



SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION
OF BOTANISTS (SAAB)

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT
JOINT CONGRESS OF THE 45th ANNUAL SAAB, AMA AND SASSB
Johannesburg 8 – 11 January 2019**

Congress Theme
Biodiversity and conservation for a better tomorrow

The Department of Botany and Plant Biotechnology at the University of Johannesburg invites you to the 45th Annual Congress of the South African Association of Botanists. This congress will be affiliating with the African Mycological Association and the Southern African Society for Systematic Biology. The congress will be held at the University of Johannesburg Kingsway campus in Auckland Park, Johannesburg. On campus accommodation will be available within walking distance of the conference venue and there are additional lodging available off campus.

The meeting will provide an exciting opportunity to present new research, interact with colleagues in respective fields and attend workshops linked to the congress. The conference theme is 'Conserving biodiversity to ensure our future'. We would like to invite you to submit ideas/proposals for workshops, special sessions or symposia around this theme or in a related field.

An exciting evening programme is planned to allow attendees the opportunity to interact in a relaxed atmosphere.

The following sessions are considered:

Invasion Biology
Ecology
Plant Conservation
Savannah ecology
Ecophysiology, Physiology and Biotechnology
Plants interacting with other organisms
Systematics and taxonomy
Ethnobotany and medicinal plants
Plant anatomy, development and structure
Mycology

Associated Symposia:

**Wood anatomy: an African perspective
7-10 January 2019
University of Johannesburg
South Africa.**

This symposium “Wood anatomy: an African perspective” will be held on 7-10 January 2019 in Johannesburg, South Africa, at the annual Conference of the South African Association of Botanists (SAAB). The program will include different topics of wood and bark anatomy as structural diversity, formation, functions, evolution and identification of these tissues with the focus on the exploration of African woody plants. The symposium will be associated with IAWA.

For more detail, please contact Alexei Oskolski (aoskolski@uj.ac.za).

Accommodation

Accommodation will be made available at the Sophiatown residence located next to the Auckland Park campus. Additional Bed and Breakfast/Self-catering accommodation is available around the University of Johannesburg campus.

Local conference organisers

Dr Eduard Venter (Chairperson)
Prof Annah Moteetee (Co-chairperson)
Ms Mildred Muller (Secretary; Hospitality Officer)
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Ms Rene Tong (Venues and Facilities Officer)

Important dates

Registration:	14 August to 14 October 2018
Abstract submission deadline:	14 August to 14 October 2018
Late registration:	15 October to 30 November 2018

Registration

Please visit the conference website at <https://sabotanyblog.wordpress.com> for additional information and online registration.

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