

INTERFACES 2008

3rd – 7th August 2008
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GUIDELINES

Posters:

1. Maximum size: PORTRAIT AO = Width 841mm – Height 1189 mm.
2. Include your name, address
3. The poster must remain on the poster boards for the entire duration of the conference and should be erected and removed by yourself, or a person delegated by you.
4. Posters should be placed on a lightweight backing board.
2. Only thumb tacks, prestik, double sided tape or pins may be used to attach posters.
3. A viewer should be able to read and understand the poster in less than two minutes and typeface should be large enough that it can be read from 2m away
4. A “pdf” or “tif” version of your poster to put into the hard copy of the Programme is requested by **27th June 2008**.
5. Instructions on separate attachment.
6. There will be a special poster session, and you will stand at your poster and share your information with the audience.

Paper presentations:

A data projector and laptop will be provided. Please advise (with abstract submission) should you need a slide projector and/or overhead projector or any other type of audio-visual aid.

1. Paper presentations will take the form of platform papers.
2. You have **12 minutes** to present your paper and a **3 minute** discussion period.
3. Digital presentations should be submitted as a Powerpoint® **show** presentation (**pps**). Double clicking a Powerpoint show file automatically opens as a running presentation.
4. Presentations must be no larger than 25 MB.
5. Presentations can be saved either onto a flash disk or onto a CD. If saved onto a CD, save your presentation on CD-R and **NOT CD-RW DISCS**. When writing your CD, ensure that it is readable on all CD drives. To be on the safe side duplicate your CD – some CD drives and written CDs simply don't communicate with each other!
6. Please let us know well in advance so that we can try and accommodate you if the above does not suit you, and what your other requirements are.

Abstracts:

1. The abstract should contain the title, three key words, names of authors, and co-authors where relevant, and their addresses.
2. The text of the abstract should be no more than 300 words.
3. Please prepare the abstract in Arial Narrow 11, and 1.5 line spacing.

4. See example at end of this document.
5. Abstracts should be submitted by email to paisley@botanicalsociety.org.za by 9th May 2008.

AN EXAMPLE OF AN ABSTRACT

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Cape Town: a Biodiversity Megadisaster

Key words: threatened ecosystems, conservation, development pressures

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The City of Cape Town sits at the heart of the Cape Floral Kingdom. Although covering an area of only 2200km², it contains 9 of the 24 Critically Endangered ecosystems (as defined by the National Environmental Management, Biodiversity Act of 2004) in South Africa. In this area some 13 plant species are globally extinct (at least in the wild), out of a total of 47 in South Africa: Thus 3.4% of the world's 380 extinct plant species occur within Cape Town; only a few countries exceed Cape Town's figure. A further 152 threatened species (Red Data List: Critically Endangered, Endangered and Vulnerable) occur in the area. Although there are many initiatives to conserve and manage the biodiversity, critical areas are being lost at a faster rate than conservation measures can counter. Land transformation and invasive alien plant species pose the biggest threats. Severe pressure to provide land for upmarket suburban and coastal developments and low-cost housing for Cape Town's rapidly growing low-income sector, to obtain building materials (primarily sand), and to provide shaded landscapes for walking dogs are in direct conflict with national objectives to conserve representative ecosystems. Even within the Table Mountain National Park - established in 1997 as the largest conservation area in the city - it is evident that alien control is slipping behind and ecosystem conservation is being compromised by social pressures, for recreation. Without further international pressure and funding, efforts by local conservation officials will fail to slow the rate of degradation.

Good Luck and we look forward to your presentations.