space.

## Congress secretariat



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## Registration

**All delegates are required to register online at [www.savetcon.co.za](http://www.savetcon.co.za)**

## Registration fees (ZAR)

Registration Category	Payment received by 31 May 2017	Payment received by 31 July 2017	Payment received after 31 July 2017
<b>Full congress</b>			
Delegate	R4 800.00	R5 500.00	R7 500.00
Student (full-time)	R3 200.00	R4 000.00	R5 000.00
Accompanying person	R2 500.00	R2 500.00	R2 500.00
<b>Day registration</b>			
Delegate	R2 500.00	R2 800.00	R3 000.00
Student (full-time)	R1 500.00	R1 750.00	R2 000.00
Gala dinner only	R400.00	R400.00	R400.00
<b>Workshop registration</b>			
Delegate & student	R500.00	R700.00	R1 000.00

### Registration for full congress includes:

- Abstract book
- Congress bag
- Morning break refreshments
- Welcome reception (snacks) on Sunday evening
- Lunches (3)
- Gala dinner on Wednesday evening.

### Registration for full congress accompanying person includes:

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

### Registration for workshop:

(Thursday 28 September 2017) includes:

- Morning break refreshments
- Lunch