

2nd Conference of the Southern African YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS

FINAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

3rd-5th July, 2011

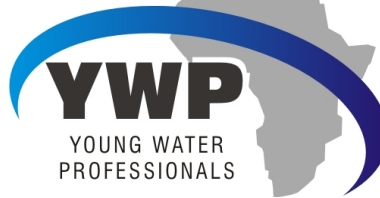
CSIR ICC, Pretoria, South Africa

Organised by the

Southern African Young Water Professionals

under the auspices of the

International Water Association (IWA) and Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA)



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Sponsors page: <http://www.wisa.org.za/ywp/ywpc2011/ywpcponsors2011.htm> on the conference website.



A conference for postgraduate students and young professionals (under the age of 35, **or** of any age who are still studying or who gained their qualifications less than five years ago) working in the water and wastewater sector in Africa.

DATE AND VENUE

The conference will start with early registration and an optional "Networking with a Smile" session in the late afternoon preceding the conference, **Sunday, 3rd July 2011** at the CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria, South Africa. The centre is situated in Meiring Naudé Road, Brummeria (next to Lynnwood) and is well signposted from the N1 off-ramp. The CSIR Conference Centre website: www.csiricc.co.za has a map to the venue as well as GPS co-ordinates.

The conference itself then follows on the next two days: on **Monday, 4th and Tuesday, 5th July 2011**. The organisers would like to thank the CSIR International Convention Centre for making the Centre available at a preferential tariff as part of their commitment to the development of science and technology in South Africa.

This conference follows on the very successful 1st Regional Conference held in January 2010 at the CSIR.

THE YOUNG WATER PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME

The International YWP Programme was initially created to counteract a perceived loss of knowledge brought about by the impending retirement of many leaders in the water industry. The YWP Programme provides a range of activities, services and initiatives to young professionals and students in the water and wastewater sectors. The programme connects with employers, academic institutions and other professional associations to ensure that the future needs of the sector are understood and addressed and that inter-generational dialogue is created to form links between senior professionals of the sector and the incoming young professionals. The Programme includes the following aims:

- Connecting people in order to provide opportunities for YWPs to meet and communicate.
- Career development opportunities for young water professionals through the organisation of workshops and online initiatives.
- Sector support to help employers with the recruitment and retention of YWPs.
- Programme development to ensure that the programme remains relevant to the needs of YWP.
- Engagement of young water professionals in IWA programmes and other water related initiatives.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference aims to provide a forum for young researchers and professionals in water and wastewater science, research, engineering, technology, management and other areas of the water sector, to present their work and meet their peers in multi-disciplinary fields of water research to further career development. Participants will be able to discuss current and future water management concerns.

The Young Water Professional who is adjudged the **Best Platform Presenter** at this regional conference will be sent to represent South Africa at the Biennial IWA International Young Water Professionals Conference in Budapest, Hungary, 10th to 13th July 2012, subject to meeting the IWA's YWP eligibility criteria. See the IWA YWP website for details: http://www.iwahq.org/Home/Networks/Young_Water_Professionals/.

The Young Water Professional who is the winner of the **Best Poster Presenter** Award at this conference will be awarded attendance at the next WISA Biennial Conference and Exhibition in Cape Town, 5th to 9th May 2012 subject to meeting WISA's YWP eligibility criteria.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The organisers extend an invitation to students and young professionals (who are under the age of 35, OR of any age who received their qualifications less than five years ago, OR have not yet completed their studies) working in the water and wastewater sector in South Africa or other African countries. These include delegates from:

- Universities
- Provincial and national water departments
- Water engineers, managers and educators
- Water and social scientists, biologists and hydrologists
- Resource economists and management agencies
- Representatives of water boards and industry
- Policy-makers, consultants, stakeholders and relevant NGOs

The conference organisers regret that they can not offer travel funds for attending the conference. Bursars of DAAD (Germany), IFS, ISP or SPIDER are advised that these bodies may have scholarships to enable travel within Africa. Enquiries should be made directly to those organisations.

STRUCTURE OF CONFERENCE

The two-day conference will include invited plenary and keynote presentations, parallel sessions of papers on case examples and research, posters, social functions, a knowledge café, an instructive "Networking with a Smile" session, social functions and ample opportunity for networking and discussion.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Sunday, 3rd July 2011

16:30 - 18:30 EARLY REGISTRATION

17:00 - 18:00 Hot chocolate, Gluhwein and Networking with a Smile

Monday, 4th July 2011

07:00 - 09:00 LATE REGISTRATION with tea / coffee and light breakfast snack

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome: Organising Committee Chairman Dr Jo Burgess

09:10 - 10:00 Opening Plenary Address

10:00 - 10:30 Tea

10:30 - 12:30 Sessions

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 - 15:10 Sessions

15:10 - 15:40 Tea

15:40 - 17:00 Sessions

17:10 Conference photograph

17:45 - 21:30 Siemens Potjiekos Evening: on Deck at the CSIR ICC



Tuesday, 5th July 2011

08:15 - 08:30 Tea / coffee and light breakfast snack

08:30 - 09:20 Plenary Address

09:30 - 10:20 Sessions

10:20 - 10:50 Tea

10:50 - 11:50 Sessions

11:50 - 12:20 Tea

12:20 - 13:40 Sessions

13:40 - 16:00 **Awards Lunch** - presentation of awards

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Dynamic keynote speakers have agreed to participate in the conference:

Prof Adam Habib ♦ Ms Claire Janisch ♦ Prof Anthony Turton ♦ Dr Catherine Ngila ♦ Dr Heidi Snyman

For information about these plenary and keynote speakers, visit www.wisa.org.za/ywp/ywpc2011/ywpckeynotes2011.htm

ABSTRACTS ACCEPTED FOR PRESENTATION

A full list of abstracts accepted for oral and poster presentation will be available on the conference website in March 2011. Authors whose abstracts are accepted for platform presentation will be invited to submit full manuscripts for submission to *Water Science and Technology*.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS - All registered delegates are invited to the three social functions:

Networking with a smile! - A fun, instructive session on *HOW TO NETWORK* to take place at the Conference Centre from 16:30 to 17:30 on Sunday, 3rd July after Early Registration. The session will be lead by a networking expert and all delegates are invited to sharpen up their networking skills. Gluhwein and hot chocolate will be served. In order to derive maximum benefit from this session, it is suggested that all delegates bring business cards with them to the conference (home-made is fine).

Siemens Potjiekos Evening – the evening function will take place on the new deck (up amongst the trees – with a fabulous view!) at the CSIR Conference Centre after the day's proceedings: ±17:30 on Monday, 4th July.

Awards Lunch; Flying The Flag – The finale of the conference will be a late seated buffet lunch to be held at the venue: 14:30 to 16:00 on Tuesday, 5th July. The Best Platform Presenter and the 'Best Poster' awards will be announced. In view of South Africa's recent successful staging of the World Cup, this year's lunch theme will be 'FLYING THE FLAG' and delegates are invited to bring sporting regalia to wear during the lunch. Delegates from other countries are welcome to bring their own flags to wave..... An event not to be missed!

GROUP PHOTO

As with the first Regional SA YWP Conference, there will be a group photo of all delegates taken during the conference. This photo will be made available on the website after the conference.

ACCOMMODATION

It is suggested that out-of-town delegates book into accommodation in the Hatfield area (± 8 kms from venue and 65 kms from OR Tambo International Airport). Hatfield is a suburban university/sporting area with a relaxed cosmopolitan atmosphere. The area has shops, restaurants, fast food outlets and cinemas. Delegates must make their own accommodation reservations. The following three hotels are recommended and are on the courtesy bus route:

- **Protea Hotel Manor** - www.proteahotels.com/protea-hotel-manor-hatfield.html, e-mail: reservations@proteamanor.co.za - Tel: 012 362 7077. Cnr Burnett & Festival Streets, Hatfield (R700 single / R800 double room/ R105 breakfast*).
- **Town Lodge Menlo Park** - www.citylodge.co.za/tl6.htm, e-mail: tlmenlo.resv@citylodge.co.za - Tel: 012 676 2711. Cnr Atterbury & Klarinet Streets, Menlo Park (R737.30 single / R848.40 double room / R90 breakfast*).
- **City Lodge Lynnwood** – www.citylodge.co.za, e-mail: 012 471 0300. Cnr Lynnwood & Daventry Roads, Lynnwood (R931 single / R603 double pp / R90 breakfast*).

There are many reasonably-priced guest houses in the Hatfield area within walking distance of the Protea Hotel Manor, see www.sleeping-out.co.za, www.roomsforAfrica.co.za - tariffs range from ± R300 upwards. See the FREE SHUTTLE MAP on the conference website before you book accommodation.

- **1322 Backpackers International**, www.backpackers.com, Tel: 012/326 3905, 1322 Arcadia St, Arcadia (R110 pp*) – is within walking distance of the Protea Hotel Manor. Early booking is advised.

Another option for those with their own transport is the Centurion Road Lodge (Tel: 012 641 0400, e-mail: www.citylodge.co.za/rl15.htm, <https://www.citylodge.co.za/rl15.php>, R469.65*) – but please note that this hotel is NOT on the courtesy bus route.

COURTESY TRANSPORT

A shuttle bus will collect delegates from the three hotels above each morning and return them each evening. Delegates choosing to stay in accommodation other than the appointed hotels above are welcome to walk to one of them in order to catch the daily courtesy bus to the venue.

NB: Delegates travelling to the venue in their own transport are advised to leave early to cope with the rush hour traffic. Breakfast snacks will be provided at the CSIR ICC.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The hotel or guest house where you make your booking will usually arrange an airport transport at nominal cost, or you can contact: **Page Corporate Transport Services** – pagecorporate@wbs.co.za, Tel: 011 452 6970. Transfer cost will be between R300 and R420 depending on the number of people.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) ACCREDITATION

The conference will be applying for two CPD points. Attending delegates will be given documentary proof and advised of the Accreditation Reference Number.

* Prices quoted were applicable as at December 2010.

MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Dr Tobias Barnard	:	Water and Health Research Unit, University of Johannesburg
Dr Jo Burgess (Chairman)	:	Water Research Commission
Dr Inga Jacobs	:	CSIR
Ms Shanna Nienaber	:	CSIR
Mr David Ntsowe	:	City of Tshwane
Dr Henry Roman	:	Johannesburg Water
Ms Cilla Taylor	:	PCO: Cilla Taylor Conferences

REGISTRATION FEES

Payment of the registration fee entitles delegates to:

- Attendance at all technical sessions.
- Participate in the 'Networking with a Smile Session' (includes gluhwein and hot chocolate).
- A snack on arrival early morning, lunches and mid-morning/afternoon refreshments at the venue.
- A flash disk containing all the written papers presented at the conference.
- Attend the Siemens Potjiekos evening and the Awards Lunch
- Courtesy shuttle transport between the three appointed hotels and the venue.
- A bag containing conference documentation.

	Early bird fee – incl of VAT (payable before 15 th May 2011)	Late fee – incl of VAT (after 15 th May 2011)
IWA or WISA members (membership no. to be provided for verification)	R1 000	R1 250
Non-members	R1 250	R1 500

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment by cheque deposit or internet transfer only, pay only on receipt of tax invoice from WISA using banking details provided on the invoice & **quote the invoice number**. Payment of the fee must be made in South African Rands. Do not pay your fee before submitting your completed Registration Form and receiving an invoice. It is vitally important that the invoice number should then be used as a reference when depositing or transferring the payment.

Registrations may not be made telephonically. All registrations will be acknowledged by e-mail within a week of receipt.

A SUBMITTED REGISTRATION FORM IS TAKEN AS A FIRM COMMITMENT AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-ATTENDANCE, THE DELEGATE WILL BE HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF THE FULL AMOUNT.

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE! Please note: Payment of the registration fee is strictly in advance for all delegates including those from governmental and municipal departments. No exceptions can be made. Please note that proof of payment will be required at the registration desk in order to enter the conference venue. Credit card facilities will be available to allow payment on entry in the event that your payment has not been received; however a 5% surcharge will be levied for use of this facility.

Cancellation: Should you be unable to attend the conference after paying your registration fee, you may cancel prior to 20th June 2011 and a refund (less bank charges and an administration fee) will be returned to you after the conference. After 20th June 2011 no refund can be considered - but substitutions can be made until 30th June 2011.

RECRUITMENT AND EXHIBITION HALL

A Recruitment and Exhibition Hall will run alongside the conference where tea and coffee breaks will take place. Exhibitors are invited to recruit young professionals and to exhibit their services and products. No formal shell scheme, fascia name, lighting or furniture will be provided by the organisers. Exhibition fees will vary:

R 8000 + VAT for commercial organisations,

R 6500 + VAT for academic institutions and non-profit associations/societies

R10 000 + VAT for the International pavilion (built shell schemes)

SPONSORSHIP

The conference requires sponsors. A list of sponsorship options which provide a high degree of flexibility and combine a number of traditional branding elements with added-value opportunities for addressing the delegates is available on request, from the Secretariat: confplan@iafrica.com.

CORRESPONDENCE AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES

The Secretariat (Cilla Taylor Conferences)
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Conference photograph during the 1st Regional SA YWPC, January 2010