

PAEMS  
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Cape Town, South Africa



## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT PAEMS 2008

6<sup>th</sup> Pan African Environmental Mutagen Society Conference -  
Environmental Mutagens and Carcinogens: Assessing, Managing and Reducing Risk

Venue: Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC)  
Cape Town, South Africa,  
2-5 November 2008

### Conference Announcement

It is a pleasure to invite you to attend the sixth meeting of the Pan African Environmental Mutagen Society in Cape Town to be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) from 2-5 November 2008. The CTICC is located in the city centre and close to the Cape Town Waterfront. The conference will provide scientists from Africa with a unique opportunity to present their latest research findings, to foster collaboration and to establish long-term relations between scientists from Africa and abroad. A PAEMS General Meeting will be held to elect a new executive committee and to discuss matters concerning the PAEMS. Invited speakers from the African continent and speakers from outside Africa, working on topics concerning environmental mutagens and carcinogens will participate in the meeting. Poster presentations will also form an important part of the programme.

### Previous meetings

The PAEMS has been very successful in arranging scientific meetings in different African countries since 1992. Meetings took place every 3-4 years in Egypt (two meetings), South Africa, Zimbabwe and Morocco.

### Aims

The aims of the PAEMS are to encourage the study of mutagens, carcinogens and substances of related biological activity in the human environment, particularly those of public health importance in Africa; to help African scientists to recognize and control these problems in their own countries; to facilitate the spread of information and technology concerning environmental mutagens and carcinogens, and to promote cooperation and training programmes between different African countries with leading laboratories and international agencies around the world.

### Organising Committee

Hester Vismer (Chairperson), Wentzel Gelderblom, Gordon Shephard, Iqbal Parker, David Katerere, John Rheeder, Kareemah Gamildien, Liana van der Westhuizen, Hester-Marie Burger, Lorraine Moses, Gail Imrie, Xoliswa Kupiso.

### Officers of the PAEMS

President - Fatima-Zahra Squali (Morocco), President Elect - Hester Vismer (South Africa), First Vice President - Alaoui Abdelilah (Morocco), Second Vice President - Roland Ndip (South Africa), Secretary General - Wentzel Gelderblom (South Africa), Treasurer - Gordon Shephard (South Africa).

#### Call for Papers / Posters

Interest in presenting papers or posters should please be indicated on the enclosed interest form. Abstract forms and deadline dates will be published in the second announcement.

#### Language

Papers, posters and abstracts will be in English.

#### Workshops

Several workshops are planned to take place before or after the conference provided there is enough interest. Details on the workshops will be published in the second announcement.

#### Registration/Accommodation

Registration and accommodation details will be sent by e-mail to all interested persons in the second announcement.

#### Registration Fees

Registration fees for the conference will be South African R 2000. Payments in other currencies will be US\$ 300 or €220. Do not send payment yet. Final fees will be published in the second announcement. Limited funds may be available to assist researchers from Africa intending to deliver a paper or poster at the conference. Applicants will be selected on merit.

#### Deadline / Final dates

Deadline dates for the submission of abstracts, notice of acceptance of papers/posters, application for financial assistance and final conference dates will be published in the second announcement.

#### Interest Form

Please complete the enclosed PAEMS 2008 Interest Form and fax it or e-mail your information to Hester Vismer by 31 January 2008.

#### Enquiries

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