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**2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement**

Harmonization of toxicological issues between developed and developing countries

Organized by the Toxicology Society of South Africa  
(TOXSA)

Under the auspices of the International Union of Toxicology  
(IUTOX)

**Venue:**

**SUN CITY**  
North West Province  
SOUTH AFRICA

**Date:**

**6 to 10 September 2009**



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On behalf of TOXSA and IUTOX, we wish to invite you to participate in the **7<sup>th</sup> Congress of Toxicology in Developing Countries** to be held in Sun City, South Africa!

**Venue: Sun City Resort**

Sun City Resort [www.suninternational.com](http://www.suninternational.com) is set in the stark ruggedness of the North West Region of South Africa in the heart of an ancient volcanic crater. It is surrounded by mountains and the untamed majesty of the African bushveld including the Pilanesberg National Park where elephants, rhinos, lions and antelope roam freely. The Lost City Convention Centre and the Royal Ballroom where the congress will be held, have all the necessary amenities for an international congress.

## **International Advisory and Scientific Committees**

### **International Scientific Programme Committee**

- Jasna Kniewald, Croatia
- Silvia Barros, Brazil
- Wentzel Gelderblom, South Africa
- David DeMarini, USA
- Berhanu M Abegaz, Botswana
- Sameeh Mansour, Egypt

### **International Advisory Committee**

- Wallace Hayes, U.S.A
- Danica Prpic-Majik, Croatia
- Kevin Chipman, UK
- Jyrki Liesivuori, Finland
- Herman Autrup, Denmark
- Sanmi Areola, USA

### **Representative from relevant international organizations**

- Carolyn Vickers, WHO
- Julia Hasler, UNESCO

## **Local Organising Committees**

### **National Scientific Programme Committee**

- Mary Gulumian, National Institute for Occupational Health
- David Katerere, PROMEC, Medical Research Council
- Christo Botha, University of Pretoria
- Kobus Eloff, University of Pretoria

### **Financial Committee**

- Sibbele Hietkamp, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
- Wilna Jansen van Rijssen, Food Safety, FoodNCropBio
- Lyndy McGaw, University of Pretoria
- Edmund Bizimenyera, University of South Africa
- Japie van Tonder, University of Pretoria

### **Communications and public relations Committee**

- Vanessa Steenkamp, University of Pretoria
- Tracy Snyman, University of the Witwatersrand
- Alida Grové, Department of Health

### **Local arrangements Committee**

- Rina du Toit, Conference Organiser
- Melissa Vetten, National Institute for Occupational Health
- Mary Gulumian, National Institute for Occupational Health
- Vanessa Steenkamp, University of Pretoria

### **Topics to be covered:**

- ❖ Clinical Toxicology
- ❖ Forensic Toxicology
- ❖ Safety in food including GMO and minimum residual levels
- ❖ Toxic exposures in the working environment in developing countries
- ❖ Toxicological issues related to environmental pollutants including:
  - Endocrine disruptors
  - Particles
  - Metal ions
  - Asbestos
  - Contaminants from electronic waste disposal and exposures in the developing world e.g., metals brominated flame retarders etc.
- ❖ Ethics in clinical trials and pre-clinical testing in developing countries
- ❖ Capacity building in toxicology in developing countries including training and information transfer
- ❖ Toxicological issues related to traditional remedies
  - New law on label claims for medicinal plants
- ❖ Veterinary toxicology
- ❖ The role of poison centres in developing countries
- ❖ Risk assessment
  - The science of risk assessment and risk communication in developed and developing countries
  - Mixtures and risk assessment
- ❖ Latent effects of early life exposures
- ❖ Toxicogenomics and proteomics

### **Deadlines:**

**Call for abstracts**

**Abstract submission**

**Abstract acceptance notification**

**Early registration closes**

**Late registration closes**

**15<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2009**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

**30<sup>th</sup> April 2009**

**16<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

## Registration & Abstract Submission

For registration and abstract submission, please visit the congress website [www.7ctdc.co.za](http://www.7ctdc.co.za)

### Registrations Fees

Early Full Registration	before 30 April 2009	US\$ 600
Full Registration	before 16 August 2009	US\$ 620
Late Full Registration	after 17 August 2009	US\$ 660
Early Student Registration	before 30 April 2009	US\$ 300
Student Registration	before 16 Aug 2009	US\$ 320
Late Full Registration	after 17 August 2009	US\$ 360
Early Accompanying Person	before 30 April 2009	US\$ 240
Accompanying Person	before 16 August 2009	US\$ 320
Late Accompanying Person	after 17 August 2009	US\$ 360
Educational Courses		US\$ 80

The registration fee includes:

- Admission to all scientific sessions
- Conference material
- Tea/Coffee
- Reception cocktail

Please note that travel costs, hotel accommodation, congress dinner, African Barbeque, African Safari and insurances are not included in the registration fee.

Registration fees are payable in US\$ or the equivalent amount in Euros or British pounds. South African delegates to pay in equivalent amount in RSA Rand

It is the responsibility of delegates to confirm transfer of payments.

## Important Information

### Official language

South Africa has 11 official languages but at the Congress only ENGLISH will be spoken. No simultaneous translation will be provided.

### Climate

At the Sun City Resort: Day temperatures in September are mild: 20-30°C during the day and 10-15°C at night. Midwinter occurs in June and July and Midsummer in December and January.

In South Africa: The climate ranges from Mediterranean in the Cape Peninsula to subtropical on the KwaZulu-Natal coast and in the North Eastern regions, while temperate conditions prevail inland: High 28°C and Low 12°C.

### Medical service

South Africa does not have a national health scheme. The patient is individually responsible for settling all accounts. Travel insurance covering accidents, illness or hospitalization during your stay is strongly recommended. The Sun City Resort where the congress is being held has 24 hour medical and emergency services. The Resort as well as the adjacent Pilanesberg National Park is a **MALARIA FREE** area.

## **Malaria**

Malaria is found only in the Lowveld of Mpumalanga and Limpopo and on the Maputaland coast of KwaZulu-Natal. Although the incidence of malaria is rare, it would be best to take adequate precautions if you choose to visit these areas.

The cheapest, safest and most effective measures against malaria are physical barriers such as a mosquito net, and the use of a good insect repellent. If you decide to take malaria prophylaxis, it is essential that the drugs are taken according to the directions on the package insert. You will need to start a week or two before entering a malaria-endemic area and should continue taking the drugs for four weeks after leaving the malaria risk area. It is advisable to consult a medical professional before embarking on a course of malaria prophylaxis.

## **Vaccinations**

Visitors entering South Africa from a yellow fever zone must have a valid international yellow fever inoculation certificate. Immunization against cholera and small pox are not required, nor are other vaccinations required when visiting South Africa.

## **Certificate of attendance**

Certificates will be available ON REQUEST ONLY at the end of the Congress at the Registration Desk. CPD points will be allocated to delegates attending CECs. Certificates of attendance for the CEC (Continuing Education Courses) will also be available ON REQUEST ONLY at the end of courses at the Registration desk.

## **Liability and insurance**

Registration for the Congress implies that delegates agree that neither the Local Organizing Committee nor the Professional Congress Organizer assume any liability or responsibility for any losses, accidents or damage to a person's private property. Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements for medical, travel and personal insurance.

## **Pre and post tours and links**

Game trackers Outdoor Adventures has the pleasure of offering you some amazing adventure activities during your stay at Sun City: Game drives, Hot Air Balloon Flights, Quad Biking, Archery, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Drumming, Elephant Back Safaris, Visit to Kwena Gardens which is home to over 300 Nile Crocodiles, etc are on offer.

Awesome Foursome offers the ultimate African experience beginning with a Hot Air Balloon Flight across the Pilanesberg National Park, a colonial style breakfast in the company of elephants, a foot safari in "Big 5" country, a lion darting exercise and a night game drive and Boma dinner beneath the stars.

## **Welcome Centre at Sun City**

This centre has Guest Relation Officers on duty all day to assist visitors with any kind of information on the resort and tours outside the resort. A Sun City Help Desk is also situated here and operates from 09:00 to 20:00 everyday. Furthermore, a Desktop Publishing and Business Centre is situated at the Entertainment Centre in the resort.

## **Transport and accommodation**

All transport to and from local airports and Sun City will be organized by Elsabé Welman from Availabed. She can also assist with accommodation before and after the congress in other places in South Africa. Her particulars are:

Elsabe Welman

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### **Currency and exchange**

The South African Rand is the local currency (R1 = 100 cents). Foreign exchange can be done at banks or foreign exchange centres at the airport on arrival, or in any of the casinos in the resort from 08:00 until the casino closes every day. A passport will be required for ALL transactions.

### **Credit cards, shopping**

Foreigners can claim sales tax refunds and should ask salesmen to fill out a tax refund form when purchasing any goods. All major credit cards are accepted throughout South Africa, as well as Traveler's cheques. Various automatic teller machines are also available on the resort.

### **Electricity/Voltage**

The voltage throughout the complex is 220V/50hz.

### **Time Zone**

Central European Time

### **Water**

Tap water is drinkable in all parts of South Africa.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is restricted to specific areas and not allowed in public.

### **Visa requirements**

For the majority of foreign nationals who travel to South Africa, entry is straightforward and hassle-free. All visitors must be in possession of a valid passport in order to enter the country and in some cases, a visa. To determine whether you require a visa to enter South Africa, visit the comprehensive South African Home Affairs Department at <http://www.southafrica.info/travel/documents/visas.htm>

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON EVERYTHING POSSIBLE CONNECTED TO SOUTH AFRICA, please visit [http://www.southafrica.co.za/south\\_africa\\_travel\\_info\\_40.html](http://www.southafrica.co.za/south_africa_travel_info_40.html)

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