

**VIRTUAL** 49<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL PARSA  
CONFERENCE

14 & 15 September 2021

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



# Message from the President

Dear Fellow Parasitologists,

The Parasitological Society of Southern Africa (PARSA) is delighted to invite you to the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual and 1<sup>st</sup> **Virtual** PARSA Conference.

The conference will take place over two 4-hour morning sessions on 14 & 15 September 2021 respectively. The PARSA Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the last session on 15 September 2021.

Attendance to the full virtual conference will be free to all PARSA members - registration fees will be subsidized by PARSA. Registration for all non-members will be R500 pp. Registration will open on 24 May 2021.

The programme will consist out of one keynote speaker and a combination of oral and poster presentations, presented by PG students with substantial data (in their 2nd year of MSc, 2nd & 3rd year of PhD) and Postdocs.

We are also exploring the possibility of hosting a very interesting student event on the Tuesday evening. Details in this regard will be communicated to all shortly.

I am looking forward to a productive and interactive Conference and am confident that you will all enjoy and contribute to the PARSA 2021 Conference.

**Prof. Sonja Matthee**

PARSA President



*Prof. Sonja Matthee*



# Important information

## DATES

Conference: 14 & 15 Sept. 2021  
Registration opens: 24 May 2021  
Abstract submission open: 24 May 2021  
Abstract submission close: 01 July 2021  
Abstract confirmation: 26 July 2021  
Presentations submitted: 01 Sept. 2021

## REGISTRATION

Attendance to the full virtual conference and student event is free to all PARSA members.  
Registration for non-PARSA members & students are R500 pp.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## PROGRAMME

The conference will take place for 4 hours in the morning on each day.  
The PARSA Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the last session on 15 September 2021.

## PARSA STUDENT MEMBER EVENT

Tuesday 14 September 2021  
19h00 – “From the Horse’s Mouth”  
by Dr Sarah L. Poynton  
(Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, USA)

Students & Postdocs  
ONLY

## ABSTRACTS

- We are inviting all postgraduate students (final year MSc and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD) and Postdocs to submit abstracts.
- ORALS (10-min pre-recorded PowerPoint presentation with Q&A at the end of the session. Presenters need to “attend” the Q&A session).
- POSTERS (2-min pre-recorded PowerPoint presentation, with no Q&A session).

**Abstracts to be submitted by 01 July 2021.**

# Proposed Programme

## DAY 1 – TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

09h00	Introduction & Housekeeping	SAVETCON
09h05	Welcome & Opening	Prof. Sonja Matthee
09h15	Keynote - A Journey Full of Amazing Parasites and One Health Lessons Learned	Prof. Patricia Conrad (DVM, PhD)
10h00	Oral Presentation 1	10 mins
10h10	Oral Presentation 2	10 mins
10h20	Oral Presentation 3	10 mins
10h30	Question & Answer session	
10h45	Break	
11h00	Oral Presentation 4	10 mins
11h10	Oral Presentation 5	10 mins
11h20	Oral Presentation 6	10 mins
11h30	Question & Answer session	
11h45	Poster Presentation Speed Session (15 Posters)	2 min pre-recording (no Q&A)
12h15	Wrap up & Closing	
12h30	Close of Day 1	
19h00	PARSA Student Member Event	



### ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Prof. Patricia Conrad (DVM, PhD) is the Associate Dean for Global Programs at the School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis USA, and Co-Director of the system-wide (10 campus) UC Global Health Institute. Prof. Conrad is a veterinarian and Distinguished Professor of Parasitology whose research is focused on the transmission of protozoan parasites between wildlife, humans and domestic animals.

## DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

09h00	Introduction & Housekeeping	SAVETCON
09h05	Welcome & Opening – Day 2	Prof. Sonja Matthee
09h15	Oral Presentation 7	10 mins
09h25	Oral Presentation 8	10 mins
09h35	Oral Presentation 9	10 mins
09h45	Question & Answer session	
10h00	Break	
10h15	Oral Presentation 10	10 mins
10h25	Oral Presentation 11	10 mins
10h35	Oral Presentation 12	10 mins
10h45	Question & Answer session	
11h00	Poster Presentation Speed Session (15 Posters)	2 min pre-recording (no Q&A's)
11h30	Lunch	
12h00	AGM & Prize Giving	
13h00	Close of 2021 Congress	

# Abstract Submission Guidelines

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Abstracts can be submitted for consideration either as oral or poster presentations. Please adhere to the instructions in the attached form.

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Maximum number of words in abstract is 350.

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Oral presenters will be required to provide a pre-recorded, 10-minute presentation. A general Q&A session will be held at the end of each session. The relevant presenters are required to be available online for the Q&A session.

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Poster sessions form an integral part of the conference. All poster presenters will be required to provide a pre-recorded, 2-minute presentation of their poster which will be shown during the allocated poster speed sessions.

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Please ensure that the email addresses as submitted are correct as these addresses will be used in all correspondence and acceptance notifications.

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Late submissions will not be considered.

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Complete the attached Word document - the last page can be used as a “template” for your paper.

All approved oral and poster presentations must be pre-recorded, using the PowerPoint Slide Show Recording Function.

All recordings to be submitted by 01 September 2021.

Please submit your abstracts to the PARSA Conference Organisers through email to Corné Engelbrecht at [corne@savetcon.co.za](mailto:corne@savetcon.co.za). The deadline for abstracts submission are 01 July 2021. No late submissions will be accepted.

For any queries, contact the PARSA Conference Organisers through email to Corné Engelbrecht at [corne@savetcon.co.za](mailto:corne@savetcon.co.za) or telephone +27(0)71 587 2950

# Reminder

The 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife (ICPOW) has been postponed to 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please diarise the following date in your calendars:

4<sup>th</sup> ICPOW and 50<sup>th</sup> PARSA will be held during 4-8 September 2022.  
In Kruger National Park, South Africa.

