

Greetings from South Africa

Response to our initial notice of the conference has been encouraging and thanks to all who have already expressed their interest to participate. We are in the final stages of preparing the budget and therefore the registration structure, which we hope to forward to you within the next weeks.

We are now inviting you to submit oral and poster abstracts for the 10th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions to be held in Stellenbosch, South Africa from 23 - 27 August 2009.

Participants planning to present an oral or poster are encouraged to submit a tentative title by 30 November 2008 using our on-line submission form. If you are unable to access or use the on-line form, you may submit your title by sending an email to [reventer@netactive.co.za](mailto:reventer@netactive.co.za). Authors who would prefer to submit their abstract/s at this stage are welcome to do so. Guidelines to authors are included in the attached document and submission form. Authors are requested to limit the word count of the text to 200 words (title, names & addresses excluded).

Our invitations to keynote speakers are being negotiated now and soon we will bring you the news on that.

EMAPi2009 Featured themes include:

- Molecular ecology of plant invasions
- Invader-induced trophic cascades
- Novel ecosystems
- Human dimensions of plant invasions
- Mapping & modeling of plant invasions
- Methods for risk analysis in biosecurity
- Managing invasive plants ~ learning from successes and failures
- Plant invasions in protected areas
- Plant invasions in arid areas ~ special problems, special solutions
- Plant invasions in mountains -- ecology and management
- Theories in Plant Ecology
- Nurseries ~ never-ending source of invasive species?
- Biofuels ~ a major source of problems with invasive plants in the future?
- Communication, education & social marketing ~ beyond pretty posters to behaviour change
- General

The registration form including the registration and accommodation fees are being prepared and will be posted on the website within the next weeks. As soon as that has been done, we will again send you a notice.

Warm regards from a summery South Africa

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