



Wildlife management in the 21st century: Adapt or die?

50th Anniversary Conference
6 – 11 September 2020
Berg-en-Dal, Kruger National Park

You are invited to submit abstracts for Paper, Speed and Poster presentations at the 2020 SAWMA Conference. The conference, will celebrate the 50th anniversaries of both SAWMA and the Eugène Marais Chair of Wildlife Management, Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria. The conference, co-

hosted by the School of Biology and Environmental Sciences, University of Mpumalanga and the Eugène Marais Chair of Wildlife Management, will include the following sub-themes:

- People & Conservation – Plenary speakers: [Louise Swemmer](#) (SANParks) and [Tutilo Mudumba](#) (Michigan State University, USA)
- Conservation Physiology: Adaptations for a Changing World – Plenary speaker: [Robyn Hetem](#) (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Wildlife Management/Conservation Challenges & Opportunities – Plenary speaker: [Matt Hayward](#) (University of Newcastle, Australia)
- Wildlife Management/Conservation Success Stories – Plenary speaker: [Pride – Lion Conservation Alliance](#)
- The Future of Wildlife Management & Conservation – Plenary speaker: [Hugh Broders](#) (University of Waterloo, Canada)



IMPORTANT DATES

- Abstract submissions close **27 April 2020**
- Registration opens **11 May 2020**
- Early bird registration closes **20 June 2020**
- Accommodation payments due **30 June 2020**
- Regular registration closes on **30 August 2020**



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Abstract and Topic Submission

Deadline for paper and poster abstracts: 27 April 2020

Abstracts must be submitted electronically by attaching a Microsoft Word document with the abstract to an email message. The email must include the information:

To: elma@mweb.co.za

Email subject: Indicate the specific thematic session (see below) and specify if you are submitting a Poster, Speed or Paper abstract. E.g. People & Conservation – Paper

Email body:

- Presenter name
- Address
- Telephone
- Preferred email address
- Attached abstract following the specified guidelines

You will be notified of receipt via email. If you have questions contact the SAWMA Secretariat, Elma Marais, Tel: 021-5541297; email: elma@mweb.co.za

Abstract Content and Style

Each submitted abstract must include the following and adhere to these guidelines:

- **Format** - Develop the abstract in Microsoft Word in a Windows format, using the Normal page margin settings (2.54 cm) and Arial, 10 point font. All spacing within the title/author area, abstract body and conference topic should be single-spaced and separated from each other by one space.
- **Title** – (centred, bold) The title must be in sentence case.
- **Author(s)** – (centred, bold) List the full first name followed by initials and last names of each author. Underline the presenting author
- **Affiliation information of each author** - (centred, italics) Use numeric superscript to identify multiple authors with different affiliations (follow format below). Do not use superscripts for single authors or multiples from the same affiliation.
- **Presenter's contact information** – (centred) name, address, phone number, email.
- **Body of Abstract** – (justified) Abstracts must not exceed 250 words. Abstracts longer than 250 words will be rejected. Emphasize the results of a study or the practical application of a management project or programme. If there is more than one paragraph, single space between paragraphs and do not indent.



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- **Sub Themes** – Identify the proposed theme(s) under which you think this presentation best fits.
 - People & Conservation
 - Conservation Physiology: Adaptations for a Changing World
 - Wildlife Management/Conservation Challenges & Opportunities
 - Wildlife Management/Conservation Success Stories
 - The Future of Wildlife Management & Conservation
- **Please note:** The scientific committee will review the scientific merit of abstracts only. Abstracts will not be edited in any way prior to their publication in the programme. As such, authors are responsible for ensuring the correct formatting and overall quality of their abstracts.

ABSTRACTS THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE CORRECT FORMAT WILL BE RETURNED TO AUTHORS WITHOUT REVIEW.

Example:

How to write a poster or paper abstract: Implications for acceptance to the SAWMA Symposium

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Abstract preparation forms a critical part in the success of conferences and symposia. This is an extremely important issue that requires urgent attention to prevent any further loss in sanity of organisational staff. If this contentious issue is not addressed before 27 April 2020, the attendance of any delegate will be severely hampered or prohibited. Therefore, we followed the protocol for abstract presentation to the letter, with specific focus on the 250word limit. We found that 86% of potential attendees conformed to Abstract-Preparation-Laws (APL). This was positively correlated with Time-To-Deadline (TTD). Individuals that employed longer TTDs displayed a significantly ($p < 0.05$) greater chance of conforming to APLs. This relationship was however augmented by individual dominance. The presence of dominant individuals resulted in subordinates employing longer TTD times, which significantly ($p < 0.05$) improved the application of APLs in subordinates. Conversely, the presence of more subordinates reduced the TTDs for dominant individuals. However, this did not reduce the application of APLs for dominant individuals. Outlier analysis showed that abstracts falling beyond APLs skewed the results. Therefore, these individuals were excluded from further participation in the 2020 SAWMA symposium. After outlier removal, 100% of actual attendees conformed to the APLs ($R^2 = 1$, $p < 0.05$). Although, the removal of outliers is an extremely laborious operation, it provides for much improved symposium operation irrespective of TTDs. Therefore, the application of outlier elimination will be crucial to the survival of organisational staff which in turn will increase the fitness of conferences and symposia.

Sub theme: Pick relevant subtheme

If your abstract is accepted, you will be provided further information on operating system requirements for your presentation, instructions on getting your presentation loaded, etc. Microsoft PowerPoint is strongly preferred for oral presentations.



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Oral Presentations

Speed presentations will be 5 minutes, with no time for questions. Oral presentations will be 15 minutes (12 minutes for the presentation and 3 minutes for questions and discussion). Presentation time limits will be strictly enforced.

Posters guidelines

Posters are strongly encouraged as they allow extended informal discussions and active participation of co-authors. The programme will make allowance for a poster session where posters can be displayed and informally discussed.

General guidelines:

- Poster size: ONLY PORTRAIT A0 = Width 841mm; Height 1 189 mm.
- Include your name, address, contact details, and if possible, a small photo of yourself.
- A viewer should be able to read and understand the poster in less than two minutes.
- There will be a special poster session, and you will stand at your poster and share your information with the audience.

Should you have further enquiries please contact:

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