

**1st Circular for:
MEETING OF IUFRO WG 7.03.13
BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF FOREST INSECT PESTS AND PATHOGENS**

Future Africa
Pretoria, South Africa
6-8 November 2019 (with post-meeting field trip 8-11 November)



Venue

The meeting will be held at the newly opened facilities of the Future Africa Campus (www.futureafrica.science) of the University of Pretoria, in Pretoria, South Africa.

Accommodation

We have reserved accommodation at Future Africa for 5-8 November at a good rate, ZAR900pp for bed and breakfast (= approx. US\$65). The accommodation is just a few minutes walk from the meeting venue. Accommodation should be booked directly with Future Africa (accommodation@futureafrica.science), please use 'IUFRO Biocontrol' as a reference for your booking.

As Future Africa only officially opens in March 2019, information on the accommodation is currently not available on their website, but we will provide more information on the accommodation at a later stage.

Programme

Preliminary programme, more details will be provided later.

Tuesday 5th November:
Arrival and registration

Wednesday 6th November:
Morning and afternoon sessions + visit to FABI Biocontrol Centre + dinner

Thursday 7th November:
Morning and afternoon sessions + banquet dinner

Friday 8th November:
Morning session; leave for field trip; departure of other attendees not attending field trip

Post-meeting field trip

There will be a post-meeting field trip from 8-11 November. The field trip will include exposure to South African plantation forestry, including visits to sites with infestation of some of the main pests of pine and eucalypts, such as *Sirex noctilio*, *Leptocybe invasa*, *Gonipterus* sp.2, as well as native insect pests. The field trip will also include exposure to some of South Africa's amazing native fauna and flora, with a visit to the Kruger National Park.

The cost of the field trip must still be finalized, but is estimated to be approx. US\$650 per person. This will include accommodation, all meals, and transport.

The numbers for the field trip need to be finalized soon to secure accommodation. Thus, if you are interested in the field trip please let me know (brett.hurley@fabi.up.ac.za) as soon as possible, but latest 15 March 2019. Spaces for the field trip are limited, and will only be confirmed after payment.

Registration

Registration (meeting only) = US\$300 per person
This includes the Welcome Reception, dinners, teas and lunches, and shuttle service from ORT International Airport in Johannesburg to Future Africa (and back to airport).

Registration will be online – this service will be available by March 2019. But, if you are interested in attending the meeting you can send me an email (brett.hurley@fabi.up.ac.za) so I can ensure you receive any updated information.

Important Dates

Send interest in post-meeting field trip: 15 March 2019
Abstract submission deadline: 15 June 2019
Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 30 June 2019
Registration deadline: 31 July 2019

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