

We have just a few weeks to go before ISPH2019 and we are looking forward to meeting up with all of you! We are busy putting the final touches on the programme which will shortly be available for your perusal on the ISPH2019 website https://www.isph2019.co.za/

31ST JULY: REGISTRATION AND WELCOME RECEPTION FROM 17H00 - 20H00

At the Iziko South African Museum, 25 Queen Victoria St, Gardens, Cape Town.

Delegates must find their own way to the Museum (see Uber information in Transport section of this circular). Registration and Reception will take place in the "Stone Bones" exhibition on the 3rd floor. One drink ticket for the Reception will be in your name badge pouch and a cash bar will be available.

$\mathbf{1}^{\text{ST}} - \mathbf{3}^{\text{RD}}$ August: Conference presentations at the River Club

If you do not register on the 31st July at Iziko SA Museum, you will be able to register at the conference venue at the Registration Desk, which will be located outside the Congo Room upstairs on the 1st floor. The registration and information desk will be open on the following days: Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd August: 08h00 – 16h00. Abstracts will be available for download on the ISPH2019 website: https://www.isph2019.co.za/

The Conference will take place at the River Club, Observatory, Cape Town.

Physical address: Liesbeek Parkway, Observatory, Cape Town.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS: 15 MINS. DURATION (12 MINS. TALK, 3 MINS. QUESTIONS)

Speakers can load their talks in the Lecture venue. Presentations (on memory stick/flash or CD) must be handed to the audiovisual technician in good time before your presentation.

Please inform the technician if your presentation has sound or video clips.

The file name of your presentation should reflect your name, date and time of presentation.

Presentations should be in Microsoft powerpoint. Please inform the technician if any other software was used to check compatibility e.g. Apple Mac files.

POSTER GUIDELINES

Posters must be oriented in portrait style and should fit A0 format (width x height: 841 x 1189 mm // 33.1 x 46.8 inches). We will provide pins to put up posters on display boards. Posters should be put up on the first day of the meeting, and presenters must be at their posters during the poster session.

CONFERENCE LUNCHES

Lunch will be provided during conference presentations ($1^{st} - 3^{rd}$ August 2019) at the River Club.

Any allergies or dietary requirements should have been specified during registration. If you forgot to indicate this information, please send us an email as soon as possible at isph2019@gmail.com.

2ND AUGUST: CONFERENCE DINNER AT MOYO RESTAURANT IN KIRSTENBOSCH BOTANICAL GARDENS AT **18**H**00**

Visit http://www.moyo.co.za/moyo-kirstenbosch/ for further information.

The bus will leave from the Conference Venue (*River Club*) for *Moyo Kirstenbosch* at 15H15 to allow for time to wander around the *Kirstenbosch Gardens* before dinner.

NOTE: We have arranged a discounted fee of just R50 (*ca.* 3 Euros) (payable at the registration desk please) for entry to the *Kirstenbosch Gardens* prior to the dinner.

4TH AUGUST FIELD TRIP TO WEST COAST FOSSIL PARK: 09H00 - 17H00

The ISPH field trip will take delegates to the *West Coast Fossil Park* - the world-renowned early Pliocene locality of Langebaanweg (http://www.fossilpark.org.za/pages/background.html).

Lunch will be provided at no extra cost during the trip. Bus will depart from the *River Club* at 09H00. It is approx. 2 hours drive from Cape Town to the Fossil Park.

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Wi-Fi is complimentary at the River Club and you will receive the log in details at registration.

SECURITY ADVICE

Safety has become an important issue throughout the world, but especially in important South African cities such as Cape Town. Here there are some tips compiled by The Tourism Safety Task Group of South Africa that delegates can follow:

- Store valuables in the hotel's safety deposit box
- Keep your room locked, whether you're in it or not
- Leave your keys at the reception desk when leaving the hotel
- Avoid ostentatious displays of expensive jewellery, cameras and other valuables and do not
- Carry large sums of money around
- At night, steer clear of dark, isolated areas
- It's better to explore in groups and to stick to well-lit, busy streets
- Keep the car doors locked and the windows up at all times
- Lock valuable items in the car boot (trunk)
- Never pick up strangers when driving a car

You can find more information about being vigilant and aware of certain security issues here: https://www.capetownsafety.com/understanding-how-cape-town-works/

TRANSPORT

Uber is well established in Cape Town and we highly recommend it to you as the safest and easiest option to reach the Conference Venue, as well as when visiting Cape Town in the evening. Delegates should download the Uber app on their mobile phones before arriving to Cape Town, so they can begin using it from the Airport to their hotels.

Download Uber app for iOS here:

https://apps.apple.com/us/app/uber/id368677368

Download Uber app for Android here:

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: If you would like us to advertise your talk on twitter, please ensure that you send us 1-2 slides with a picture of yourself, title of your paper and key findings. We would appreciate having this BEFORE the conference so that we can schedule the feed ahead of time. Please use the hashtag #ISPH2019 for twitter feeds and @2019Isph account. Please email these to us (isph2019@gmail.com) with the subject line, twitter feed.

You are welcome to visit our FB page www.facebook.com/isph2019

We recommend delegates to follow these tips during the conference to find a balance between social media and protecting authors' work:

- Do not photograph or video record a talk or poster without the authors' permission.
- Do not post any images or video without the authors' permission.
- Delegates may include distinctive icons on slides or posters to express that whether results should be posted on social media.

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