

5th African Marine Mammal Colloquium

"New frontiers in African marine mammalogy"

20th - 23rd August 2018

The 2018 African Marine Mammal Colloquium will tackling new frontiers. For the fifth biennial, the AMMC will be moving out of the Western Cape to another centre of African marine mammal research, Port Elizabeth. In keeping with our theme, we are especially encouraging marine mammal people from elsewhere in Africa to participate. We already have keen interest from a number people outside of South Africa. Also in keeping with our theme we are encouraging participation from marine mammal conservationists and educators. And finally, we are encouraging presentations on exciting new research fields and techniques.

Theme: New frontiers in African marine mammalogy

Venue: Port Elizabeth Museum at Bayworld

Important dates:Abstract submission1Notification of acceptance3Registration opens1Early registration closes1Conference dates2

 10^{th} of June 2018 30^{th} of June 2018 1^{st} of July 2018 1^{st} of August 2018 $20^{th} - 23^{rd}$ August 2018

Preliminary programme: Monday 20th August – evening icebreaker Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd August – conference plenaries, presentations, poster sessions and workshops. Fees: Early registration fee R2 500 Late registration R4 000 This includes a conference pack, lunches, suppers, morning and afternoon refreshments.

Workshops & Events:

If you wish to lead a workshop, please submit an outline on the <u>abstract form</u> by the abstract deadline. Please indicate that it is for a workshop, who the organisers will be and suggest an ideal number of participants.

Abstracts:

Please see attached for the abstract submission form. We encourage project leaders to give an overview of their projects. Submissions open the 1st May Submissions close on the 10th June Notification of acceptance by the 30th June Please submit abstracts to: <u>AMMC.abstracts@gmail.com</u>

Plenary speakers: Dr Yves Cherel (Centre d'Etudes Biologiques de Chizé, France), Prof Ken Findlay (Cape Peninsula University of Technology). Further plenary speakers to be confirmed

Hosts: Port Elizabeth Museum at Bayworld Institute for Coastal and Marine Research, Nelson Mandela University

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Information on accommodation, programme details, etc will be forthcoming.

Organising committee: Greg Hofmeyr – chair (Port Elizabeth Museum at Bayworld) Stephanie Plön – scientific chair (Earth Stewardship Science Research Institute, Nelson Mandela University) Meredith Thornton (Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria & Dyer Island Conservation Trust)