

18th Annual SASVEPM Congress, 2020

19-21 August, Forever Resort Warmbaths, Bela-Bela - Limpopo

First
Announcement

*Creative animal
health solutions for
sustainable economic
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Dear SASVEPM Members,

On behalf of the Southern African Society for Veterinary Epidemiology & Preventive Medicine I am pleased to invite you to the 18th Annual SASVEPM Congress to be held at the Forever Resort Warmbaths, in Bela-Bela Limpopo from 19-21 August 2020.

The congress will be held under the theme "***Creative animal health solutions for sustainable economic growth***".

Our region is currently facing diseases challenges, which has led us to rethink the way disease surveillance and control has been conducted in the past half a century or so. Epidemiologically sound disease surveillance and control methods that used to suffice have now become null and void. Why? Pathogens seem to be a step ahead of us in their adaptive means. The current corona virus outbreak in Asia is a classic example. Locally Foot and Mouth Disease and African Swine Fever are good examples that diseases neither read books nor respect borders/zones.

Land use and farming practices coupled with climate change have been drifting over the years yet our approach to disease control has remained the same, relatively.

To stay abreast, we need new cutting-edge insights and innovative methods for the control of challenging trade sensitive transboundary, endemic, emerging and re-emerging animal diseases that we are faced with in Southern Africa. Therefore, our focal point this year is innovative methods and solutions for sustained disease control in a One Health approach for economic stability and growth. We are looking forward to your abstract submissions in the same ballpark with this year's theme.

SASVEPM 2020 is honoured to have Professor Mark Rweyemamu (Executive Director, SACIDS Foundation for One Health) who is a One Health and surveillance economics guru, Professor Folorunso Oludayo Fasina (Country Team Leader, ECTAD-FAO) a transboundary animal diseases wunderkind and Professor Mary-Louise Penrith (Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria), a renowned biosecurity and biosafety expert.

We look forward to providing the opportunity for participants to share, discuss and debate research findings in the Bread and Fruit Basket of South Africa, Limpopo Province.

Dr Nelson Matekwe
President, SASVEPM



IMPORTANT DATES

- 01 February - Abstract Submission Opens
- 17 April - Abstract Submission Closes
- 15 May - Abstract Acceptance Notices
- 20 April - Registration Opens
- 30 June - Early Registration Closes
- 7 August - Regular Registration Closes

TRADE & EXHIBITION

For Sponsorship packages, tailor made options, or to book your exhibition space at the congress, contact the Congress Secretariat: Claudia Cloete at marketing@savetcon.co.za



REGISTRATION

All delegates are required to register online at

www.savetcon.co.za

RSVP for social functions are essential

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

- Guidelines for abstract submissions for epidemiologic studies can be found at: [STROBE](#). Abstracts will be screened and selected according to these guidelines.
- [Click here](#) to download the Abstract Submission Form.
- Please submit your abstracts, on the abstract form, to the Congress Organisers through e-mail to Corné Engelbrecht at corne@savetcon.co.za.
- The deadline for abstract submissions is **17 April 2020**.
- Abstracts can be submitted for consideration either as oral or poster presentations. Please adhere to the instructions on the form.
- Delegates wishing to submit more than one abstract must please complete a separate form for each abstract.
- Abstracts are limited to 350 words/1xA4 page.
- Include 3-5 keywords.
- Please ensure that the e-mail addresses as submitted are correct as these addresses will be used in all correspondence and acceptance notifications.
- Abstract to be accompanied by a one (1) page curriculum vitae (CV) of the presenting author
- Late submissions will not be considered.
- Oral presentations will be allocated 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion.
- Poster sessions form an integral part of the congress, and posters will be displayed on poster boards for the duration of the congress. Poster presenters are requested to stand at their posters during tea breaks.
- Poster Size: A0 - 841mm(w) x 1189mm(h)

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

Wednesday, 19 August 2020

07h30	Registration opens
08h00	Welcome
08h15	Keynote 1
09h15	Session 1
10h15	Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing
10h40	Session 2
12h00	Poster Session
12h30	Lunch
13h30	Session 3
15h00	Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing
15h30	Session 4
17h00	End of Day 1
17h30	Welcome reception

Thursday, 20 August 2020

08h00	Post-Graduate Student Presentations
10h40	Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing
11h10	Session 5
12h30	Voting for student presentation prize
12h45	Lunch
13h45	Session 6
15h30	Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing
16h00	SASVEPM AGM
17h00	Free Time
19h00	Gala Dinner – ‘Chic Shebeen’

Friday, 21 August 2020

08h00	Session 7
10h20	Tea/Coffee Break & Poster viewing
11h00	Session 8
12h30	Close of Congress
12h45	Lunch & Departure

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Registration Category	Payment received by 1 June 2020*	Payment received by 7 August 2020
FULL CONGRESS¹		
Delegate	R4,900.00	R5,900.00
Student (full-time)**	R1,850.00	R1,850.00
Retired vet	R2,500.00	R2,500.00

DAY REGISTRATION²		
Delegate	R1,750.00	R2,250.00
Student (full-time)	R750.00	R750.00
Retired vet	R1,200.00	R1,200.00

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS (for additional persons/day attendees)		
Welcome Reception	R200.00	R200.00
Gala Dinner [#]	R450.00	R450.00

¹Registration for full congress includes:

- Congress bag;
- Morning break refreshments
- Lunches;
- Welcome reception;
- Gala dinner

²Registration for day attendees include

- Congress bag;
- Morning break refreshments
- Lunches;
- Social Function on day of attendance only

*NB: payment not received by the advertised due date will automatically be carried over to the next payment category.

**Valid Student number and Proof of registration for 2020 is required.

RSVP is essential to book a ticket for the Gala Dinner. If you do not indicate your attendance on the registration site, you will not be able to attend the function. Remember to RSVP.

ACCOMMODATION

We strongly advise all participants travelling to South Africa to check the relevant visa requirements and to apply for their visa at least 2 months in advance of the congress.

It is the participant's responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa and the secretariat is unable to intervene in the process.

Accommodation has been reserved at Forever Resort Warmbaths. Room rates from R1,345.00 per person per night and R945 per person per night sharing (bed & breakfast) has been negotiated for all participants of the congress. Please quote reference SASVEPM when making your accommodation booking.

Accommodation Options

1. Standard Hotel Room with one double bed and bathroom with shower (no bath), toilet and basin – single accommodation only. Limited rooms available.
2. Two-bedroom 4 Sleeper Chalet (2-minute drive to congress venue): Main bedroom with a double bed & en-suite. Second bedroom with two single beds. Lounge and fully equipped kitchen. Bathroom with a bath, shower and toilet.



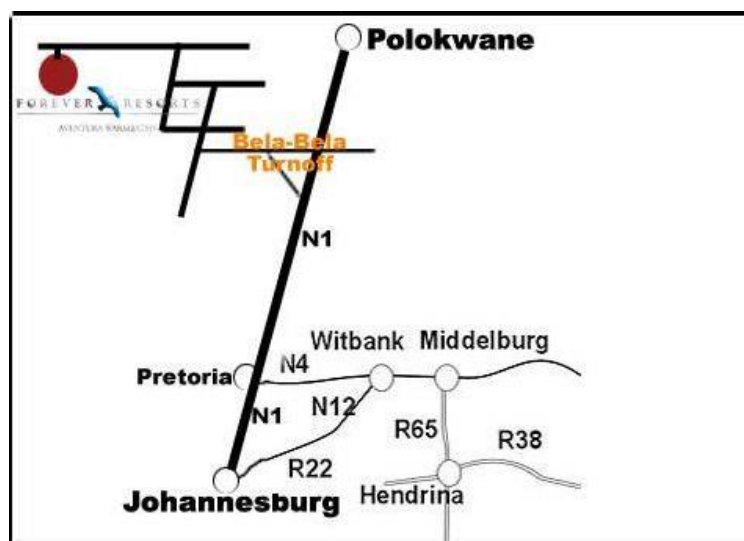
Bookings

Accommodation bookings should be made directly with the Forever Resort Warmbaths by contacting Jessica Masemola on 014 736 8509 or email banq03@foreversa.co.za.

You can also book your accommodation online on the registration system and through the secretariat. **PLEASE NOTE:** A 4.5% processing fee will be added to all accommodation bookings paid for via PayFast (credit card) to cover the processing transaction fees. Electronic transfers are free of charge and no processing fee will be added to the costs.

GETTING THERE

Forever Resorts Aventura Warmbaths is situated within easy reach of Johannesburg and Pretoria on the N1 highway to Polokwane in the Limpopo Province.



ACCOMMODATION RATES

We have negotiated the following rates at the Forever Resort Warmbaths:

- R1,345 single room
- R945 per person sharing – 2 bedroom
- R825 per person sharing – 3 bedroom

Above rates include bed & breakfast at the Spur Restaurant on the Resort.

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