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International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology (ISWE)

7th ISWE Conference

Skukuza, Kruger National Park

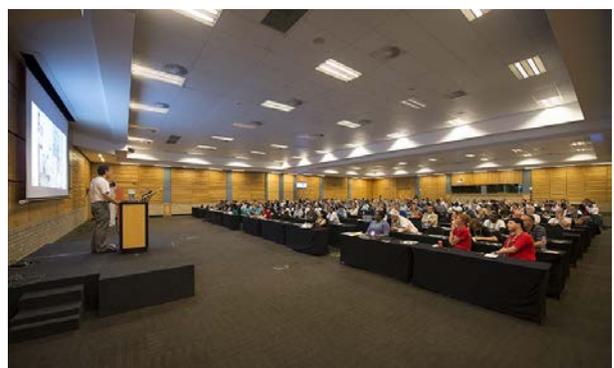
13 – 16 October 2019

The International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology is a non-profit organization that provides a forum for collaboration and information exchange to advance the science of wildlife endocrinology. Our members develop and apply innovative approaches to study wildlife health, reproduction, welfare, and conservation.

During the 3 days of this conference, we will hear about projects that focus on animal reproduction, health, and welfare. We will learn about innovative techniques and how wildlife endocrinology is applied in a wide variety of ways, including a special session on wildlife conservation.

Presentations will include 2 plenary talks, more than 35 oral presentations, an evening poster session complete with complimentary wine and cheese, a trainee-mentor luncheon, and a workshop selected by popular demand!

Registration covers an ice breaker boma dinner on the 13th, morning tea and pastries, as well as lunch and tea for breaks for all three conference days, the 14th-16th, and a bushbraai (dinner in the bush) on the 15th!



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

All abstracts must be submitted on-line by creating an account on the ISWE Abstract Submission System:
<https://www.iswe-endo.org/conference/abstract-submission/>

ISWE welcomes carefully prepared abstracts reporting new basic, applied, or methodological-related research findings concerning wildlife endocrinology, with emphasis on non-invasive and minimally invasive sampling technologies used to address questions applied to adrenal function, reproductive physiology, animal health, ecology and evolution.

Topics include methodologies, reproduction, stress, animal health and welfare, wildlife conservation, and miscellaneous.

A complete guide for authors can be found here: <https://www.iswe-endo.org/wp-content/uploads/Guide-for-Authors.pdf> or on the abstract submission website listed above.

IMPORTANT DATE

Deadline for submission of abstracts:
March 15, 2019

REGISTRATION RATES

Early registration (before July 2, 2019)	Rate
ISWE Members	R4,900 (\$350)
Non-members	R7,000 (\$500)

Late registration (after July 2, 2019)	Rate
ISWE Members	R6,300 (\$450)
Non-members	R8,400 (\$600)

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration opens:
March 15, 2019

Early registration closes:
July 2, 2019

Registration closes:
August 5, 2019

**Exchange rate: ~14 South African Rand = 1 US Dollar*

Graduate and postdoctoral students with outstanding contributions can apply for a travel grant to attend the 7th Conference of the International Society of Wildlife Endocrinology, to cover the costs of airfare and lodging up to a total of R21,000 (\$1,500).

To apply, complete the **Travel Grant Application** available through the link on our conference webpage: <https://www.iswe-endo.org/conference/>, and send your **application** and a copy of your **abstract** to: lara.metrione@sezarc.com.

IMPORTANT DATE

Deadline for travel grant requests:
May 8, 2019

ACCOMMODATION RATES

Options	Rate per person per night	Max # occupants
Bungalow – 2 bed, bathroom, fridge, sink (single)	R1396.83 (~\$100)	1
Bungalow – 2 bed, bathroom, fridge, sink (sharing)	R690.00 (~\$50)	2
Bungalow – 3 bed, bathroom, fridge, sink (sharing)	R554.15 (~\$40)	3
Safari tent – 4 bed, communal bathroom and kitchen (single)	R698.92 (~\$50)	1
Safari tent – 4 bed, communal bathroom and kitchen (sharing)	R350.00 (~\$25)	2
Safari tent – 4 bed, communal bathroom and kitchen (sharing)	R290.88 (~\$21)	3
Safari tent – 4 bed, communal bathroom and kitchen (sharing)	R261.59 (~\$19)	4
Camp site with power point (single)	R359.00 (~\$26)	1
Camp site with power point (sharing)	R179.50 (~\$13)	2

IMPORTANT DATE

Deadline for guaranteed accommodation:
August 10, 2019



TRAVEL INFORMATION

For international attendees, fly into the **Johannesburg OR Tambo International Airport (JNB)**. If needed, there are many hotels associated with JNB available for booking, such as:

<https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-or-tambo-international-airport>

Alternative OR Tambo associated hotels can be found here: <http://www.airporthotelsguides.com/?iata=JNB>

From Johannesburg, you can reach the conference center in Skukuza Rest Camp (Nombolo Mdhluli Conference Centre) in several ways (the distance is about 442 km or a 5 hour drive).

By **PLANE** from the Johannesburg airport directly to Skukuza: <http://skukuzaairport.com/>, where you can rent a car to get around the camp.

By **CAR** through rental services at the Johannesburg airport from any number of well-known companies: <https://www.rentalcars.com/us/airport/za/jnb/> or booked with a designated driver through a reliable service providers such as **PS Tours** (Tel: +27 (0) 12 565 4246; Cell: +27 (0) 82 452 5818; Email: pstours@lantic.net).

By **SHUTTLE**, which can be booked during registration, that leaves OR Tambo at 9:00 AM on October 13th for Skukuza, and leaves Skukuza at 9:00 AM on October 17th for OR Tambo. Price for booking this shuttle is R900 per person each way (~\$66). To book the shuttle for both directions on the 13th and the 17th, it will cost R1800 (~\$132).

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

These activities can be booked for desired dates during the registration process.

Any additional funding generated from optional additional activities will be used to support a postgraduate fellowship conducting a wildlife endocrinology study in Kruger National Park.

Description	Date(s) and Time	Price
<p>Guided walk: (Max of 8 people per walk, 2 walks per day) For about 2 hours, guests are taken to interesting places in the surrounding wilderness areas adjacent to Skukuza. The walk itself is relaxed and experienced and armed guides use their knowledge of the bush to explain natural wonders (and remains) of wildlife (no children under 13 are permitted).</p>	<p>Oct 14, 15, 16 @ 5:00 AM</p>	<p>R577 (~\$42)</p>
<p>Birding trip: (Max of 10 people per trip, 2 trips per day) Learn more about the over 490 bird species known to occur in Kruger and try to spot as many as possible in Skukuza and surrounds. One experienced birder from the Skukuza bird club will guide the tour.</p>	<p>Oct 15 & 16 @ 5:00 AM</p>	<p>R150 (~\$11)</p>
<p>Sunrise game drive: On the morning drives you will be able to enjoy the tranquility of the Kruger National Park at Sunrise. You will be transported on one of the parks open vehicles for an approximately 2-3-hour drive. An experienced guide will interpret the natural bush as well as offer further insight into the ways of the Kruger National Park (no children under 6 permitted).</p>	<p>Oct 14, 15, 16 @ 5:00 AM</p>	<p>R333 (~\$24)</p>

<p><u>Visit to Veterinary Wildlife Services:</u> Learn more about the possibilities and application procedures for conducting research in Kruger National Park by visiting the laboratories and adjunct facilities at Kruger Veterinary Wildlife Services. You will be behind the scenes and get first-hand information about how to conduct research in Kruger.</p>	<p>Oct 14 & 15 @ 3:30 PM</p>	<p>R200 (~\$15)</p>
<p><u>Visit to rhino boma:</u> Hear about the continuing threat to the rhino population in Kruger National Park and its subsequent challenges and experience the mitigation measures put in place by Kruger to help the Rhino to survive (no children under 6 permitted).</p>	<p>Oct 14 & 15 @ 3:30 PM</p>	<p>R250 (~\$18)</p>
<p><u>Veterinary procedure:</u> (Min of 5 people required; Max of 20 people) Witness a once in a lifetime experience watching Veterinary Wildlife Services conducting a hands-on procedure on local megafauna in the bush. This activity is subject to helicopter availability and in the case of an emergency necessitating the cancellation of this procedure, full refunds will be provided (no children under 13 permitted).</p>	<p>Oct 17 @ 6:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p>	<p>R850 (~\$60)</p>