



2021

14TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COPEPODA 6-12 June 2021

Dear Copepodologists

I am sure that you will agree that 2020 brought new challenges to all of us. South Africa moved to Lockdown level 1 on the 1st of October 2020 and is in the process of opening international borders for visitors to South Africa.

We are still convinced that you will have a once in a lifetime experience in the Kruger National Park where we intend to host ICOC2021 at Skukuza Camp from Sunday 6 June 2021, accommodation will be available from 14h00, to Saturday morning departure on the 12th of June 2021.





Regarding logistics and arrangements the following:

ABSTRACTS

All abstracts that were submitted on Oxford abstracts will be carried over for the ICOC2021 with the condition that you register and pay to present your abstract or poster.

You are welcome to log in to <https://app.oxfordabstracts> and make amendments or delete the submitted abstract and replace with a new one. Deadline for final abstracts is 16 November 2020.

ACCOMMODATION

Unfortunately, SANPARKS increased accommodation rates for 2021 and you will have to pay the difference. All the previous accommodation bookings made were cancelled and you will have to select and book new options. Payments already done for accommodation will be transferred to your new selected booking. Information regarding the type of available accommodation will be available on <https://www.abevents.co.za/>

Please note that all accommodation for the conference in Skukuza **must be booked directly through AB Events** since a group booking was done and a certain amount of accommodation is reserved for conference attendees. **Do not book directly with Sanparks or any other agency such as Bookings.com for the conference dates.** If you want to book extensions in stay or earlier arrivals, you are welcome to book it through SANPARKS but for the duration of the conference the booking must be through AB Events. Accommodation types and rates will be available on the website on 1 November 2020.

REGISTRATION FEES

An attempt will be made to keep the registration fees at the same amounts. However, it will depend on the number of attendees. Thus, kindly let us know ASAP if you already registered and cannot attend anymore. Please note that refunds will not be 100% of paid amounts as banking and administrative costs were already incurred and the exchange rate also affects the value of the refund calculated.

Please confirm your intended participation by 30 October 2020 by email to Petrie@abevents.co.za

IMPORTANT DATES

- Confirmation of attendance: 30 October 2020
- Deadline of submission or changing of abstracts: 16 November 2020
- Announcement of acceptance: 30 November 2020.
- Deadline registration and payment of registration fees: before 15 December 2020
- Deadline of payment of 50% accommodation fees: 15 December 2020
- Deadline of payment of total accommodation fees: 31 January 2021

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Please see the conference programme at a glance on <https://www.abevents.co.za/>

Changes to the programme plan will be done once abstracts have been submitted and confirmation of attendance has been received.

Information about how to get to the conference
See relevant information on <https://www.abevents.co.za/>

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP **31 May – 4 June 2021**

See <https://www.abevents.co.za/> for information (to be updated soon). Accommodation prices have increased for 2021 and the outstanding amounts will have to be paid by participants. However, an attempt will be made to keep registration fees the same. Additional places may be available and interested students can apply to attend (application form will be on the webpage).

Updated costs will be posted on the webpage as soon as they become available. Please confirm attendance ASAP to susan.dippenaar@ul.ac.za and r.huys@nhm.ac.uk. Arrangements regarding getting to Polokwane from OR Tambo International Airport will be done with a shuttle service once the number of participants are confirmed (to be paid by participants directly to shuttle service).

Participants will be transported to Skukuza on Saturday 5 June 2021 and must indicate to Petrie (petrie@abevents.co.za) that accommodation will be needed in Skukuza on Saturday 5 June 2021.