



WATER AND SANITATION: Early career scientists working in Africa

hosted by the University of Venda, South Africa

27-30 May 2013
Protea Hotel Ranch Resort, Polokwane
South Africa



The SNOWS Consortium is hosting its first Scientific Conference for early career Scientists/researchers (PhD) students and those less than 5 years post PhD. During this conference, under the sponsorship of **WELLCOME TRUST**, 18 PhD students are invited to attend a specific three days seminar with some senior researchers, from Europe, USA and Africa and to present their works and results. All topics dealing with water and

sanitation, epidemiology, microbiology, analytical chemistry, engineering, risk regulation, sciences of water hygiene and public health are welcome.

- Early career researchers would be invited after a competitive review of abstracts.
- Selected early career researchers will be sponsored by the consortium partners which

will include accommodation for 4 nights (Sunday – Thursday), 3 day conference registration, all conference meals, flight ticket (economy return) and transfer to Polokwane and back to OR Tambo, JHB

- All participants from SNOWS partners would have their travel and subsistence costs paid out of their institution's SNOWS budget.
- In addition 6 to 8 senior researchers would be invited. These senior researchers would be experts in their fields and would give keynote presentations.
- The workshop would take place over three days. Each session would typically start with a keynote from a senior (40 minutes) followed by shorter presentations (20 minutes) from a junior.
- At the end of the sessions the seniors and juniors would vote for the best presentations from African early career researchers. The scores would be combined to identify the best three who would then be awarded a SNOWS prize, £1 000 for first prize, £400 for second prize and £100 for third prize.

Aim of the Seminar

- Interact during exchanges between Researchers and Water professionals
- Establish a network of competencies
- Improve the exchanges between PhD students working on subjects related to Water, Sanitation and Health, and allow them to meet international Professionals.

Confirmed International speakers

- Prof Sandy Cairncross – London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, UK
- Prof Paul Hunter – University of East Anglia, UK
- Prof Mark Sobsey – University of North Carolina, USA

Call for abstracts

- The deadline for submission is 15 April 2013 and you will be notified by 26 April 2013 if your abstract has been accepted. Please submit abstracts electronically on www.easyabstract.com
- Oral presentations will be allocated 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for discussion.
- Please ensure that e-mail addresses as submitted are correct as these addresses will be used in all correspondence and acceptance notifications.
- Maximum number of words: 500 for abstracts.
- Late submissions will not be considered

Registration

All delegates are required to register online at www.savetcon.co.za

Registration includes:

- Conference bag
- Abstract book
- 3 day conference
- All conference meals

Category registrations	Early registration – before 10 May 2013	Late registration after 10 May 2013
Selected early career scientists	R20 000	R24 000
SNOWS partners and other delegates	R5 600	R6 600

Conference secretariat



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Important deadlines

Closing date for submission of abstracts: 15 April 2013

Closing date for registrations and payment: 10 May 2013



Conference venue

- Every young career scientist selected will be sponsored as indicated
- Each candidate is responsible for own costs for visa and vaccinations required.
- Each candidate is responsible for own spending money

- This includes 3 day conference registration, all conference meals, transfer to Polokwane and back to OR Tambo, Jhb
- Accommodation is separate and will be R1100 per person per night with bed and breakfast
- Flight bookings, visa, vaccinations and spending money is for your own account

Programme at a glance

Sunday 26 May 2013	
16:00	Registration open
17:00	Cocktail function (Meet & Greet)
Monday 27 May 2013	
07:00-08:30	Breakfast
08:30- 10:00	Session 1
10:00-10:30	Tea Break
10:30-12:30	Session 2
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Session 3
19:00	Dinner
Tuesday 28 May 2013	
07:00-08:30	Breakfast
08:30- 10:00	Session 4
10:00-10:30	Tea Break
10:30-12:30	Session 5
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Session 6
19:00	Dinner
Wednesday 29 May 2013	
07:00-08:30	Breakfast
08:30- 10:00	Session 7
10:00-10:30	Tea Break
10:30-12:30	Session 8
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Session 9
19:00	Dinner
Thursday 30 May 2013	
07:00-08:30	Breakfast
08:30- 10:00	Depart for OR Tambo (3 and a half hour drive)

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