



**Southern
African
Society of
Aquatic
Scientists**

SASAQS 2015 CONFERENCE

28 JUNE TO 2 JULY 2015

Water resource research, policy and people

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of the Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists; we invite you to attend the 2015 annual conference of the society to be held at the Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensburg, KwaZulu-Natal.

The theme of 2015 SASAQS conference is **Water Resource Research, Policy and People**. The conference aims to facilitate discussions between aquatic scientists involved in the development of the local aquatic ecosystem knowledge base, water resource managers who use this information and the people who are affected by their decisions.

Highlights:

SASAQ 2015 will host **key note presentations** from leading international and local scientists, national and regional government representatives and water resource managers. The conference will include **special plenary panel discussions** each afternoon and innovative presentation formats. The conference will host dinner functions with world renowned entertainers, student activities, field trips, training sessions and workshops. The national Yellowfish Working Group conference will also be hosted at SASAQS 2015!



Paper presentation formats:

- **Special themed sessions:** 15min platform presentations with a 45min panel discussion.
- **General themed sessions:** 20min platform presentations.
- **Digital Data Display Sessions:** Rapid 5 min Digital Data Display (DDD's) platform presentations (DDD's will be displayed throughout the conference).

Abstract Submission:

All abstracts must be submitted by the 10th of April. Accepted abstract notifications will occur on the 20th of April. Please submit abstracts electronically on www.easyabstract.com. *All platform presentation abstracts must be aligned to the session themes.* Abstracts will be allocated to theme sessions. Late submissions will not be considered.

Themes for the conference include:

- Alien invasive and extralimital species management
- Benefit sharing in aquatic resource management
- Citizen science and Adopt-A-River
- Climate variability and ecosystem resilience
- Conservation of freshwater and estuarine species
- Ecological Infrastructure: ecosystems, services and people
- Ecological risk assessments: multiple stressors and objectives in dynamic aquatic ecosystems
- Ecosystem connectivity and the effects of barriers
- Ecosystem rehabilitation and offsets
- Estuary management: policies, procedures and people
- Human capacity development with water resource management
- Inland fishery management and fish harvesting for human consumption
- Innovative techniques and technologies for aquatic ecosystem management
- Productivity, trophic structures and aquatic food webs
- Reservoir monitoring and management, the forgotten water resources
- Resource Directed Measures for Water Resource Protection: successes and failures
- River health Programme and the new National Ecosystem Monitoring Programme
- Surface water and groundwater interactions, the new frontier
- Understanding and managing the effects of flow alterations in rivers and estuaries

Conference organisers/sponsors:



Registration

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

Registration includes:

- Abstract book
- Conference bag
- Tea's/Coffee's
- Lunches (3)
- Dinners (4)

Registration Category	*Payment received before 30 April 2015	Payment received from 1 May 2015	Payment received from 14 June 2015
SASAqS member	R4 000.00	R4 600.00	R5 300.00
SASAqS Non-member	R4 700.00	R5 405.00	R6 200.00
SASAqS Student member	R3 200.00	R3 680.00	R4 250.00
SASAqS Student non-member	R3 500.00	R4 025.00	R4 630.00
Day Registration	R1 500.00	R1 725.00	R1 980.00

Trade exhibitors

Interested companies should contact the Conference secretariat for more information and to book exhibition space.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be available at the Champagne Sports Resort

Standard Accommodation Bed & Breakfast:	Single R 670.00/day
Standard Accommodation Bed & Breakfast:	Sharing R 430.00/day

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Remember to state that it for the SASAQS 2015 conference.

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Important deadlines

10 April 2015 - Closing date for submission of abstracts

20 April 2015 - Abstract acceptance notifications

30 April 2015 - Closing of early bird registration/payment

13 June 2015 - Closing of regular registration and payment

14 June 2015 onwards - Late/on-site registration and payment

Conference secretariat



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