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8TH WORLD CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS



Dear Colleagues

We are delighted at the overwhelming interest that has been generated by this event and by the response from prominent leaders in the field of environmental health. We are proud to have been able to compile a World Class Scientific Programme.

The debate that will take place on Thursday will highlight topical issues and will be lead by experts on the chosen topics. High-level media interest is expected and will draw worldwide attention to current Environmental matters.

It is foreseen that the debate will set the stage for an exchange of ideas and that Environmental Health Practitioners will demonstrate their learning experiences with others from around the World.

First hand experience of this first ever Environmental Heath International Debate can only be gained by attending the 8th World Congress at the International Convention Centre, Durban, South Africa.

We look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Selva Mudaly".

Selva Mudaly

Chairperson:

Organising Committee: 8th World Congress on Environmental Health

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT: IFEH



Dear 8th World Congress Participants,

We are pleased to report that we have received an impressive array of local and international abstracts for the IFEH 8th World Congress on Environmental Health. This has afforded us the opportunity to select papers of a high standard, which will contribute to achieving a healthy and sustainable environment worldwide. Emphasis at this congress will also be placed on African problems and solutions in respect of environmental health issues.

In preparing for the Congress, our top priority has been to ensure that the IFEH 8th World Congress on Environmental Health will satisfy the needs of delegates in terms of:

- The dissemination and exchange of information
- Providing networking opportunities
- Establishing a network in respect of environmental health issues
- Best Practices
- Providing relevant and enjoyable social excursions

I therefore have no hesitation in assuring the many delegates who have enquired, that we have done everything possible to make certain that this congress will exceed every expectation.

Durban was chosen as the host city because of its strategic position, its world class facilities, its cultural and shopping amenities as well as its beautiful beaches and scenic surroundings. An inspection in - loco, of the city and congress facilities, was conducted in February 2003 by the IFEH President Diane Evans and the Honourable Secretary Michael Halls. Approval and full support was then given by the IFEH.

As the host member of the organisation, the SAIEH has worked tirelessly to make this Congress a particularly memorable one. To this end, we have invited Dr Nelson Mandela to preside over the opening ceremony.

It is important that we all support our World Congress. This is an opportunity to see what South Africa can offer to international guests.

We look forward to welcoming you to Durban, the Gateway to Africa.

Jerry Chaka
President-Elect: IFEH

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HOST CITY AND VENUE

Sub-tropical Durban lies on the Indian Ocean. It is the ninth largest port in the world, offering warm surf and glorious sunshine for most of the year.

In February the average temperature range between 25°C and 28°C. English (in many accents) is the most widely spoken language by this rainbow nation. South Africans are fun-loving outdoor people; surfing, yachting, water-skiing, power-boating and deep-sea fishing take place throughout the seasons. As a result, dress for most occasions is casual and comfortable.

Durban is a business and holiday centre and is fast becoming one of the most popular convention cities in the world. A mix of cultures and religions, sophisticated shopping malls, tribal craft markets, nightspots and restaurants can be found. The cost to the overseas traveller is surprisingly low - South Africa offers exceptionally high standards to tourists at extremely affordable rates.

Durban is as safe as any other international city. The Conference Organising Committee has arranged a busy and interesting programme to ensure that you are well looked after. It is customary for delegates flying into Durban to advise the conference secretariat of their flight details so that the appointed tour operator can meet passengers and transport them to the official hotels. Delegates cannot expect to rely on local transport into town.

The conference will take place at the International Conference Centre in Durban. The Centre is only 20 minutes drive from the airport and is no more than 5 minutes from any of the official hotels that appear in this announcement. We ask that all delegates reserve their accommodation via the congress secretariat so that we can ensure that congress shuttles as well as airport transfers can be efficiently managed. The listed hotels are located within the acceptable areas in Durban and will form part of the congress shuttle route.

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

8TH WORLD CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Saturday 21/02/2004	0700 - 0900 0900 - 1600	Registration for 21 Meetings IFEH Council Meeting
Sunday 22/02/2004	0800 - 1800 0700 - 2000 0900 - 1600 0900 - 1700 1800 - 2100	Registration & Information Speakers prep facility IFEH Council meeting Faculty Forum Meeting Mayors Welcome Function
Monday 23/02/2004	0700 - 1700 0800 - 1930 0900 - 0930 0930 - 1700 1700 - 2100	Registration & Information Posters and Exhibition Opening Ceremony Plenary Session Cocktail function [In exhibition area] "Irish Evening"
Tuesday 24/02/2004	0730 - 1730 0900 - 1830 0830 - 1700 **	Registration & Information Posters and Exhibition Parallel sessions Free Evening for participants
Wednesday 25/02/2004	0700 - 0800 0800 - 1700 1930 →	Registration for Field Trips Field Trips IFEH and National congress dinner
Thursday 26/02/2004	0730 - 1730 1100 - 1500 1500 - Late 0830 - 1700 1400 - 1730 **	Registration & Information Exhibitor and poster breakdown Shell scheme breakdown Plenary session/International Debate Regional Group meetings Free Evening for participants
Friday 27/02/2004	0730 - 1400 0830 - 1320	Registration & Information Plenary and closing sessions

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

MONDAY: 23 FEBRUARY 2004

PLENARY

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
09H00-09H30	OPENING CEREMONY		
09H30-09H45	A1	His Worship: Mayor Obed Mlaba	Welcome
09H45-10H00	A2	Mr. Jerry Chaka	SAIEH Presidential Address
10H00-10H20	A3	The Hon. Thabo Mbeki South African President	Presidential Address
10H20-10H40	A4	The Hon. Dr. Manto Tshabalala Msimang	Health Ministers Address
10H40-11H00	A5	The Hon. Valli Moosa	Environmental Affairs Address
11H00-11H30	TEA BREAK		
11H30-11H50	A6	Dr Nelson Mandela	Key Note Address
11H50-12H10	A7	Dr Timothy Fasheun	Environmental Injustice in Africa: A question of conscience
12H10-12H30	A8	Prof. Jerome Nriagu (Michigan)	Growing health hazards from toxic materials in the African Environment
12H30-12H50	A9	Kia Regner (Sweden)	An Environmental & Health strategy and a Children's environment and health action plans for Europe
12H50-13H00	DISCUSSION		
13H00-14H00	LUNCH		
14H00-14H20	A10	Prof. Peter Orris (Chicago)	Obstacles and Opportunities in Globalizing Occupational and Environmental Health Standards
14H20-14H40	A11	Mr. Tobias Mkhize	Informal trading and the development of traditional markets in Durban through research
14H40-15H00	A12	Mr. Siphon Msimang	Health Care Waste Management in KwaZulu Natal
15H00-15H20	A13	Mr. Kevin Bennet	The role of the EHO in an area based management initiative known as - iTRUMP
15H20-15H30	DISCUSSION		
15H30-15H45	TEA BREAK		
15H45-16H05	A14	Mr. Koos Engelbrecht	Collaboration through the establishment of an Africa Academy for Environmental Health
16H05-16H25	A15	Mr. Allan Munn	Operating in a changing Environmental- A case History - Emission reductions at Engen Refinery in South Durban
16H25-16H45	A16	Mr. Siva Chetty	Institutional and Monitoring System Dimensions of the Multi-point Plan for the South Durban Basin
16H45-17H00	DISCUSSION		

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The scientific programme has been developed around the themes listed below. More details of these themes are available on the website. www.saieh.co.za

VIP Guest Speakers

Dr Nelson Mandela	Former State President of South Africa
Mr Thabo Mbeki	The Honourable State President of South Africa
Dr Manto Tshabalala Msimang	The Honourable National Minister of Health
Mr Valli Moosa	The Honourable National Minister Environment Affairs and Tourism

Keynote speakers

An impressive panel of World Experts will present and share their wealth of experience in the field of Environmental Health.

Peter Orris (USA)	Professor of Environmental and Occupational Sciences, University of Illinois
Jerome Nriagu (USA)	Professor of Environmental Health Sciences, Michigan University
Diane Evans (USA)	President - International Federation of Environmental Health
Timothy Fasheun (SA)	Director Department - Environment Affairs and Agriculture
Kia Regner (Sweden)	Public Relations Officer - International Federation of Environmental Health
Jerry Chaka (SA)	President Elect - International Federation of Environmental Health
Kevin Bennett (SA)	Deputy Director - Environmental Health - eThekweni Municipality
Tobias Mkhize (SA)	Co-Ordinator of Traditional Herbal Market Operators
Siphon Msimang	Provincial Deputy Director Environmental Health - Kwa Zulu Natal
Koos Engelbrecht	Head Environmental Pretoria Technikon
Siva Chetty	Programme manager - South Durban Basin, Air pollution Project
Alan Munn	Sustainable Business Manager - Engen Refinery

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004

PARALLEL SESSION: A

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
		Environmental Health Management	
08H30-08H50	A1	Agenbag, Mike	Redirecting the role of environmental health in SA
08H50-09H10	A2	Dr. Davey Peter (Meadowbrook)	Integrating public health at the local level
09H10-09H30	A3	Delcarme, Brian	Performance measurement for effective environmental health management
09H30-09H50	A4	Prof. Haynes Ross	Financing Municipal Health Services
09H50-10H00		DISCUSSION	
10H00-10H30	TEA BREAK		
		Environmental Health Management	
10H30-10H50	A5	Maka, L	Environmental health indicators towards improving environmental health information systems in SA
10H50-11H10	A6	Sandelin, Sylvia (Sweden)	Local History as a means to communicate environmental health issues to communities
11H10-11H30	A7	Losito, Domenic (Canada)	Env. Health, Sustainability and Local Action 21- A Canadian perspective
11H30-11H50	A8	Van Der Merwe, Michael	Environmental conflict resolution is essential for successful environmental impact assessments in South Durban
11H50-12H10	A9	Larratt, Neil	Industrial Impact Management as a component of environmental management. The role and function of the environmental health professional in this sphere
12h10-12h20		DISCUSSION	
12h20-14h00	LUNCH		
		Food Management and Safety	
14H00-14H20	A10	Cowden, John (Scotland)	Creating a new generation of food safety professionals
14H20-14H40	A11	Ikalafeng, Bridget	A Microbiological and KABP study on the indigenous drink "Scomfana" produced in the Rocklans area
14H40-15H00	A12	Lues JFR/Venter P	An evaluation of the storage practice of fortified biscuits in primary schools nutrition program
15H00-15H20	TEA BREAK		
15H20-15H40	A13	McHattie, Lorna (UK)	Food Hygiene Interventions and Social Care Organisations

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004

PARALLEL SESSION: A

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
15H40-16H00	A14	Rennie, Denise (UK)	Process evaluation of the development of a tool to support caterers in SMEs on the introduction of mandatory HACCP
16H00-16H20	A15	Dr. Wong, Raymond (Scotland)	Statistical approach to food sampling plan
16H20-16H40	A16	Kitagwa, William (Kenya)	Kiosk foods in Eldoret: Can quality and safety of kiosk food be assured?
16H40H17h00	A17	Dr. Subratty, Anwar (Mauritius)	Hygiene practices among street foods vendors in rural areas in Mauritius
17H00-17H10		DISCUSSION	

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004

PARALLEL SESSION: B

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
		Risk Assessment and Management	
08H30-08H50	B1	Barnett, Kelly A (Oregon)	Bio-terrorism Preparedness Planning
08H50-09H10	B2	De Jagar, Professor C	Reduced seminal parameters associated with environmental DDT exposure in men in Chiapas
09H10-09H30	B3	Mathee Angie/Mthembu Z	The South African Healthy environments for children alliance
09H30-09H50	B4	Dlamini N	Chemical composition and toxicity of domestic paraffin
09H50-10H00		DISCUSSION	
10H00-10H30	TEA BREAK		
		Waste Management	
10H30-10H50	B5	Delcarme, Brian	Definition and Institutionalization of an Integrated Health Care Waste Information System for effective Waste Management
10H50-11H10	B6	Kristiansen, Torben	Sustainable Management of Health Care Risk Waste in Gauteng
11H10-11H30	B7	Nteo, Dorah	Sustainable Health Care Waste Management in Gauteng
11H30-11H50	B8	Simon, JJ (Singapore)	Solid Waste Management - The Singapore Experience
11H50-12H10	B9	Dr. Swart, Andre	A model for waste recovery in South Africa

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004

PARALLEL SESSION: B

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
12H10-12H20		DISCUSSION	
12H20-14H00	LUNCH		
		Waste Management	
14H00-14H20	B10	Poswa, Thobile	The importance of gender in Waste Management Planning: A challenge for Solid Waste Managers
14H20-14H40	B11	Roberts Hester/ de Jager, L	Identification of hazards associated with meat related waste generated by abattoirs in the Free State
14H40-15H00	B12	Fodge, Steen (Denmark)	Waste management in the City of Elsinore - A City in Denmark
15H00-15H20	TEA BREAK		
		Communicable diseases	
15H20-15H40	B13	Dr. Davey, Peter (Indonesia)	Postgraduate professional development in public health for the intensified communicable disease control
15H40-16H00	B14	Harb J/Harsh, T (Canada)	Surveillance, prevention and control of norovirus outbreaks on cruise ships: Health Canada's approach
16H00-16H20	B15	Lecheko, M	Geography information system used to map the distribution of tuberculosis at Dbn Metro South
16H20-16H40	B16	Nkonyana, John/Voyi, K	A case study of bloody diarrhea transmission in the Morifi, Holy Cross, Liphiring and Mohalinyane Health
16H40-17H00	B17	Swanepoel, Gerhard	HIV/AIDS as environmental health responsibility
17H00-17H10		DISCUSSION	

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004

PARALLEL SESSION: C

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
		Community development	
08H30-08H50	C1	Forteach, Bernard J, Brooke J (UK)	How Renfrewshire Council is delivering Sustainable Development through community development
08H50-09H10	C2	Lovgren, Erik (Sweden)	Multidisciplinary facts and models for communication on SARS and other future health and environmental issues to students and the public
09H10-09H30	C3	Murray, Zoe (Australia)	Community Consultation in Public Health Planning
09H30-09H50	C4	Swanepoel, Cheryl	Breaking the rules- new approached to health through water and sanitation in SA

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004

PARALLEL SESSION: C

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
09H50-10H00		DISCUSSION	
10H00-10H30	TEA BREAK		
10H30-10H50	C5	Van Der Merwe, Michael	Health is a neglected priority in environmental impact assessment
		Education, training and development	
10H50-11H10	C6	Mokoena, DG /Agenbag, Mike	The impact of an educational intervention of the microbiological quality of raw milk in the Ukhahlamba District Municipality area of jurisdiction
11H10-11H30	C7	Harvey, Harold (UK)	Towards a global environmental health research- knowledge base
11H30-11H50	C8	Swanepoel, Gerhard	Telematic Education: A dynamic technological tool for CPD
11H50-12H10	C9	Dr. Treser, C (Washington)	Incorporating the essential services of public health into environmental health practice: Implications for Curricula
12H10-12H20		DISCUSSION	
12H20-14H00	LUNCH		
14H00-14H20	C10	Dr. Treser, C (Washington)	Cycles and Trends: The Environmental Health Student Body in the USA
14H20-14H40	C11	Whittle, Carmen	Experiential Learning: a new dimension
		Housing - an Environmental health perspective	
14H40-15H00	C12	Gansan, J/Gqaleni N and Ehiri J	Dampness and Mouldiness in dwellings in the Waterloo Housing Development (KZN)
15H00-15H20	TEA BREAK		
15H20-15H40	C13	Sekhotha, MM	Assessment of indoor air quality and the level of surface mould growth in residential areas in Durban
15H40-16H00	C14	Shadwell, Gqaleni, Schleuch (Australia/SA)	The indoor environment and allergy as potential stressors in Durban Hospitals South Africa
16H00-16H20	C15	Johnson, Mary (Michigan)	An index for assessing household environmental risk factors
		Occupational Health and Safety	
16H20-16H40	C16	Ramroop, Shaun	Successful Occupational Health and Safety: a Management perspective
16H40H17h00	C17	Niranjan, Ivan	Learning Occupational Health and Safety Legislation by using educational games
17H00-17H10		DISCUSSION	

TUESDAY: 24 FEBRUARY 2004
PARALLEL SESSION: D

TIME	SESSION NO	PRESENTER	TOPIC
		Pollution	
08H30-08H50	D1	Ana, Godson (Nigeria)	Soil Pollution by a petroleum refinery near Port Harcourt, Nigeria
08H50-09H10	D2	Gerizim, J (Singapore)	Singapore's smoking control programme
09H10-09H30	D3	Losito, Domenic (Canada)	Reducing tobacco toll on our young people - An environmental health imperative
09h30-09H50	D4	Matookane, Mamopeli	Vulnerability of South African Communities to Air Pollution
09H50-10H00		DISCUSSION	
10H00-10H30		TEA BREAK	
10H30-10H50	D5	Meeks, Patricia/ Prof. Orris, Peter (Chicago)	Petrochemical production and Community health
10H50-11H10	D6	Sithole, Jabu	Air Pollution - a community perspective
11H10-11H30	D7	Williams, Ebomoyi (Colorado)	Should African Nations be concerned about Global Warming?
11H30-11H50	D8	Prof. Cairncross, Eugene	Proposals for an Air Pollution index for South Africa
11H50-12H10		DISCUSSION	
12H10-13H40		LUNCH	
13H40-14H00	D9	Rusford, Emmanuel	Factors determining Benzene Vapour Exposure among filling station attendants & road tanker drivers in C.T
14H00-14H20	D10	Ucko, Peter	Tobacco Control
14H20-14H40	D11	Desmond, D Sa (Denmark)	Comparative Study of Refineries in Denmark and South Durban in an Environmental and Societal Context
14H40-15H00	D12	DISCUSSION	
15H00-15H20		TEA BREAK	
		Water and Sanitation	
15H20-15H40	D13	Mhlongo, Babongile	Evaluation of Impact of Participatory Hygiene and sanitation transformation in Matatiele, E.Cape
15H40-16H00	D14	Rainey, Rochelle (USA)	Solar Water Disinfection as household-Level Treatment
16H00-16H20	D15	Stewart, Petrie/Mazali, D (UK)	Water for kids - a positive Environmental Health intervention
16H20-16H40	D16	Teffo, Nomsa	What implications for environmental policy do attitudes and practices of Kgalabatsane adults have to water
16H40H17h00	D17	Daries, Louella	Socio-economic study to guide alternative small scale desalination technology for potable household water argumentation in SA
17H00-17H10		DISCUSSION	

WEDNESDAY: 25 FEBRUARY 2004
FIELD TRIPS

TIME	FIELD TRIP	
ALL DAY	Southern Basin	Air Pollution
ALL DAY	Valley of a 1000 hills	Water and Community development
ALL DAY	Traditional Markets	Warwick Triangle
ALL DAY	Ports, Harbours and Maydon Wharf	Food, Import and exporting

THURSDAY: 26 FEBRUARY 2004
PLENARY SESSION

08H30-08H40	ANNOUNCEMENTS	
08H40-09H20	Panel Discussions	Health Care Waste
09H20-10H00	Panel Discussions	GMO Foods
10h00-10h40	Panel Discussions	Pollution and Social Economic issues
10H40-11H20	Panel Discussions	Water and Sanitation - A Gift for Future Generations
11H20-11H50	TEA BREAK	
11H50-12H30	DISCUSSIONS	
12H30-13H30	LUNCH	
	ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	South Durban Basin Study	
13H30-14H00	Chetty, Siva	Overview of the Multi Point Plan
14H00-14H20	Prof. Stuart Batterman	Details of exposures
14H20-14H40	Kistensamy, Joy	Implementation of study
14H40-15H00	Dr. Naidoo Rajen/Prof. Batterman Stuart	Epi-study and outcomes
15H00-15H30	TEA BREAK	
15H30-15H50	Hurt, Quinten	Design of new monitoring system
15H50-16H10	Prof. Batterman, Stuart	Toxic and special monitoring
16H10-16H30	Peek, Bobby	Legal, Social and Economic Issues
16H30-17H00	DISCUSSION	

FRIDAY: 27 FEBRUARY 2004
PLENARY SESSION

TIME	PRESENTER	TOPIC
08H30-09H00	Dr. Zweli Mkhize MEC	Provincial Health Minister's address
09H00-09H30	Mr. Dumasani Mkhayane MEC	Provincial Environmental Affairs and Agriculture Ministers Address
09H30-11H00	IFEH OPEN FORUM	
11H00-11H30	TEA BREAK	
11H30-13H00	RESOLUTIONS	
13H00-13H20	CLOSURE	

The programme is subject to change.

SCIENTIFIC POSTERS

A selection of scientific posters will be displayed in a separate area within the trade exhibition. These posters will be selected from the submitted abstracts and will be displayed at no additional cost to the authors.

Posters should not exceed 950 mm (width) x 1.5m (height), i.e. portrait orientation. All titles, headings and text should be prepared using large clear fonts that are visible at a distance of 2 m. Authors should use diagrams and photographs to illustrate their posters. A clear photograph of the presenting author should appear on the poster to assist other delegates in identifying the author.

Extension for submission of Abstracts specifically for scientific poster presentations

Date: 31 October 2003. Kindly email to remona@sbconferences.co.za

Please refer website for all abstracts www.saieh.co.za

AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

Invited speakers will receive a form specifying the AV equipment that will be available at the congress. The form should be completed and returned to the conference organiser so that all AV requirements are known in advance. MS Power point is the preferred medium for presentations. A preparation room will be set up on site for the duration of the congress for the convenience of the speakers. All enquiries in this regard should be directed to lynn@selbys.co.za.

POSTERS AND TRADE EXHIBITION

Poster exhibits will be displayed in the same venue as the Trade Exhibition. Posters should not exceed 950 mm (width) x 1.5m (height), i.e. portrait orientation. Poster displays will be charged for according to the space needed. i.e 1 x poster = R500.00

Those delegates who wish to acquire extra space for a trade exhibit (3 m x 3 m) should register as a Trade Exhibitor (cost of R6500). Exhibitors will be provided with further details on request. Please email alishia@sbconferences.co.za

The exhibition will form an important part of the congress and exhibitors are expected to benefit greatly. Please refer website for further details as well as uptake to date and stand allocation.

PROCEEDINGS

The Proceedings of the 8th World Congress on Environmental Health will be published in electronic format on CD prior to the congress. All delegates will receive a copy of the Proceedings at the congress.

All delegates presenting oral papers and posters must produce a paper for the Proceedings. Authors are requested to follow the "guidelines for preparation of papers" which has been sent to them. Papers will be included in the programme and CD providing that speakers have registered and paid by the 15 November 2003. Papers must be submitted by the 15 November.

Scientific Poster presentations

These must be a maximum of 1 400 words including the references. A maximum of two figures or two tables or one of each will be allowed. Over-length papers will automatically be rejected.

Oral presentations

These must be a maximum of 6 000 words including references. Four figures or four tables or a combination up to a total of four are allowed.

Deadlines for submission of papers 15 November!

Papers received after the due dates will not be included in the Proceedings.

BUSINESS CENTRE

Delegates will be able to make use of the business centre, which will be located within the exhibition area

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Function: Mayors Cultural Welcome function for all participants
Date: Sunday 22 February 2004
Venue: ICC, Durban
Time: 1800 - 2100
Dress: Smart Casual

Function: Cocktail function "Irish Evening" for all participants
Date: Monday 23 February 2004
Venue: ICC, Durban
Time: 1730 - 2100
Dress: Casual

Function: Congress Banquet for all delegates
Date: Wednesday 25 February 2004
Venue: Hall 1, ICC, Durban
Time: 19h30 onwards
Dress: Smart or traditional
General: Additional tickets can be purchased

ACCOMMODATION

For your convenience we have selected a varied choice of accommodation in suitable areas. We request that you submit your accommodation booking as early as possible in order to secure your preferred choice of accommodation.

All hotels will form part of the congress shuttle route and transport will be available between the International Conference Centre and the hotels at convenient times, allowing delegates easy access to the conference.

Only delegates that book accommodation via the congress secretariat will be entitled to make use of the congress shuttle service.

One night's accommodation is required to secure your booking, with the exception of the Road Lodge where full pre - payment is required. The amount of the deposit you will be required to pay will be the maximum of the category of your preference, e.g. if you require single accommodation at the Durban Hilton then you will need to pay R1128.00 deposit. Credit card details are required to secure your accommodation. Your credit card will only be debited in the event of cancellation after 25 November 2003 or in the event of a no show or your account not being settled on departure.

THE DURBAN HILTON *****

Rates quoted are on a bed & breakfast per person per night basis & exclude tourism levy.

Single occupancy	R1128.00
Shared occupancy	R616.00

Situated on the same site as the conference venue this 5 star property offers a variety of restaurants as well as a coffee shop and bar to residents

HOLIDAY INN DURBAN - ELANGENI ***** [RECOMMENDED]

Rates quoted are on a room only per person per night basis & exclude tourism levy.

Breakfast is an additional optional charge

Single occupancy	R790.00
Shared occupancy	R484.50

Sea-facing, popular Durban hotel (full service), Highly recommended

HOLIDAY INN GARDEN COURT - MARINE PARADE ***

Rates quoted are on a room only per person per night basis & exclude tourism levy.

Breakfast is an additional optional charge

Single occupancy	R670.00
Shared occupancy	R400.50

Sea-facing, popular Durban hotel (part service)

HOLIDAY INN GARDEN COURT - NORTH BEACH ***

Rates are on a room only per person per night basis & exclude tourism levy.
Breakfast is an additional optional charge

Single occupancy	R670.00
Shared occupancy	R400.50

Sea-facing, popular Durban hotel (part service)

CITY LODGE **

Rates quoted are on a bed & breakfast per person per night basis & exclude tourism levy.

Single occupancy	R495.00
Shared occupancy	R370.00

Centrally based, close to the convention centre (limited service)

ROAD LODGE *

Rates are based on room only with a maximum of 2 persons per room & excludes tourism levy.
Breakfast is an additional optional charge

Per room per night single or shared accommodation	R250.00
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Within walking distance of Conference venue, MacDonalds on site

MID-CONGRESS SITE VISITS [Full day]

Wednesday 25 February

The technical programme of the Congress will be complemented by a number of mid-congress field trips. These full-day trips will visit different areas of the province and will give delegates the opportunity to continue discussion of relevant issues away from the technical environment of the Event. Please note that numbers on these tours will be limited and will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

MCSV01 - Southern Basin - Air Pollution & Township Tour

The Southern Industrial Basin lies South of The City and represents the Industrial epicenter of Durban. The two largest crude oil refineries in Southern Africa are located here and are flanked by highly populated residential areas - 250 000 people live side by side with these Industries in this highly polluted area.

This tour will highlight the efforts made by some industries to clean up the basin and will show that it is possible to improve living conditions under adverse conditions. The SA Government in collaboration with the Norwegian Government and the eThekweni municipality implemented the Multi-Point plan as a programme of action to address pollution problems in The Southern Basin.

This pilot project will develop the blue-print for the SA Government to set the standards and norms for pollution control levels.

After a technical morning in the basin, participants will visit Umlazi Township and meet the locals, the shabeens and with African beer in hand, get the first taste of a different world.

This tour is for those interested in Air-Pollution Control.

MCSV02 - Valley of 1000 Hills - Community Development

The Valley of 1000 Hills lies inland from Durban. This spectacular valley boasts hundreds of Zulu Villages located within the gorges of the winding Umgeni River.

In this idyllic valley people have blended with the environment to create employment opportunities and at the same time luring tourists from all over the world to showcase the products of an economically sustainable eco-tourism venture.

The tour includes visits to numerous self-help projects with direct interaction with the local communities.

Traditional Zulu Dancing as well as a visit to a crocodile and snake park forms part of this enjoyable programme.

MCSV03 - Traditional Markets - Warwick Triangle

Warwick Junction is unique in character and is a centre of opportunity providing a means of survival to thousands of people.

This centre is located in the Warwick Triangle. It represents the main gateway to the Inner City and makes up most half of Durban's CBD. It is of great significance being one of the oldest and most vibrant parts of Durban, rich in culture, diversity and tradition.

We all know that good standards of Environmental Health are fundamental to the quality of life and well-being of citizens, and to healthy and sustainable economic development.

At Warwick Junction urban Renewal Project Centre problems of public health are dealt with in an integrated planning and management system where all the departments address all the issues together.

Tour includes visits to the "Soul Market" where delegates will see the Bovine Head Cookers, Early morning food market, the Herbal Bridge Market, Badsha Peer Shelter, Bead and Pinafore Sellers, Cardboard Collectors [Buy back centers] as well as the Victoria Market.

MCSV04 - Ports & Harbours.

Durban Harbour is the busiest Port on the African Continent. Together with the Port of Richards Bay they handle 65% of South Africa's Imports and Exports. This strategic Port serves as the gateway for essential commodities for much of Africa and as a result has become the economic hub for this continent.

The container depot continually poses new challenges in the field of environmental health providing a platform for research and development.

Durban's Signature - The World Famous Sugar Silos preside majestically over the quayside at Maydon Wharf.

To compliment the technical sites, delegates can enjoy a visit to the "Bat Centre" which is a superb example of various socio-economic development projects run in conjunction with the Port Authorities. The Focus of the Centre is local arts, cultures, crafts and entertainment which reflects the Zulu, Indian and Western Heritage of Kwa Zulu Natal.

A site visit is included in the full delegates as well as the accompanying persons registration fees. Exhibitors have the option of registering separately for these visits and can do so by completing the exhibitor registration form.

PRE- & POST-CONGRESS LEISURE TOURS

The following tours have been devised and adapted as a result of many years of experience and favorable reports and preferences from international visitors.

Any special interests can be accommodated and tailor made tours can be structured to meet specific needs. Please contact Lynne du Toit on lynne@sbconferences.co.za

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PRLT01: Zululand Splendor :

8 days 15 - 22 February 2004

Rate:	Total package per person sharing accommodation:	R10 270.00
	Total package per person single accommodation:	R12 729.00

Not included: Durban accommodation prior to and after the tour, drinks, items of a personal nature, phone calls and gratuities.

Departure point - Durban

2 Nights - Sodwana Bay Lodge - dinner, breakfast and beach entrance.

2 Nights - White Elephant Lodge - fully inclusive of all meals and 2 game activities per day

2 Nights - Hluhluwe - fully inclusive of all meals and 2 game activities per day

1 Night - Shakaland - dinner, breakfast and the cultural show.

Experience beach, bush, game viewing and zulu culture all on the Kwa Zulu Natal coast line. Sodwana Bay offers scuba diving and snorkelling in the warm Indian Ocean, timeless realm of astounding bio-diversity and beauty. Both White Elephant and Hluhluwe combined boast Africa's renowned "Big-5" - elephant, rhino, buffalo, lion and leopard as well as a rich array of antelope and bird species. More than just a tourist attraction, Shakaland is a traditional Zulu homestead re-living the excitement and romance of the days of Shaka, King of the Zulus offering an enriching experience affording a better understanding of the Zulu nation.

PSLT01: Zululand Splendor:**7 days 28 Feb - 5 March 2004**

Rate: Total package per person sharing accommodation: **R 8 867.00**
 Total package per person single accommodation: **R11 062.00**

Not included: Durban accommodation prior to and after the tour, drinks, items of a personal nature, phone calls and gratuities.

Departure point: Durban

2 Nights - Hluhluwe - fully inclusive of all meals and 2 game activities per day
 (Big 5 Game Reserve - Hluhluwe)

2 Nights - Sodwana Bay Lodge - dinner, breakfast and beach entrance
 (this venue is on the beach and offers snorkling, diving and has great turtle activity)

2 Nights - White Elephant Lodge - fully inclusive of all meals and 2 game activities per day
 (Beautiful Big 4 camp - no lions).

PRLT02: Cape Town & the Garden Route:**8 days 14 - 21 February 2004**

Rate: Total package per person sharing accommodation: **R 9 687.00**
 Total package per person single accommodation: **R11 173.00**

Includes airfare from Port Elizabeth to Durban and airport transfer to the Durban hotels.

Not included: Durban accommodation after the tour, drinks, meals not specified, items of a personal nature, phone calls and gratuities.

Departure point: Cape Town - Arrival into Cape Town - under own arrangements.

4 Nights Waterfront Cullinan Hotel - bed & breakfast basis. Full day Peninsula Tour, Half day Winelands Tour, Day at leisure in Cape Town for optional tours
 4 Day Garden Route Tour - dinner, bed & breakfast, entrance fees

Cape Town, "The Mother City", is cradled by the Table Mountain and is reputed to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The city of Cape Town offers endless tourist attractions and is steeped in history. The Victoria & Alfred Waterfront is the most highly visited waterfront in the World.

The Garden Route which boasts a wonderful scenic experience, is well known for its indigenous forests, flora, wildlife and scenery. Oudtshoorn is considered to be the Ostrich capital of the world and 30km from here is one of the world's natural wonders, the famous Cango Caves. Knysna, also on this route, is well known for its most unique industry, namely oyster farming. The Tsitsikama forest boasts more different plants than found in the entire northern hemisphere and here one could be fortunate enough to see the last remaining Knysna elephants.

PRLT03: Overland Kruger Park / Swaziland / Zululand: 7 days 15 - 21 February 2004

Rate: Total package per person sharing accommodation: **R10 237.00**
 Total package per person single accommodation: **R11 406.00**

Not included: Durban accommodation after the tour, drinks, meals not specified, items of a personal nature, phone calls and gratuities.

Departure point: Johannesburg

Arrival into Johannesburg under own arrangements.

1 Night Sandton City Holiday Inn Garden Court - bed & breakfast
 1 Night Hazy View - dinner, bed & breakfast
 2 Nights Kruger Gate Lodge - dinner, bed & breakfast and game drives
 1 Nights Royal Swazi Sun - bed & breakfast
 1 Night Itala Game Reserve - dinner, bed & breakfast.

The road to The Kruger National Park offers spectacular scenic attractions including mountains, panoramic passes, valleys, rivers, waterfalls and forests. The World famous Kruger National Park offers a unique environmental experience for the visitor, with a good chance of seeing the Big Five [rhino, elephant, lion, leopard and buffalo]. The park teems with a variety of game, including cheetah, giraffe, wildebeest, hyena, hippo, impala and more than 350 species of bird life. This superbly managed park is a model for other wildlife reserves world-wide and should not be missed.

Swaziland a tiny landlocked kingdom offers an intriguing mix of colonial heritage and homegrown confidence.

Ithala's big game species include black and white rhino, elephant, buffalo and giraffe and is the ideal haven for a large variety of birds especially raptors.

PSLT03: Overland Zululand / Swaziland / Kruger Park: 6 days 28 Feb - 4 March 2004

Rate: Total package per person sharing accommodation: R 9 837.00
Total package per person single accommodation: R10 806.00

Departure point: Durban - reverse of the above trip, ending at Johannesburg International Airport.

Not included: Durban accommodation prior to the tour and Johannesburg accommodation after the tour, drinks, meals not specified, items of a personal nature, phone calls and gratuities.

PRLT04: Top of the Range: 7 days 15 - 21 February 2004

Rovos Rail & Private Game Lodge Sabi Sands,
Kruger Park

Rate: Total package per person sharing accommodation: R16 050.00
Total package per person single accommodation: R22 900.00

Rate includes airfare: Johannesburg / Kruger / Durban and all airport / ground transfers.

Not included: Durban accommodation after the tour, drinks where not specified, meals not specified, items of a personal nature, phone calls and gratuities.

Departure point: Cape Town

1 Night - Cullinan Inn Cape Town Waterfront - bed & breakfast
2 Nights - Rovos Rail, Cape Town to Pretoria - fully inclusive of all meals and drinks & personal valet
1 Night Pretoria - prior to the safari - bed & breakfast
2 Nights Private Game Lodge, Kruger - fully inclusive of all meals, airport transfers, open game drives, game walks, teas and drinks in the bush.

View the splendor of the African Bushveld amidst the comfort of a by-gone era. Where else in the World could you imagine boarding a refurbished wood paneled coach pulled by a magnificent steam engine? Enjoy the fine cuisine in five-star luxury as some of the most varied scenery imaginable unfolds beyond the windows.

After two days aboard the train, the itinerary includes a true African experience offering game viewing in open topped land-cruisers and accommodation at private game lodges that boast beautifully appointed en-suite air-conditioned rooms. Superb game viewing and delicious cuisine is an outstanding combination that makes for an unforgettable experience of a life time.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

A varied and interesting programme has been arranged for associate delegates. Tours will be repeated to allow for maximum participation.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS DAY TOURS

(All tours are based on a minimum of 4 passengers traveling and will be cancelled should the minimum uptake not be reached)

ACP01a, b & c: Half Day City Tour

Sat 21, Sun 22 and Mon 23 February (10h00 - 12h30)

(Included in Accompanying Persons registration fee)- R250.00 delegate fee

Drive the "Golden Mile" with its golden beaches, curio sellers, rickshaw pullers and hotels, to the harbour entrance, where a stop is made for photos and a walk about for guests to find out more of origins of Durban.

The tour continues along the Victoria Embankment viewing historical statues, Vasco da Gama Clock and Dick King statue. Pass the Sugar terminal towards the University of Natal campus where a panoramic view of Durban can be appreciated. After driving through Durban's affluent Berea toward the Dolphin Coast, refreshments will be enjoyed at an Umhlanga Rocks beach front hotel overlooking the ocean followed by an optional beach walk.

ACP02a & b: Full Day Bushman Paintings

Saturday 21 & Thursday 26 February (07h00 - 17h00)

R880 per person including entrance fees and lunch

Depart Durban at 07h00 for a drive to the majestic Drakensberg Mountains. Retrace the steps of the Bushman people to a cave overlooking the green valleys below and view the artwork of these fascinating little people. Guests will be guided through the cave by a guide who will interpret the paintings and the way of the life of the Bushman people. After a picnic lunch on the banks of the Bushmans River, return to Durban through the Natal Midlands. (Walking shoes and hats will be needed for this tour. Walking time approx. 1 1/2 hours in total).

ACP03a & b: Full Day Hluhluwe Game Reserve

Saturday 21 & Friday 27 February (06h30 - 18h00)

R990 per person including lunch

06h30 Depart from central Durban for a two and a half hour drive northwards through the sugar and timber plantations of Zululand with a private guide. Spend the day in the park in open top game viewing vehicles in search of "The Big Five". Hluhluwe-Umfolosi Game Reserve is famous for its large numbers of both black and white rhinos. It was from this reserve in the 1960's that the famous "Operation Rhino" was launched in order to increase the number of white rhino worldwide. The reserve is one of the oldest in South Africa. Lunch is included at Hilltop Camp. Return to Durban late afternoon.

ACP04a & b: Full Day Stud Farm and Midlands Meander

Sun 22 & Tues 24 February (09h30 - 16h00)

R880 per person including lunch

Depart Durban and drive through Pietermaritzburg to the beautiful Natal Midlands, known for its magnificent dairy and stud farms. Visit one of South Africa's premier stud farms where stallions belonging to wealthy Arab Sheiks stand at stud. Enjoy an excellent lunch at a beautiful country house attached to the stud farm. Return to Durban via the Midlands Meander, making stops en route at various art and craft shops. (Cash Bar)

ACP05: Health Hydro pampering day

Monday 23 February (07h30 - 17h00)

R1 100.00 per person fully inclusive

This exclusive experience includes return transport from Durban up the Dolphin Coast to Balito Bay for eight hours of pampering at a health hydro:

- Release all your tension with a full body massage
- Enjoy a cup of tea with a homemade health muffin
- Personal skin analysis followed by a ninety minute aromatic facial
- Enjoy a healthy yet substantial lunch
- A pampering manicure, pedicure and reflexology
- Full use of the swimming pool during the day.

ACP06a & b: Full Day Zulu Community - Valley of 1000 Hills

Mon 23 & Thurs 26 Feb (10h00 - 16h00)

R600 per person incl. Lunch & Entrance fees

This tour entails a visit to a local Zulu community living on the outskirts of the City of Durban. After driving westwards towards Hammersdale and Drummond descent is made into the beautiful

Valley of 1000 Hills. This lovely valley is where rural Africa links arms gently with urban living. In days gone by, wagons would travel along the spine of the Valley of 1000 Hills, which was the main road into the hinterland from Durban. The hospitality of these local people is renowned and guests will be escorted through the local village where they can meet with the Sangoma and Inyanga, see the crafters at work (beading and basketware) and take a walk along the banks of the Umgeni River whilst listening to tales of Zulu courtship. A visit can also be made to the local school, and guests are encouraged to bring any school supplies that they can find with them - ie pencils, pens, rulers etc. for donation.

ACP07a & b: Duma Manzi Private Game Reserve

Tues 24 & Fri 27 February (09h30 - 16h30)

R700.00 per person incl. Lunch

This private reserve offers game viewing in open 4 x 4 vehicles. The property, 90 minutes outside Durban, is situated in the Richmond/Eston area and is stocked with plains game including the various buck species, giraffe and zebra. The group will partake in game drives followed by a 4 x 4 scenic drive down the magnificent river gorge where entertainment on the banks of the Umkomaas River will be by authentic Bushmen who demonstrate their survival skills. Lunch will be enjoyed in true African style in the boma.

ACP08a & b : Half day Designer Shopping Tour (R300 per person including refreshments)

Monday 23 & Thursday 26 February (09h30 - 13h00)

With its blend of East and West, Europe and Africa, Durban is emerging as South Africa's new design capital - the place where our indigenous design language is being written, in fashion, interiors, retail and cuisine. And now, a number of uniquely enterprising undertakings have mapped this out on a Design route that meanders through the City, taking you on a journey of incredible buying and browsing that includes exquisite antiques, contemporary African art, crafts and gifts, antique books, costume jewellery and collectibles, bespoke bed and table linen, crafted furniture, artistic framing, interior design concepts and handcrafted lighting. The Design Route is a wonderful way to spend a day, visiting the stores, studios, boutiques and galleries, speaking to the designers, feeling the textures, smelling the scents and experiencing the full warmth of Durban hospitality.

This tour offers selected stores described above and includes a choice of refreshments, i.e. cappuccino, muffin, cake, quiche etc.

LETTERS OF INVITATION

The congress secretariat will be pleased to send a letter of invitation to any individual who requests one. It should be understood that such an invitation is intended to help potential participants raise travel funds or obtain a visa, and is not a commitment on the part of the conference to provide any financial support. Letters of invitation should be requested from shamla@sbconferences.co.za

REGISTRATION INCLUSIONS

Please refer to the enclosed registration form for detailed fees. Fee inclusions are as follows:

Full Delegates and Students:

Conference Sessions
Proceedings on CD
Teas and Lunches during conference
Delegate bag
Attendance at social functions:
Welcome Function / Sunday 22 February
Cocktail Function / Monday 23 February
Congress Dinner / Wednesday 25 February
Field trip Wednesday 25 February

Accompanying persons:

Opening Ceremony Monday 23/02
Welcome pack
Durban Orientation Tour
Attendance at social functions:
Welcome Function / Sunday 22 February
Cocktail Function / Monday 23 February
Congress Dinner / Wednesday 25 February
Field trip Wednesday 25 February

EXHIBITORS:

Social and conference related inclusions:

2 representatives per company will each be entitled to the following:
Teas and Lunches on show days only i.e, excluding Wednesday 25/02
Attendance at sessions of choice
Welcome Function / Sunday 22 February
Cocktail Function / Monday 23 February

Optional tickets for field trips and congress banquet tickets may be purchased as per the registration forms.

Exhibitors will be sent a separate registration form

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cheque payments

Only cheques drawn on South African Banks will be accepted. A crossed cheque in favour of Sue Bumpsteed Conferences/Environmental Health should accompany your registration form.

Direct Deposits

Once fees have been deposited into the following account, proof of payment must please be faxed to the conference secretariat (+27 31 312-9441). Account details:

Name:	Sue Bumpsteed Conferences/Environmental Health
Bank:	Nedbank
Branch:	Manager Direct
Branch code:	135 - 705
Account number:	1648 044 808

Foreign bank drafts

Deposits from foreign banks may be made into the above account but are subject to varying local bank charges. Delegates will be required to pay this additional amount on registration (the amount ranges from R75 - R200).

Credit cards

Payment by all major credit cards will be accepted.

Cancellation policy

A 50% cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations made before 30 November 2003. A 100% cancellation fee will apply to all cancellations made after the 30 November 2003.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Airport transfers

Durban International Airport is only 20 minutes drive from the International Conference Centre. Please complete the appropriate section on the registration form so that we can inform the transfer company of your arrival. The cost per transfer will be R120.00 per transfer and is payable directly to the transfer company. A welcome desk will be located in the arrivals hall at Durban International Airport and will be operational on Saturday 21, Sunday 22 and Monday 23 February 2004

Currency and banks

The South African currency is the Rand (R1 = 100 cents). One US Dollar (US\$) is approximately equal to R7.30 (based on the exchange rate at time of printing -September 2003). Most South African services accept payments using major credit cards such as Visa, Master Card, American Express and Diners Club. Facilities for cashing travellers cheques are available at banks (operating hours weekdays 09h00 -15h30, Saturdays 08h30-11h00) and at most hotels. Banks are closed on Sundays. Foreign exchange agencies are open during the week and on Saturdays. Automatic teller machines are open 24 hours and are located at most banks. You are permitted to take R500 in SA bank notes out of the country, thereafter a levy is charged on additional amounts.

Disabled facilities

If you require disabled facilities, please notify the secretariat by indicating this on your registration form.

Duty-free allowance

You may bring the following items into South Africa:

Wine - 2 litres	Perfume - 50ml	Cigarettes - 400
Spirits - 1 litre	Tobacco 250g	Cigars - 150

Electricity

The electricity supply is 220-240 volts, 50 Hz. The connection for appliances is a round three-pin plug. Most hotels provide dual-voltage two-pin razor sockets (100-120 volts and 220-240 volts).

Health

There are no compulsory vaccination requirements for persons entering South Africa. However, certain areas of the country, including the North-Eastern half of KwaZulu-Natal are malaria regions. If you anticipate travelling to a malaria area it is essential that you take prophylaxis before arrival and the necessary precautions while in the area (e.g. protective clothing, insect repellents). South African doctors and dentists are highly trained and hospitals are well equipped. It is strongly advised that delegates take appropriate health insurance prior to their departure. Should you require any additional medical information please e-mail Dr David Dungan directly on docdavid@iafrica.com

Liability

The Conference Organisers have taken all reasonable care in making arrangements for the Congress, including accommodation and technical visits. In the event of unforeseen disruptions, neither the Conference Organisers nor 8th IFEH congress committee can be held responsible for any losses incurred by delegates. The programme is correct at the time of printing, but organizers reserve the right to alter the programme if and when deemed necessary. The Conference Organisers act as agents only in securing hotels, transport and travel services, and shall in no event be liable for acts or omissions in the event of injury, damage, loss, accident delay or irregularity of any kind whatsoever during arrangements organized through contractors or by the employees of such contractors. Hotel and transportation services are subject to the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the general public. Delegates should make their own arrangements with respect to personal insurance. The conference organizers reserve the right to make changes as and when deemed necessary without prior notice to the parties concerned. All disputes are subject to resolution under South African Law.

Taxes

The present rate of VAT (value added tax) is 14%, which is included in the cost of most items. On their departure, non-South African residents can claim back the VAT paid on certain purchases taken out of the country. You will be required to produce a VAT invoice for those items where VAT is to be claimed back as well as the items of purchase, at the airport of departure.

Time difference

Time in South Africa is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

CONTACT DETAILS

Gratuities

Gratuities are your prerogative and should be regarded as a reward for good service. It is customary to tip hotel porters, and a gratuity of about 10% is usual in restaurants. No service charge is added to hotel or restaurant bills.

Visa requirements

Visas are not required for citizens of most European countries and many other countries. A valid passport is required. A list of countries that currently do not require a visa can be found at the SA Government website (<http://home-affairs.pwv.gov.za/migration/visas/schedule.htm>).

Participants requiring a visa for entry to South Africa are strongly advised to make their application in their home country at least three months before their intended date of travel. For more information please contact your nearest embassy or South African consulate, or consult your travel agency. Entry visas are available at the airport upon arrival into the country - they have to be obtained prior to arrival. Delegates wishing to travel to South Africa's neighbouring countries and back to South Africa are advised to apply for a multiple-entry visa.

Weather

The weather in February is hot and humid, with daily temperatures ranging between 25°C - 28°C during the day and night.

Pre-congress Calendar

Deadline for extended Poster abstracts	30 October 2003
Deadline for Final Papers	15 November 2003
Deadline for Early bird registrations	30 November 2003

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