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Department of Provincial and Local Government

The Department of Provincial and Local Government has published Guidelines For Effective Conflict Management (in terms of the Intergovernmental Relations Framework Act, 2005)

The document can be found at: <http://www.pmg.org.za/gazettes/070426local-guidelines.pdf>

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### Water Affairs And Forestry Portfolio Committee

#### Forestry And Poverty Aleviation: Briefing 23 May 2007

The Committee was briefed on the Issue of forestry and poverty alleviation. The Trade Union CEPPWAWU also briefed the committee on key-issues. Issues emphasised in the meeting included: poverty alleviation, policy issues, the role of government, the appointment of beneficiaries, issues surrounding certification and collaborations with other government departments.

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## Land and Environmental Affairs Select Committee

**Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Strategic Plan & Budget 2007/08**  
**05 June 2007**

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## Environmental Affairs And Tourism Portfolio Committee

**Department 2007/08 Strategic Plan and Budget: Briefing**  
**29 May 2007**

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) presented an overview of the department's goals and objectives and details of the budget for 2007/08. The main strategic thrusts were to create conditions for sustainable tourism growth and development for the benefit of all South Africans, to promote the conservation and sustainable utilisation of natural resources to enhance economic growth and poverty eradication, to protect and improve the quality and safety of the environment, to promote a global sustainable development agenda, and to achieve transformation. Full details were given of the performance indicators and projects under each of the programmes.

The budget allocations per programme were tabled and compared with previous years. The total allocation was R2.591 billion, an increase from R2.02 billion the previous year. Capital expenditure for the year would total R353.757 million, and a full breakdown was given. It was noted that, although full details could not yet be given, the Department was dealing with issues around subsistence fishing and the stakeholders in the fishing industry, broad-based black economic empowerment in both the conservation and tourism sectors, 'greening' the budget, reducing the vacancy levels within the department, the post-Kyoto Protocol on climate change, domestic and history tourism, the debate around cleaner production and skills development in the tourism industry.

Members asked questions on the safety and security of tourists, the training of tourist guides, issues around the environmental impact assessments, the functioning of the Marine and Coastal Management directorate and its ability to counteract the poaching of marine resources, the development of an aquaculture industry, the improvement of the lot of subsistence fishermen, waste management, landfills, littering, carbon emissions and DEAT's ability to respond to the challenges of the 2010 Soccer World Cup.

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## Arts And Culture Portfolio Committee

### **National Heritage Council, War Museum Of Boer Republics, Afrikaans Language Museum: Annual Reports 2005/06 & Strategic Plan 22 May 2007**

The Committee heard presentations from the National Heritage Council, the War Museum of the Boer Republics and the Afrikaans Language Museum. Each entity highlighted its core focus and functions, set out some of the achievements during the past year and described the strategic objectives and key priorities for 2007/08.

The National Heritage Council had mandates concerning co ordination and management of heritage, transformation, advice to the Minister, repatriating resources and protecting living heritage. It made grants and sought funding for heritage management. The seven main priorities were set out and achievements were detailed. The Heritage Transformation Charter was intended to be delivered in September 2007. The Council sought support from the Committee for better funding, and had proposed a heritage levy. There was a need to promote greater youth awareness. The budget for 2007/08 was R37.1 million, and it anticipated a surplus of R458 000. Questions by members addressed the matters of emphasis raised in the 2005 audit report of the Auditor General, and the necessity to send full and correct figures, the criteria for funding, the filling of staff vacancies, and the programme for 2010 and beyond.

The War Museum of the Boer Republics was essentially a theme museum with a specific mission was to collect, curate and display items relating to the Anglo-Boer War of 1899-1902 and the Rebellion of 1914. It also undertook research and publications and cooperated nationally and internationally on projects designed to depict the suffering of war in order to promote negotiation. It had been studying previous neglected information about the involvement of black people in the war. The Museum suffered from capacity constraints. Its activities aimed at raising revenue, publications, its profile, sales and improving human resources were tabled. It aimed to have a fully computerised database by 2010. It would be improving permanent and temporary exhibitions. It was concerned at lack of facilities for disabled. Members asked questions on staff transformation, identification of black people involved in the 1899-1902 War, and the premises.

The Afrikaans Language Museum was a living monument to the Afrikaans language, and sought to help members of the community learn about each other's culture and traditions, promote reconciliation, and break down negative concepts. It was in the process of transformation. It promoted community involvement in its activities, was seeking to improve its facilities, run outreach programmes and generate a higher income. The medium term strategy objectives and objectives were tabled, but not expanded upon. The core staff was drawn from disadvantaged groups. The financial statements showed income of R3.2 million and a small surplus of R174 000. There had been a qualification in the audit report, which was explained. Questions by Members related to the terminology used when describing other languages, the joint project for the study of isiZulu in Richards Bay, and successes in breaking down misconceptions about Afrikaans.

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City Parks launches world's first overnight XtremePark Makeover

### **Johannesburg City Parks has unveiled the world's first park in 24-hours, in Wilgeheuwel, Roodepoort on Friday, 8 June at 18:00 to commemorate World Environment Week 2007.**

Johannesburg City Parks the greening, conservation and cemetery agency in the City of Johannesburg has transformed 1.22 hectares of undeveloped open space into a fully developed park, with lighting, benches, play equipment, water features, braai areas, landscaped terraces, mosaic footpaths and a mini-soccer field.

The aim of the initiative is to leverage the publicity generated by the initiative to:

- Highlight the global importance of World Environment Week 2007
- Generate support from the private sector for similar rollout programmes, specifically in areas where developed parks are needed
- Address greening in new, high-density residential areas such as Wilgeheuwel
- Increase morale within City Parks by creating an innovative platform for employee participation- thereby increasing productivity and efficiency, and to
- Nurture a user-culture of ownership and pride for the city's parks and nature conservation areas.

The development of the Wilgeheuwel Park in Florin Street is funded by the City of Johannesburg's Bulk Infrastructure Contribution Fund for the suburb. Bulk Infrastructure contributions are levies received by the City of Johannesburg, from developers, to upgrade or install bulk municipal infrastructure such as water systems, electricity networks, roads and parks, in that suburb.

In attendance to support the unveiling were personalities such as Baby Jake Matlala, representatives from Kaizer Chiefs and Orlando Pirates, television personalities and celebrities. Also attending were over 200 community members, the MMC for Environment in the City of Johannesburg, environmental partners, representatives from the private sector and the media.

Johannesburg City Parks and its environmental partners have been hosting various activities highlighting World Environment Week. School groups were hosted at overnight camps, the proposed R33million rand development of the Klipriver/Klipspruit Wetlands Development- a green corridor linking the green belt to the Deep South of the City, was unveiled on Tuesday, 5 June. Later in the evening the Executive Mayor, Councillors and Officials in the City were invited to the viewing of the Al Gore documentary- 'An Inconvenient Truth,' and the Annual Environmental Youth Summit was hosted on Wednesday, 6 June 2007.

The focus areas for these interactions are relevant to the state of the environment in Johannesburg. Growing concerns around urban densification, clean air, water quality and greening disparities are highlighted. Participants are also engaged on the ongoing problem of widespread littering, illegal dumping and greening disparities which generally plague metropolitan hubs such as the City of Johannesburg. The perception that 'global warming is not my problem' is also challenged.

'Johannesburg is one of the most happening cities to live, play, work and invest in and we can only continue to soar if we work as a collective to address environmental disparities and increase the quality of life for all to enjoy. World Environment Week gives us the opportunity to reassess our lifestyles- to build a more healthy and vibrant Joburg,' stated the Member of the Mayoral Committee for Environment in the City of Johannesburg, Councillor Prema Naidoo.

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## The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism's Social Responsibility Programme's support for South Africa's National Botanical gardens

In the June 2007 edition of Veld & Flora, an article was published on DEAT's Social Responsibility Programme contributions to the development of our national botanical gardens over the past five years. Veld & Flora is the journal of the Botanical Society of South Africa, distributed to all its members.

The article is available for download from the [IERM website](#).

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Misleading Rietvlei Report-Drink the Water!

**16 May 2007**  
**By: Yuven Gounden**

I refer to the media Report that Appeared in the *Mail & Guardian* on 11 May 2007. I must stress that the article does not offer a balanced account of the problem.

Firstly, the report suggests that I “refused to release the full report”. I issued the journalist with a media statement and I also telephoned her personally, stating that the report will be made available to her as soon as it was published.

My media statement dated 26 April reads “Please be informed that the project mentioned above has not been finalised yet.

Research projects such as this one is a collaborative effort and various role-players need to network, compare findings and verify results in order to publish and disseminate findings and recommendations that are factually correct. Publishing a half-baked product will be irresponsible and will run contrary to the WRC mission of being South Africa’s water knowledge hub.”

The newspaper report seems intended to create a panic situation and runs contrary to the goals of the WRC research report. The many references to “carcinogenic risks”; “endocrine-disrupting chemicals (EDCs)”; “reproductive health”; “general health” and “gonadal malformations” is not counter-balanced with the argument that “the water is being treated” and that “treated water is safe to use”. Instead they are treated as parallel issues, which is misleading in itself. The final speculation that “ ‘ unacceptable health risks ‘ can be expected if untreated water is used for domestic purposes.” In this regard, especially, the WRC finds the headline to be not only incongruous, but also grossly sensational.

The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAf) discourages drinking raw water from rivers or dams without prior treatment. The microbial hazard far outweighs the EDC hazard if such a practice occurs. Part of proper treatment includes optimization of drinking water treatment and the use, where necessary, of activated carbon or other suitable adsorbents to remove pesticides from water. The flocculation step also removes a large portion of any pesticides present. It is also important to mention that the audit sampling that was done in March is not a once off audit.

DWAf does monthly water quality monitoring in Rietvlei Dam, both upstream and down stream and also Rietvlei River and Rietvlei Spruit to check if there are unacceptable impacts that warrant immediate intervention and in March, nothing was detected. The WRC conducts research to develop a tool to enable Government to monitor and audit water quality. We study the Dam as an experimental site; not to study the Dam for quality control.

In an era of globalization, South Africa should not be precluded from benchmarking EDC contamination on a global scale since the problem is NOT peculiar to South Africa. The WRC is also collaborating with the Global Water Research Coalition (GWRC) in a suite of EDC-related research. The newspaper report is myopic since it fails to address EDCs as being a global problem- a problem where solutions are made available and shared on a plethora of international platforms.

As pointed out in the WRC report summary, the finding of biologically significant levels of EDC’s is a worldwide phenomenon and even occurs in Antarctica where EDCs have never been used. Much research to date indicates that the major exposure to EDCs worldwide is in food consumed and not in the water phase. Pesticides/EDCs are fat-soluble and tend in most cases to adhere to sediment particles and are uncommonly found in the water phase.

The fact that the audit water samples did not show a single organo-chlorine pesticide in the water tested implies that if they are indeed present, it is either in minuscule insignificant quantities or bound to the sediment.

The research to date indicates that the animals in the reserve are getting exposed to EDC’s, but the route is not clear. It is important to note that this is a new field of research globally and that most research at this stage concentrates on methodology development to allow reliable methods for detection of either the chemicals or their activities. The extent of both environmental and human health is still not fully understood. The same is true regarding the routes of exposure.

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**Into the Thick of Thicket**

You may have heard about that thing called Thicket, and many of you will need no introduction to it. Its importance has been increasingly highlighted since 1996, when it was elevated to biome status. That's quite an achievement when you consider that there were previously only six biomes in the whole of South Africa.

The Thicket Forum is an affiliation of people who come from all walks of life. We are here because we have a common interest in Subtropical Thicket, to give it its full name. We would like to invite you to become a member of this growing band of enthusiasts, fondly known "Thicketeers". We are not always like-minded, which provides much opportunity for sharing and learning about this enigmatic biome.

So what is Subtropical Thicket, for those of you who are not familiar with it?

It is probably best known as Valley Bushveld, and is unique to the Eastern Cape. As the name implies, it is found mainly in river valleys. You may be impressed to hear that Thicket, according to Professor Richard Cowling, is "the mother of all vegetation". As the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University's top researcher for 2006, he is well qualified to speak. Richard will tell you that this fascinating biome has been on the block for a long time. In more practical terms, Subtropical Thicket can be described as an assemblage of bulky evergreen bushes and trees, many of them spiny or succulent, underlain by a wealth of vines and bulbs. It all looks like bush but acts like forest. This provides land users and scientists alike with a challenge when it comes to understanding the ecology of Thicket and managing it in a sustainable way.

So who should be paying attention? Let's see if you're on the list. Are you a:

Conservationist? Environmentalist? Farmer? Landowner? Game or nature reserve worker? Field guide? Lodge-owner? A guest at the lodge? A hospitality manager? Do you live in a rural area and depend on Thicket products for your living? Are you a town or city person who finds rest and recreation in the veld? A worker for an NGO? A land-use decision maker in governmental circles such as municipalities and district councils? A tourist, from South Africa or overseas? Do you use Thicket products for cultural or medicinal purposes? Are you a businessman dealing with people who run enterprises in Thicket? Are you school learner, university student, a schoolteacher or a university lecturer or researcher? Do you belong to an interest group such as the Botanical Society or Wessa?

In short, the Thicket Forum is for anyone who ever goes there!

Since 2004, Forum members have been getting together to share lessons about management, research and education and to promote the conservation of landscapes and the enhancement of livelihoods within the Thicket biome. The Forum meets formally once a year, with field trips to places of special interest in between. It's not just academic sorts who go there. Thicket Forum members represent a cross-section of society, and we welcome anyone who has something to say about Thicket. Academics welcome hearing from landowners and rural villagers who have a more practical bent when it comes to the veld around them, and they in turn benefit from relevant research across a number of academic disciplines.

Membership of the Thicket Forum is free. The annual 3-day gathering is structured so that interested people are able to attend for only one day should they so wish. The format of the forum is to hold interactive workshop-style presentations that allow for optimum participation and input from the audience. The final day is taken up with interesting field trips to see what's happening out there in the valley thickets. This year the Thicket Forum is teaming up with the Grasslands Society of South Africa, and will be running its forum in tandem with that of the society. They will meet in Grahamstown, from 17 to 20 July 2007.

If you would like more information, contact the following 2007 thicket forum members:

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## KZN Branch News

The KZN Branch of the IERM is pleased to present its new Chairperson and committee to members.

Congratulations to Ms. Bongiwe Mntungwa from eThekweni Municipality, the new Chairperson of the KZN Branch.

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## National Wetlands Indaba 2007

GDACE together with DWAF, Working for Wetlands and the Rand Water Foundation (under the auspices of the Gauteng Wetlands Forum) are delighted to invite you to the National Wetlands Indaba 2007.

The theme for this year's Indaba is **Wetlands for tomorrow**:

Conservation within a developing environment - highlighting the fact that although development must take place, especially in terms of national priorities with regard to poverty alleviation, it should be done in a sustainable manner.

The Indaba will be held in the Gauteng Province from the 22nd to the 26th of October 2007. Please diarise these dates.

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## ILASA Awards of Excellence

The building industry in South Africa is currently experiencing a boom and it would seem that this has had a positive effect on the importance and significance of the profession of Landscape Architecture in the Built Environment industry. The profession of Landscape Architecture is beginning to enjoy a prominent spot in the Industry and amongst other professionals. Furthermore, the Institute is also celebrating its 35th Anniversary this year.

The Institute of Landscape Architects of South Africa (ILASA) would like to announce that a record number of entries have been received for the Institute's Awards of Excellence, which are held every second year.

To celebrate the Institute's anniversary and announce the outcome of the Awards, the Institute is hosting a celebration on the evening of the 28th of September 2007 at the Kleine Zalze Lodge in Stellenbosch. We are very excited to have Strydom van der Merwe, renowned South African land and environmental artist as the guest speaker for the evening.

For further information please contact **Bernadette Vollmer** on **082 567 7592** or visit **www.ilasa.co.za**

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## IERM Convention 2007

The 2007 IERM Convention, hosted by Mzunduzi, will be held in conjunction with the **Sunday Tribune Garden and Leisure Show at the Royal Show Grounds in Pietermaritzburg**, from 5-6 October, with tours taking place on 4 October.

The Theme of this year's Convention is:

### **“EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES”**

All stakeholders in parks and recreation, nature conservation, urban forestry, leisure and adventure service providers, urban planning and development, environmental services, health and public administration, housing, urban agriculture, IERM members, National, Provincial and Local Government officials, NGO's and CBO's, Civic Society representatives, Academics, Students, and the media are invited.

Every year more and more councillors and managers in the above professions, as well as service providers, attend the IERM Congress since it is the only forum in South Africa that focuses on a holistic approach to the management of our environment and the provision of recreation services to the public.

This year, member municipalities will have the opportunity to exhibit and showcase a garden exhibit at the leisure show. **Contact Gillian** to find out more about showing off what your municipality is achieving!

For more information, please contact Gillian at the Secretariat on (011) 789 1384 or [gillian@vdw.co.za](mailto:gillian@vdw.co.za)  
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## **National Cemeteries Workshop Postponed to 3 & 4 September 2007**

INCA has identified the urgent need for such a workshop within the industry.

The INCA organising committee wish to apologies for any inconvenience which may have resulted from the postponement of the workshop.

However, due to the overwhelming response and a number of matters beyond their control it was decided to postpone the Workshop to the 3 & 4 September 2007 in order for the Workshop to be expanded to a two day programme and for more stakeholders to have the opportunity to be able to participate.

The organising committee would appreciate any further input from anyone who may have concerns which INCA may be able to provide assistance during the Workshop. Submissions need to be submitted to Gillian not later than 25 July 2007

The IERM in partnership with eThekweni Municipality will be hosting the expanded National Cemeteries Workshop at the Royal Hotel in Durban.

The purpose and objective of the workshop will be to encourage the participation of various stakeholders to contribute and commit to solutions that address the issues that were raised at the Cemetery Breakaway during the IERM National Conference September 2006. It will also provide a platform for municipalities and the various stakeholders to network.

For more information, please visit the IERM website at [www.ierm.org.za](http://www.ierm.org.za) or contact Gillian at the IERM Secretariat on 011 789 1384 or at [gillian@vdw.co.za](mailto:gillian@vdw.co.za)

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## **Arbor City Awards entry deadline Extended**

The Department of Water affairs and forestry would like to make interested parties aware that the closing date for entry has been extended from the 30 June to the 31 July 2007.

This has been done to facilitate more comprehensive involvement by relevant municipalities. The department would like to urge qualifying municipalities to participate in this worthwhile endeavour.

For more information on the Arbor City Awards, please visit the **IERM website**.

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Invitation to Wilson and WISA iSIGIDI Award

## Wilson Award

### Invitation to participate in the Wilson Award

The WISA Wilson Award is presented biennially to the owner and works manager of a wastewater treatment works of less than 25Ml/day average Dry Weather Flow for competence and initiative in works operation. It was initiated to commemorate the late Dr. Wilson's dedicated approach to his work and his efforts in developing the Southern African Branch of the Institute of Sewage Purification that in 1967 changed its name to the Institute of Water Pollution Control. When the latter organisation was disbanded in 1987 and the Water Institute of Southern Africa formed, it was decided to carry on with this tradition. The award acknowledges the combined competence and initiative of the owner and works manager of a wastewater treatment works, having a total design capacity of up to 25 Ml/day average dry weather flow.

### How can you participate?

Understanding that not all Wastewater Treatment Works are managed at the same level, there will be two levels of participation viz. the award for the best wastewater treatment work for 2007/08 and the most improved wastewater treatment work for 2007/08.

### WISA iSIGIDI Award 2007/08

#### Invitation to participate

The WISA iSIGIDI award is a new award that will be presented biennially to the owner and works manager of a wastewater treatment works of greater than 25Ml/day average Dry Weather Flow for competence and initiative in works operation.

### How can you participate?

Again understanding that not all Wastewater Treatment Works are managed at the same level, there will be two levels of participation viz. the award for the best wastewater treatment work for 2007/08 and the most improved wastewater treatment work for 2007/08.

Please find more information on these awards on the IERM website or contact Wallace Mayne, Chief Executive,  
Water Institute of Southern Africa, [ce@wisa.org.za](mailto:ce@wisa.org.za)

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## Vth International Symposium on Horticultural Research, Training and Extension

The Commission on Horticultural Research Training and Extension in conjunction with the Commission on Horticultural Economics and Management are pleased to announce that a concurrent and joint symposium will be held at:

**Pang Suan Kaew hotel, Chiang Mai, Thailand**  
**December 7-11, 2008**

The theme of the symposium will be **Research Training and Extension in Horticultural Science: Staff, Student, Institution and Industry Partnerships in a Changing World**. Accordingly, research papers, posters and case studies that address the following key issues will be most welcome:

- The impact of changing research training and extension pressures on environmental and production horticulture programs throughout the world?
- How might this impact be addressed?
- To deal effectively with issues of research training and extension in horticultural science, what will be the relevant skill set required for staff, students and industry into the next decade?
- How can we partner and market persuasive cases to sustain research

## training and extension in horticulture at education and training institutions in the future?

While this symposium seeks to address various issues and approaches associated with research training and extension in horticulture, we will also welcome papers and posters that discuss recent advances more generally in any of the following topics.

- historical perspectives and personalities associated with teaching horticulture
- models for the delivery of horticultural education
- the currency of curriculum and courses
- research supervision
- accessibility of horticultural education
- role of industry in training
- marketing horticultural training programs
- staff and student issues
- skill acquisition
- industry training and extension
- models for collaboration between institutions and industry
- managing expectations

Contributions will be welcomed from academics, researchers, executives, consultants, government officers, graduate students and growers. All papers will be subject to a blind peer review and the papers that are accepted will be published in a special edition of **ACTA HORTICULTURAE**.

An abstract of no more than 500 words should be submitted electronically to the Conference Convener by February 28, 2008. Abstracts must include the title of the paper, the authors name(s) and institution(s) along with telephone, fax and email address. Please indicate whether you wish the paper to be submitted for oral presentation or a poster.

Electronic copies of the final paper must be received by the Proceedings Editor no later than May 31, 2008. Papers will be submitted to a double blind review with authors advised of acceptance by July 30, 2008. Authors will then be required to provide final copies of their paper by September 30, 2008. Late papers will NOT be accepted for publication in the conference proceedings.

Full details on the required format and submission of papers is available from the ISHS website: <http://www.ishs.org/wri/pap1.htm>

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## Employment Opportunities

A variety of job opportunities have been placed on the IERM Website throughout the course of the month. These jobs cover a wide range of careers across the country.

Please visit the **IERM website** on a regular basis since new jobs are added frequently.

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## Training Opportunities

### **CEM-02.1: Environmental Law for Environmental Managers (Saturday - 3 Hour Examination)**

Date: 13-17 Aug 2007

### **CEM-05.2: Environmental Risk Assessment and Management**

Date: 16-20 July 2007

### **CEM-08.1.1: Occupational Health and Safety Law for Managers**

Dates: 23-27 July 2007

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## Local Conferences

The **Indigenous Plant Use Forum** will be held at the **University of Johannesburg, Auckland Park**, Kingsway Campus, **2-5 July 2007**, in venue D1 Les 101. The conference is held in Gauteng Province for the first time. It is the 10th IPUF conference in its present format. The Main Theme of the 2007 Indigenous Plant Use Forum is "Sustainability". For more information, please visit the IERM website at: <http://www.ierm.org.za/nationalevents/> Or email Bernard de Villiers: [ipuf@uj.ac.za](mailto:ipuf@uj.ac.za).

**Society for Conservation Biology 2007**: The Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) in Port Elizabeth will host one the world's most prestigious international conferences from **1- 5 July 2007**. The bid to host the **21st annual conference of the Society for Conservation Biology** (SCB) was made on behalf of NMMU's Terrestrial Ecology Research Unit (TERU) and the SCB Africa Section Board of Directors. The SCB is the largest professional body in the field of conservation in the world, and this will be the first time that this conference will be held in Africa. For more details, go to: [www.conbio.org/2007](http://www.conbio.org/2007)

The **42nd Annual Congress of the GSSA** will be held in association with the **3rd Annual Thicket Forum Meeting** at the **Eden Grove complex at Rhodes University, Grahamstown** from **16 - 20 July 2007**.

The main theme of the Congress is 21st Century Challenges:

**Range, Forage and Thicket.**

Please visit the **GSSA website** for more details,

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### **Strategic Management of Wastewater and Sanitation**

CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria, Gauteng

**1 - 2 August 2007**

For more information, please visit [www.businesszone.co.za](http://www.businesszone.co.za) or contact Michelle Marais at The Business Zone 1073 on Tel :+27(21) 556 7274 or via e-mail: [mmarais@businesszone.co.za](mailto:mmarais@businesszone.co.za)

### **IUFRO WP**

*"Improvement and Culture of Eucalypts"*

**'Eucalypts and diversity: balancing productivity and sustainability' 22 - 26 October 2007,**

**International Convention Centre in Durban**

This conference will provide a platform to impart and discuss the current global knowledge for the genetic improvement and sustainable growth of commercial *Eucalyptus* species. It is an opportunity for delegates to exchange knowledge and ideas, make and renew friendships, and broaden networks. For more information, please visit [www.iufrodurban.org.za](http://www.iufrodurban.org.za)

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## International Conferences

The 7th World congress of the **International Association for Landscape Ecology** with the theme "25 years Landscape Ecology: Scientific Principles in Practice", will be held from **8 -12 July 2007** in Wageningen, the Netherlands. The scientific program will include plenary sessions, invited symposia, workshops, organised discussions, poster sessions and concurrent sessions of contributed oral presentations. Courses and excursions are planned to be organised before and after the congress. For

more details go to: **IALE**

The **11th National School in Park Management** will be held from the **15th-20th July 2007**, at Queen's College, The University of Melbourne.

For more information and registration forms for this event please visit the IERM website at <http://www.ierm.org.za/nationalevents/>

**IFPRA 2007** – The International Federation of Parks and Recreation Administrators will be holding their 21st World Congress in Dublin, Ireland from **3 – 6 September 2007**.

Further details will be posted on the website [www.ifpraworlddublin.ie](http://www.ifpraworlddublin.ie).

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**EMSU 2008 International Conference,**  
**15-17 October 2008**

**Technical University of Catalonia, Barcelona, Spain**

email address: [2008@emsu.org](mailto:2008@emsu.org)

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**10th Organic Products' & Services' Exhibition - ECOFESTIVAL 2007**  
**8-11 November 2007**

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The **New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA)** is delighted to be hosting the **IFPRA Asia Pacific Congress 2008 in Christchurch, New Zealand**.

Rotorua, New Zealand

**15 - 17 November 2007**.

For more information, visit <http://www.ifpra2008.com/> or contact: Contact Brandan Ward Tel: 0064 (04) 915 5643 or [b.ward@nzrecreation.org.nz](mailto:b.ward@nzrecreation.org.nz)

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## Website Postings

The latest issue of the IERM Newsletter has been added to the website at: **Library**

New Job Opportunities have been added to: **Employment Opportunities**

New International Events have been added to **Upcoming Events**

Information relating the 2007 IERM Convention has been posted to **National Events**

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