

**Joint
Biodiversity Information Management
& Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme
Forum 2018**

13th – 16th August, Cape St. Francis, Eastern Cape

Second Announcement

You are cordially invited to the joint BIMF-FBIP Forum which provides an opportunity for the foundational biodiversity information research and data community in South Africa to share information, discuss our practise and explore ways of improving the efficiency and impact of our work. With the BIMF-FBIP Forum we aim to promote and further enhance networks, data sharing opportunities, collaboration and the development of information management practice by the biodiversity science community. The 2018 Forum will have a strong focus on the collection, analysis and use of biodiversity data in the context of global change.

This year we are very honoured to have Dr Evgeny Zakharov, Associate Director at the Canadian Centre for Biodiversity Genomics, University of Guelph which is responsible for the International Barcode of Life (IBOL), as our guest speaker. Dr Zakharov will also be presenting a workshop on the use of the Barcode of Life Database (BOLD).

There will also be a focus on camera trap data with a full day discussion and workshop on how we can collaborate nationally to ensure that camera trap data are archived and made accessible in an integrated way. This will be followed with a practical camera trap workshop focussing on existing systems for storing and working with camera trap data.

Apart from presentations and a poster session, the Forum will include a Postgraduate Student Forum and the core programme will be followed by training workshops on the 16th of August.

REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION:

No registration fee is charged. Accommodation (including dinner and breakfast) for a limited number of delegates is available at Cape St Francis Resort and will be sponsored by the funders. To make your registration and accommodation request, please complete the attached registration form. Once we have received your registration and request for accommodation, you will receive an email to confirm acceptance/rejection of your accommodation application. The deadline for accommodation requests is **16 July 2018**. The Forum's organising committee will notify applicants by the **18th of July 2018** if their request for accommodation has been approved and will make the reservations on behalf of the successful applicants. Due to space limitations and costs, students will be expected to share. To save costs, we also encourage delegates to share rooms.

Participants will be required to make their own travel arrangements to and from the venue.

PROGRAMME:

The provisional programme is attached. The Forum will begin on Monday, the 13th of August with registration and lunch (12:00 – 14:00) and the opening address and talks will start at 14:00 ending with a poster and networking session at 17:30. There will be a scientific programme of keynote addresses, oral presentations, and a Post Graduate Student Forum from Tuesday 14th – Wednesday 15th August. A workshop to develop a national strategy for managing camera trap data will run in parallel to the programme on the 14th of August 2018. On Thursday the 16th, three parallel training sessions will take place.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTER SESSION:

Call for Abstracts for oral presentations is now closed and only poster submissions will be considered. The poster session is for participants to exhibit posters and/or banners reflecting their biodiversity information-related work. Viewing time will be on 13th of August from 17:30-18:30. If you would like to use this opportunity to display a poster, please let us know.

STUDENT POST-GRAD FORUM:

A Post-Grad Student's Forum will be held in conjunction with the BIMF-FBIP Forum. Limited travel funding will be provided to postgraduate students who applied for funding. Successful student applicants will receive an email confirming their travel assistance.

TRAINING SESSIONS:

Three training sessions will run parallel on the 16th of August:

- **Camera trap data management** – using existing systems for storing and working with camera traps data.
- **Barcode of Life Database** – using BOLD for DNA barcode data analysis and identification of material. This workshop will be led by Dr Evgeny Zakharov of IBOL, and will illustrate some of the key functionalities of the Barcode of Life Database (BOLD).
- **SANBI-GBIF Georeferencing Training:** SANBI-GBIF will be hosting a Georeferencing training event, to build skills in improving data quality. New approaches in georeferencing skills will be presented.

UPCOMING DEADLINES AND DATES TO REMEMBER:

Request for Sponsored Accommodation at Cape St Francis Resort closes: **16 July 2018**

Registration (excluding accommodation) closes: **25 July 2018**

Confirm acceptance/rejection of accommodation request: **18 July 2018**

Accommodation cancellations: **25 July 2018**

Official opening of Forum: **13 August 2018 (14:00)**

Poster and Networking Session: **13 August 2018 (17:30)**

Post-grad Student Forum: **14 August 2018 (17:00 – 19:00)**

Camera Trap workshop to develop management strategy: **15 August 2018 (8:30-16:00)**

Parallel Training Workshops: **16 August 2018 (8:30-14:00)**

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