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8TH WORLD CONGRESS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS



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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT: SAIEH



On behalf of the South African Institute of Environmental Health and the International Federation of Environmental Health, it is my pleasure to invite you to the IFEH 8th World Congress on Environmental Health to be held on 22 - 27 February 2004 at the International Conference Centre, Durban, South Africa.

This Congress comes immediately after the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) also held in South Africa during August -September 2002. The majority of the resolutions emanating from this Summit require us to take the lead in addressing health and environment matters identified by the World during this summit. Government officials, individual Health and Environment professionals, business and community members will therefore be afforded a platform to further deliberate on these issues in pursuit of appropriate solutions. This World Congress will also strive to address environment and health concerns affecting Africa as a continent. It is in this context that international best practices and expertise shared at this World gathering will be beneficial to under-developed and developing countries.

The IFEH is creating an ideal platform for delegates all over the world to interact, share experiences and assist fellow colleagues on many of the topical global environmental issues.

Durban is South Africa's favourite tourism destination. This Congress will be held during the best time of the year in terms of weather conditions. Your support of the South African Institute of Environmental Health in attending this World Congress is awaited. Your support for the IFEH will be greatly appreciated and your arrival in Durban in February 2004 will be welcomed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a horizontal line.

Jerry Chaka
SAIEH President

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON; STEERING AND ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The enormous task given to the South African Institute of Environmental Health by the International Federation of Environmental Health, to organise the 8th World Congress on Environmental Health has started to gain momentum. I feel privileged to have been appointed as Chairperson of the Steering and Organising Committee to ensure that this World Congress meets the expectations of the Global Community. The Organising Committee has gone to great lengths to ensure that your visit to the Southern tip of Africa will be an experience never to be forgotten.

The field of Environmental Health encompasses a wide range of diverse issues, therefore our congress will cover a variety of themes. The congress will be organised in collaboration with the International Faculty Forum. We are delighted to have access to such respected academic expertise in the field of Environmental Health. The Faculty Forum sessions will take place during the congress.

Pre congress tours to interesting and exciting destinations in and around South Africa will be offered and delegates taking part in these tours can be guaranteed that their stay will be a once in a lifetime experience. The Scientific Field trips during the congress will demonstrate some of the best practises, success stories and short comings in our field.

We have created a fantastic opportunity for participants to exchange ideas, share experiences and create networks amongst Environmental Health Practitioners and other related role players throughout the world. Please refer to the programme at a glance, which encompasses all congress activities. We hope that delegates will take full advantage of everything the congress has to offer and make sure that the rich experiences gained in Durban will be shared with the rest of the World.

I urge delegates from all over the World to join us in Durban in February 2004 and we look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful country!

Yours sincerely

Selva Mudaly
Chairperson: Steering/organising committee

THE CONGRESS GOALS

- ◆ To foster and encourage participation in local and global Environmental Health matters with communities and experts in the field
- ◆ To highlight current topical environmental matters and focus on concrete solutions
- ◆ To discuss ways to enhance Environmental Health matters in communities so as to strengthen the promotion of human health including inter - sectoral and multi-disciplinary approaches
- ◆ To promote strong unity amongst Environmental Professionals to foster, encourage research and development on Environmental Health matters
- ◆ To strengthen collaboration amongst other sectors in government and neighbouring countries in the quest to attain sustainable development and healthy environments
- ◆ To promote basic education and training as well as comprehensive specialised advanced education of Environmental Health professionals and communities including Environmental Health Research
- ◆ To have a common understanding in development and interpretation of environmental legislation and make recommendations on these matters
- ◆ To ensure that Environmental Health professionals acknowledge and understand the roles in Environmental Management in the Global Village
- ◆ To strengthen collaboration amongst different countries so that Environmental Health Practitioners could share common ideas and develop new policies and procedures in dealing with Environmental Health issues
- ◆ To foster and encourage participation in Environmental Health matters with business and industry so as to ensure that they are well informed of current and future developments in Environmental Health practice
- ◆ To interact, discuss and adjust current Environmental Health practices in accordance with International best practices being used as benchmarks
- ◆ To formulate Congress resolutions which will be applicable Locally and Internationally

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Saturday 21 February	0700 - 0900	Registration
	0900 - 1600	IFEH Council meeting
Sunday 22 February	0800 - 1800	Registration & Information
	0900 - 1600	IFEH Council meeting
	0900 - 1700	Faculty Forum Meeting
	1800 - 2100	Mayors Welcome Function
Monday 23 February	0700 - 1700	Registration & Information
	0800 - 1930	Posters and Exhibition
	0900 - 0930	Opening Ceremony
	0930 - 1730	Plenary Session
	1730 - 1930	Cheese & Wine [In exhibition area]
Tuesday 24 February	0730 - 1730	Registration & Information
	0900 - 1830	Posters and Exhibition
	0900 - 1730	4 parallel sessions
	**	Free Evening for participants
Wednesday 25 February	0700 - 0800	Registration for Field Trips
	0800 - 1700	Field Trips/ Faculty Forum Trips
	**	IFEH/ Congress Dinner
Thursday 26 February	0730 - 1730	Registration & Information
	1100 - 1500	Exhibitor and poster breakdown
	0830 - 1030	4 x Parallel sessions
	1100 - 1230	Open Forum
	1400 - 1730	Africa Regional Group meeting
	1400 - 1730	Pacific Rim Regional Group meeting
	1400 - 1730	Americas regional Group meeting
	1400 - 1730	Europe Regional Group meeting
Friday 27 February	0730 - 1730	Registration & Information
	0900 - 1230	Plenary and closing sessions

CALL FOR PAPERS

Authors of prospective papers/posters are invited to submit abstracts according to the following Session Topics

- ◆ Environmental Health Management
- ◆ Risk assessment & management
- ◆ Food Management and Safety
- ◆ Waste Management
- ◆ Legislation and monitoring - Key to Environmental Health implementation
- ◆ Epidemiology
- ◆ Occupational Health and Safety
- ◆ Housing - an Environmental Health perspective
- ◆ Water and Sanitation - a right - Environmental Health focus
- ◆ Pollution - effects on present and future generations
- ◆ Vector control
- ◆ Informal trading
- ◆ Education training and development
- ◆ Community development
- ◆ Agenda 21 - Environmental Health focus
- ◆ Communicable diseases - Environmental Health perspective
- ◆ Bio - Terrorism

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

Colleagues are invited to submit abstracts on Topics relevant to the Congress theme. Abstracts will be selected by the Scientific programme committee for presentation in oral or poster format.

In order to ensure a standard format the abstract must be submitted as follows:

- Font:** Arial throughout
- Title:** Bold Capitals centred 16 point, followed by a blank line
- The Authors:** Bold Centred 14 Point, followed by a blank line
- The authors affiliations:** Centred, 12 point and include the main authors contact details
- Heading:** Caps bold left justified
- Abstract:** Text - 12 point fully justified, one blank between paragraphs

Entire submission not to exceed one page. Abstract must be prepared in MS Word.

All authors should note that they must be prepared to submit their full paper by 15 November 2003 and that the presenting author will be required to have registered and paid by that date.

Abstracts and papers will be reviewed by the scientific programme committee and authors will be notified as per the following dates

DEADLINES

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| Submission of Abstracts | 15 June 2003 |
| Notification of acceptance of abstracts as oral or posters papers | 15 August 2003 |
| Deadline for submission of papers/posters | 15 November 2003 |
- Contact remona@sbconferences.co.za

REGISTRATION

Registration fees will be quoted in the local currency. Estimated costs will be:

Full delegates early R 5500 [Approx \$550]

Full delegates late R 6000 [Approx \$600]

Accompanying persons R 3500 [Approx \$350]

Contact kerry@sbconferences.co.za

A discount will be offered to African and Local delegates on registration

NB: CPD points will be afforded to practitioners that attend for the full duration

CONGRESS TOURS AND TRAVEL

South Africa offers a diverse range of leisure choices. With a wonderful blend of race and cultures, climate and topography, the region offers incredible wildlife, traditional hospitality, sophisticated cities, unforgettable scenery and a sunny climate. Whether you restrict your visit to one country, or choose to sample several in one tour, Southern Africa and Safari Tours & Travel offer you the opportunity of a unique holiday experience.

Safari Tours and Travel have been appointed as the official tour operator for this event.

Lynne du Toit can be contacted at lynne@saftour.com for all assistance regarding travel.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS PROGRAMME

An interesting and varied programme has been arranged for Accompanying persons.

A orientation tour of the City is included in the registration fee.

Optional day tours will be offered daily featuring:

Big Five Game Reserve, Zulu Cultural, Midlands Meander - Arts and Crafts, Bushman, Health farms, shopping and much more.

ACCOMMODATION

Varied accommodation has been block booked at reduced rates for IFEH participants. Bookings can be made via the congress secretariat and details will appear on the registration forms as well as the website. Participants staying at the official congress hotels will be entitled to make use of the shuttle service to and from the Convention Centre. Should participants wish to book accommodation other than at the published hotels the congress secretariat will assist on a request.

IMPORTANT CONTACT ADDRESSES



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Please add my name to the mailing list for further information:

Family name _____

First name _____

Title _____

Profession _____

Institute/ company _____

Mailing address _____

Telephone Country code _____ Area code _____ Number _____

Fax Country code _____ Area code _____ Number _____

Email _____

Kindly indicate your interest

- I plan to attend as a delegate
- I plan to give an oral presentation
- I plan to present a poster

Tentative title/topic _____

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