



WOCMAP IV Cape Town 9-14 November 2008
World Conference on Medicinal and Aromatic Compounds
Africa: Cradle of Mankind where man first started using medicinal plants

EXTENTION OF DEADLINE WOCMAP IV

4TH WORLD CONGRESS ON MEDICINAL AND AROMATIC PLANTS–USING PLANTS TO BENEFIT PEOPLE

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA, 9-14 NOVEMBER 2008

INTRODUCTION

In a meeting of the Secretariat of the International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS) in Paris, nine international organizations decided to establish an international non-governmental body the International Council for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (ICMAP) [www.icmap.org] with the general objective of promoting international understanding and cooperation between national and international organizations on the role of medicinal and aromatic plants [MAP] in science, medicine and industry, and to improve the exchange of information between them.

One of the functions of ICMAP is to arrange a world conference on medicinal and aromatic plants [WOCMAP] every five years. The first was in Europe [Maastricht, Netherlands 1992], the second in South America [Mendoza, Argentina 1997], and the third was held in Asia [Chiang Mai, Thailand, 2003].

ICMAP Bureau has invited the Prof Kobus Eloff, Leader of the Phytomedicine Programme at the University of Pretoria to organize WOCMAP IV in South Africa in 2008.

DETAILS

The organizing committee and sponsors warmly invite you to attend WOCMAP IV. The conference will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC from 9-14 November 2008. The CTICC opened in 2003 and is ideally located in the heart of the panoramic city of Cape Town and within walking distance of an abundance of superb accommodation and many tourist attractions (www.capetownconvention.com)

PLENARY SPEAKERS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE

Presenter	Country	Topic
Rudi Bauer	Austria	Non western herbal medicines
Mark Blumenthal	USA	Research and regulatory trends in the north American herbal marketplace
Tony Cunningham	Australia	Conservation, sustainable use, trade and industry
Chlodwig Franz	Austria	Using plants in animal productivity
Ameenah Gurib-Fakim	Mauritius	An African Herbal Pharmacopoeia could underpin the medicinal plant industry on the continent
Kurt Hostettman	Switzerland	New analytical techniques for the identification of plant constituents and for the quality assessment of herbal medicines
Peter Houghton	United Kingdom	Plants as sources of human health products

Hannes van Staden	South Africa	Germination, tissue culture and cultivation of plants
Rob Verpoorte	Netherlands	Systems Biology
Arnold Vlietinck	Belgium	Development in regulatory matters of herbal medicines
Charles Wambebe	Nigeria	Clinical trials of herbal medicines

PROGRAMME

THEMES AND LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE/SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAMME.

Theme 1: Biodiversity prospecting and ethnopharmacology.	Prof. Neil Crouch, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Durban crouch@sanbi.org
Theme 2: Conservation, cultivation breeding genetics and sustainable use.	Prof. Hannes van Staden, Leader Research Centre for Plant Growth and Development, University of KwaZulu-Natal. vanstadenj@ukzn.ac.za
Theme 3: Perspectives in natural products chemistry.	Prof. Berhanu Abegaz, Chemistry, University of Botswana. abegazb@mopipi.ub.bw
Theme 4: Targeted screening approaches for drugs and cosmetics.	Prof. Marion Meyer, Botany, University of Pretoria. marion.meyer@up.ac.za
Theme 5: Quality, efficacy and safety of phytomedicines and phytocosmetics.	Prof. Alvaro Viljoen . Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria. viljoenam@tut.ac.za
Theme 6: Developments in industrial processing of MAPs.	Mr Ulrich Feiter, Managing Director Parceval, Wellington. ulrich.feiter@parceval.co.za
Theme 7: The economics and marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants.	Mr Myles Mander, Director Futureworks, Durban. myles@futureworks.co.za
Theme 8: New developments in laws and regulations for the use of MAPs. Trade and industry perspective.	Mr Thomas Brendler, Managing Director Plantaphile, Berlin thomas@txb.net
Theme 9: Traditional medicine and health systems for new and old diseases.	Prof. Ben-Erik van Wyk, Botany, University of Johannesburg. bevanwyk@uj.ac.za
Theme 10: Nutraceuticals.	Prof. Ameenah Gurib Fakim, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Mauritius. fakima@uom.ac.mu
Theme 11: Veterinary medicine.	Prof. Kobus Eloff, Leader Phytomedicine Programme, Paraclinical Sciences, University of Pretoria. kobus.eloff@up.ac.za
Theme 12: Diverse aspects not accommodated in other themes.	Prof Anthony Afolayan, Botany, University of Fort Hare. aafolayan@ufh.ac.za

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ATTENDING.

- Leading scientists in the world in this area will present plenary lectures focussing on developments in different MAP areas over the past five years and discussing possible future developments and fruitful areas for research.
- All abstracts will be published in a special issue of South African Journal of Botany and will be listed in Thompson ISI databases.
- Conference proceedings will be published by the International Society for Horticultural Science in several volumes of Acta Horticulturae.
- One of the highlights of the conference will be the launch of the African Herbal Pharmacopoeia of the 50 most important plant species selected by consensus and prepared by experts from all over Africa [see www.aamps.org]
- Many different aspects of medicinal and aromatic plants will be discussed with delegates from all continents.
- There will be a MAP trade fair and special exhibitions running alongside the conference. These will include displays of African herbal products, ingredients and publications and stands of international companies and organisations offering technical and financial help to the MAP sector.
- Sir Francis Drake called Cape Town "the fairest cape in the whole circumference of the earth" due to its natural beauty. Carl Linnaeus called it heaven on earth due to the astounding floral diversity. We have an official subsidized and guided congress tour to Cape Point Nature Reserve and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden.
- Cape Town has recently been voted as one of the prime tourist destinations in the world and previously as Best City in Africa and the Middle East, Favourite Foreign City, Best City to Eat Out and One of the World's Top 8 Creative Cities. It is directly accessible from all continents by air.
- The climate in November is excellent with temperatures ranging from 15-27°C and 11 hours of sunshine per day.
- There will be a very interesting accompanying person's programme including a free one day tour.
- There will be exciting pre and post congress excursions to different places in South Africa – a world in one country.
- Travel grants to subsidize the cost of attending are available based on quality of abstracts submitted.
- We plan to hold an afternoon and evening workshop on methods used in research on MAPs.
- Letters of invitation will be made available to scientists to help them find own funding support.

DEADLINES

Application for travel grant with abstract	22 May 2008
Abstract submission [Late submissions may possibly only be accepted as poster presentations]	7 August 2008
Information on acceptance of abstract and allocation of travel grant:	10 August 2008
Registration with payment to ensure inclusion of abstracts in published conference abstracts:	15 August 2008

Cancellation with full refund less bank charges:	15 August 2008
Cancellation with 75% refund less bank charges	15 August 2008r

REGISTRATION COSTS

	Before 28 May 2008	Before 15 August 2008	After 15 August, 2008
Delegate from high income economy countries*	€360	€400	€460
Delegate from other countries	€288	€320	€380
Students (with proof of registration)	€234	€260	€320
Accompanying person	€90	€100	€115

*See World bank definition at <http://web.worldbank.org>

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Registration cost includes: welcoming reception, Gala Dinner with traditional African dances and entertainment at a wine farm near Stellenbosch and a subsidized of full day visit to Cape Point Nature Reserve and Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens. There is a free City tour for accompanying persons.

SPONSORS

Phytomedicine Programme, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria;	www.up.ac.za/phyto
ICMAP International Council for Medicinal and Aromatic Plants;	www.icmap.org
International Union of Biological Sciences	www.iubs.org
GA, Society for Medicinal Plant Research-Gesellschaft für Arzneipflanzenforschung	www.ga-online.org
ISHS, International Society for Horticultural Science	www.ishs.org
AAMPS, Association for African Medicinal Plant Standards;	www.aamps.org
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COLLABORATING SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

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WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION, REGISTRATION AND GRANT APPLICATION

www.wocmap2008.com

CONTACT

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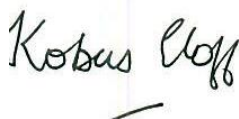
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