



South African Museums Association

78th National Conference & Annual General Meeting

EAST LONDON

Monday 3rd November to Friday 5th November 2014

HOSTED BY SAMA EASTERN CAPE

Announcement of Conference and Call for Papers

COLLECTIONS MAKE CONNECTIONS



DATE AND VENUE: The 78th SAMA National Conference will be held at the East London Golf Club from Tuesday 4th November 2014 to Thursday 6th November 2014. This venue is one of the oldest golf clubs in South Africa and rated one of the top ten. The clubhouse has beautiful views of the Indian Ocean, and the dunes and scrubland of Nahoon Beach provide a relaxed atmosphere. Antelope, Vervet Monkeys and an array of bird species complete the picture.

ACTIVITIES: Excursions to the East London Museum and the Anne Bryant Art Gallery are planned. Post-conference tours to the Steve Biko Centre, Thomas River and San Bushman Rock Art, Cove Rock and Mdantsane, South Africa's second-largest township, are envisaged.

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: COLLECTIONS MAKE CONNECTIONS

Collections are without doubt the cornerstone of a museum. Institutions evolve and change, and present their collections in varying ways to draw connections between various aspects of our society and environment, and between the past, present and future. The ways in which museums collect, conserve, interpret and present our natural and cultural heritage make the connections between museums, the environment and society that are vital to modern museums' sustainability.

The 2014 SAMA National Conference invites papers on the broad theme of 'Collections Make Connections' and the following sub-themes:

- Museums and Democracy.
- Theft of Heritage Objects.
- The Social Value of Natural Science and Cultural Collections.
- The Social Impact of Museums.
- Museums, Social Media, Digital Technology.
- Exhibitions: Connecting the Public to Museums / Museums Connecting with the Public.

PLEASE NOTE: No paper will be accepted unless an abstract is submitted meeting all the following requirements, **by 13 June 2014:**

- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words.
- Include your name, a short biography, your institutional affiliation and your contact details.
- Indicate if and what audio visual equipment will be required.

The duration of each presentation shall **not exceed twenty minutes** and will be followed by discussion. **It is imperative to adhere to the time limit.** Provision has been made for automatic time-keeping at this conference.

Please send your abstracts to SAMA EC by 13 June 2014

E-mail to mventer@elmuseum.za.org

Fax 043 743 3127 or 086 595 0221

NOVICE SPEAKERS COMPETITION

Museum workers who have been working in a museum for **two years or less** are invited to participate in the Novice Speakers Competition by presenting a paper of 8 to 10 minutes on any of the conference sub-themes above. A short description of your intended paper should be submitted by 13 June 2014 to the above contact. This must include the title, name and institutional affiliation of the author and date of assumption of duty in a museum as well as postal and electronic addresses. Please indicate what audio-visual equipment will be required.

ENQUIRIES

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