

# IV International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology

28 May – 3 June 2017

Skukuza, Kruger National Park, South Africa



[www.postharvest2017.co.za](http://www.postharvest2017.co.za)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### IV International Postharvest Pathology Symposium 2017

Dear Delegate

We look forward to welcoming you at the IV International Symposium on Postharvest Pathology which will be held at Skukuza, Kruger National Park from 28 May – 2 June 2017. This document is aimed at assisting in your general planning and we trust that it will ensure an enjoyable visit.

#### REGISTRATION and PAYMENTS

Please check the details of what functions you are registered for on your invoice and inform Carlamani of any corrections to be made. **If you have not received or misplaced your invoice, please send an urgent email to [registration@carlamani.co.za](mailto:registration@carlamani.co.za) and we will gladly forward your invoice again.**

**Please ensure** that you fax or email proof of payment to +86 515 8837 or [registration@carlamani.co.za](mailto:registration@carlamani.co.za) to ensure that payment is allocated to your registration as bank references are often insufficient for correct allocation.

Please note that pre-payment is required. EFT payment is preferred, but payment can be made online via VISA or MasterCard on the link: [www.carlamani.co.za/secure](http://www.carlamani.co.za/secure)

Registration will open from 14:00 to 16:30 on Sunday 28 May 2017 at the Nombolo Mdhuli Conference Centre and each day from 07:30. Tickets will be issued for specific evening events e.g. the Game Drive Bush Braai as the venue is not being used exclusively by the conference delegates. Delegates are requested to wear their name tags at all times. Please note accommodation check-in time is from 14h00 and check-out time is at 10h00.

**STUDENTS** - All students registered for the conference are requested to bring their student ID cards to the conference registration desk for verification. If this is not done, the difference between the student and delegate registration fee will be payable in cash at the registration desk.

Please advise if we need to be aware of disabilities or allergies not previously advised.

## **VENUE and CONNECTIVITY**

Note that all conference sessions and evening functions will be conducted at the Skukuza, Kruger National Park. Free Wi-Fi is available for conference delegates in the conference centre.

Free wi-fi is also available at the restaurant area, but not in the rest of the camp.

## **DISPLAY TABLES**

Companies who booked display tables may set up from 13:30 on Sunday 28 May 2017.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT**

Standard equipment that will be made available for presentations at the conference includes:

- Data projector
- Laptop with Office 2013 and Acrobat Reader

Please bring your presentation on a virus free memory stick to upload in the venue.

**All persons presenting are requested to forward their bio's prior to the symposium. A template will be forwarded in due course.**

## **TRANSPORT AND SHUTTLES**

Visit the conference website for details, a map and detailed directions and a booking form should you wish to make use of the bus from Pretoria or OR Tambo airport. **Note that we have to receive all bus reservations by 8 May to ensure that we have enough vehicles available.**

### **Gate Entry**

Please have your reservation number ready at your gate of entry. Free entrance will be arranged for delegates at the **Paul Kruger, Malelane, Crocodile Bridge, Numbi, Phabeni Gates, as well as the Skukuza Airport only.** **All accompany persons will be charged the daily conservation fee either at the main reception at Skukuza where you will check in for accommodation and collect your keys.** The free entry is granted to registered delegates only.

### **Gate Closing Times and Late Permits**

The Paul Kruger gate and Skukuza Camp gate both **close at 17:30** and **no late permits** will be issued or sent to the gate. When planning your trip to Kruger please keep the gate times in mind as well as any possible road works along your route.

In case of an emergency causing you to be late please contact the Skukuza Duty Manager to arrange an escort from the Paul Kruger Gate. These emergency escorts can be arranged until 20:00 at a cost of **R525.00 per vehicle.** The Skukuza Duty Manager can be contacted until 21:00 on **082 802 1204** should an emergency arise. No escorts can be arranged thereafter.

### **Transfers from Skukuza Airport**

Avis offers a shuttle service from the Skukuza Airport to the Skukuza Camp at the various flight times @ +- ZAR265 per single trip. Please enquire at the Avis desk when you arrive at the Skukuza Airport or contact them before you arrive on +27 13 735 5651 / +766 88 5858 or email [sam.lamani@avisbudget.co.za](mailto:sam.lamani@avisbudget.co.za)

## **SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, BAR ARRANGEMENTS AND DRESS CODE**

The dress code for the conference is casual and smart casual for evening functions.

There will be limited drinks available at evening functions and a cash bar will be available.

### **Breakfast**

**Delegates to provide own breakfast (self-catering or in the restaurant) except where prior arrangements have been made.** Early morning coffee and rusks/muffins/scones will be served before the session each morning.

### **Lunches**

All lunches will be served at the Nombolo Mdhuli Conference Centre. Accompanying persons are only included in evening functions and may have refreshments and lunch in the restaurant or do self-catering.

### **Dinners**

There will be a cash bar each evening. Dinners are for registered delegates and registered accompanying persons only and will be served in the various venues as indicated on the programme.

### **Malaria**

A 24/hour malaria hotline is available on +27 (0)82 234 1800

The chances of contracting Malaria are even further reduced in the winter months – during May to November – when the number of mosquitoes drops significantly. Please follow the link for detailed information on malaria:

<https://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/tourism/malaria.php>

<https://www.krugerpark.com/malaria/>

## **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The month of May marks the beginning of the cold season in Kruger, South Africa, however, although the temperatures have dipped, your chances of spotting wildlife have upped considerably. The average temperature reaches 20C, which the park's animals find far more comfortable. Rain is unlikely as African winters are mostly dry; the summer months experience rain. Nights are chilly around 11C.

Please follow this link for a 14-day forecast: <http://www.weathersa.co.za/>

### **PLEASE remember to bring:**

- Hat and sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Torch
- Camera

We will provide you with coffee and tea for your bungalow, but you may wish to top up from the shop at Skukuza. The shop is well stocked with a range of books about the park, curios, souvenirs and giftware. Groceries are also available in the shop like meat, fruits and vegetables.

## PROGRAMME

The detailed programme is available on the conference website [www.postharvest2017.co.za](http://www.postharvest2017.co.za).

## VISA's and PASSPORTS

Letters of invitation are issued upon request – please contact Carlamani Conferences.

Passports: Please note that you must have **two** blank pages in your passport next to each other to enter the country.

For further information and assistance please contact:

1. the [South African Department of Home Affairs](http://www.dha.gov.za), 0800 60 11 90 (toll free from South Africa); or
2. your [local South African Embassy](#)

## CURRENCY

Local currency is South African Rand (ZAR). Everything in South Africa has to be paid in local currency. It is recommended that exchange be arranged at the airport foreign exchange centres. Credit card facilities and ATM's are available almost everywhere.

## INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is a wonderful country with a wide diversity of cultures, a rich history and magnificent natural beauty.

Below are a few points to keep in mind when traveling in South Africa.

- The crime rate in South Africa is higher than in many countries, and it is advisable to take the normal precautions, such as planning your route, not walking alone after dark, etc.
- South Africans drive on the left side of the road, and generally treat roundabouts (traffic circles) as 4-way stops.
- Electricity supply is at 240 V and 50 Hz (<http://www.kropla.com/electric2.htm>).
- VAT is charged at 14% on all purchases except fresh fruit and vegetables and a few basic items.
- Tips at restaurants is generally 10% of the bill
- May 31st is a double national holiday for South Africa: in 1910 it became Union, marking the independence from the United Kingdom, and in 1961 it became Republic.

We look forward to welcoming you in Skukuza soon!

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Kind Regards  
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