



## **PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **21<sup>st</sup> Conference of the Southern African Society for Quaternary Research**

**3-7 April 2017**

**Parkview, Johannesburg**

**First call for Abstracts and Registration**

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## Conference Details

Gauteng hosts a wealth of sites of Quaternary palaeoscience interest, with the many hominid sites in the Cradle of Humankind, the longest continuous palaeoenvironmental record at Tswaing Crater, and a range of Stone Age sites. The 2017 SASQUA conference will celebrate the palaeoscience heritage of the region. All Quaternarists are warmly invited.

## Conference venue

The conference will be held in the historic setting of one of the oldest schools in Johannesburg, Parktown Girls. The school is located in the quiet leafy suburb of Parkview. There are a number of guesthouses within the suburb, and a vibrant shopping strip on Tyrone Avenue with a range of restaurants. The venue is a five minute drive from the Rosebank Gautrain station and the many Rosebank Hotels.



## Session themes

We encourage the submission of abstracts which complement the following list of themes. We warmly invite proposals for sponsored sessions on topics relating to the southern African Quaternary.

- The LGM of southern Africa
- Palynological records of the Quaternary
- Microfossils as palaeoenvironmental proxies
- Advances and challenges in dating
- Methodological advances in Quaternary Science
- Geomorphology and landscape evolution
- Human evolution
- Climate change and modelling

## **Abstract Submission**

Peer reviewed conference abstracts will be published in a special issue of the DHET accredited journal *Palaeontologia africana*. We therefore request the submission of extended abstracts, details listed in the Call for Abstracts. We additionally request a one-sentence summary of your talk to be included in the conference programme. If you are interested in preparing a full paper for inclusion in the special issue, please indicate this in your registration form.

## **Field trips**

There will be an optional field trip:

Friday 07 March 2017: Trip to the Cradle of Humankind

*This day trip will involve guided tours of sites within the Cradle of Humankind which have been host to important palaeoanthropological discoveries. Busses will leave at 09:00 from the conference venue and return at 17:00*

## **Registration Fees**

International delegates and non-members of SASQUA: R1800

Members of SASQUA: R1500.00

Students of southern African Universities: R1000.00 (please include proof of registration)

Conference dinner\*: R320.00

Cradle of Humankind fieldtrip\*: R700

\* Optional extras

Registration fees and costs of optional extras to be paid to the SASQUA account:

Bank: ABSA

Account name: SASQUA

Account number: 9054912711

Branch code: 632005

SWIFT code: ABSA ZAJJ

## **Important Dates**

31 January: Abstract submission, registration and payment

15 March: Feedback on abstracts

21 April: Submission of full papers for consideration for publication in the conference proceedings