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With less than three weeks to go before the SAWMA conference, it is time to deal with some logistics and final information and arrangements. We trust you are looking forward to the conference as much as we do!

PROGRAMME IN A GLANCE

The scientific programme can be viewed [here](#).

Read all about the plenary speakers [here](#).

For daily updates via WhatsApp join the SAWMA 2022 group [here](#):

Sunday 4 September 2022

14h00 – 17h00 Check-in and registration; loading of Monday's presentation slides

17h00 Welcome function at the Lalapanzi Palm Island

Monday 5 September 2022

09h00 – 16h00 Presentations in Ndlovu Center

17h00 Leaving for sundowners and potjie dinner at Shonalonga

Tuesday 6 September 2022

09h00 – 14h30 Presentations in Ndlovu Center

14h30 – 17h00 Reserve Management Workshop

18h30 – 20h00 Dinner: Braai in the Boma

20h00 Student Quiz in the Boma

Wednesday 7 September 2022

09h00 – 16h45 Presentations in Ndlovu Center

19h00 Dinner – Italian menu - Restaurant

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Thursday 8 September 2022

08h00 – 14h20 Presentations in Ndlovu Center
18h00 Gala Dinner: Ndlovu Center
18h00 - 18h45 Cocktails and canapés outside the conference hall
18h45 - 19h00 Everyone to be seated in Ndlovu Center
19h00 - 19h45 Fairall Award; Student Awards
19h45 - 20h30 Main Course
20h30 - 21h00 SAWMA Wildlife Excellence Awards
21h00 - 24h00 Deserts and Dance

GALA DINNER: THEME AND DRESS CODE

To add some fun, we decided to have a themed Gala Dinner this year:

Black, white and all things striped

The dress code will be smart casual, preferably no jeans and t-shirts. You can wear something white and/or black or something black and white striped. No need to go shopping – hopefully most people will at least have something that can blend into the theme.

STUDENT QUIZ – 6 September

Student teams can now enter for the Quiz, sponsored by Plaas Media, which will take place on 6 September at 20h00.

Please enter your teams at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuKgehrDyGZhiKZc22SmHBhggOZAS8NBoJdOLSxL_8bpm9DQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Each member of the winning team will receive a cash prize and a Plaas Media hamper! More information can be found on the SAWMA conference page: <https://sawma.co.za/conference-2022-2/>

SPECIAL RESERVE MANAGEMENT DAY AND WORKSHOP

Reserve managers interested in attending the Reserve Management programme and workshop on Tuesday, 6 October, are still welcome to register online. More information can be found at the following link: <https://sawma.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Reserve-Management-Day.pdf>

REGISTRATION

We would like to finalise the numbers of delegates attending the conference in person by **Monday, 22 August**. Therefore there is still about week left to register if anyone considers attending the event. Complete your registration at

<https://sawma.co.za/sawma-conference-registration-bonamanzi-4-9-september-2022/>.

Virtual registration can be done until the conference at <https://sawma.co.za/sawma-conference-registration-bonamanzi-4-9-september-2022-virtual-attendance/>

ACCOMMODATION

For any special arrangements or enquiries regarding accommodation, please don't hesitate to contact Tracey at Bonamanzi at sales@griddle.co.za / fom@bonamanzi.co.za.

Accommodation can still be booked as there are additional options available at: <https://sawma.co.za/sawma-conference-4-9-september-2022-accommodation-booking-form-bonamanzi-game-reserve/>

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Linen and towels are supplies in all rooms. Note that any groceries (coffee, snacks, need to be bought at Hluhluwe town as there is no shop on the reserve. Bottled water and wood can be bought at reception. Please note accommodation check-in time is 14h00 and check-out time is 10h00.

MEALS

Delegates attending the full conference: Breakfasts are not included in the registration fees and can be pre-ordered at R100 per breakfast and will be available from 06h00 -08h00 in the mornings at the restaurant. However every morning from 08h00 coffee, tea and rusks/muffins and other light eats will be served at the Ndlovu Center before the presentations start at 09h00. Lunches and dinners are included in the full registration fee.

Delegates attending only specific days: Daily registrations include lunches and coffee/tea but no dinners, unless it was indicated and added with online registration.

Last chance: Please inform Elma Marais (office@sawma.co.za) by 22 August if you would like to add any breakfasts that are not already booked when completing the online registration.

DRINKS AND CASH BAR

Thanks to Painted Wolf Wines who partially sponsored the wines, wines will be supplied free of charge during the dinners. There will also be a cash bar available for other drinks and soft drinks.

WIFI

Free Wifi will only be available in the restaurant, Ndlovu Center, and immediate public areas. Please be advised that you will need your own personal data for use in the accommodation areas.

BONAMANZI GAME RESERVE

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve of 4000 hectares with the Hluhluwe River forming the Eastern border. The reserve was proclaimed a Natural Heritage Site in 1995. The habitat of the reserve consists mainly of Sand Forests, Savanna & Wetland Areas.

The following activities are available for conference delegates during the week at you own expense. More information will be available during the conference.

- Game Drives
- Guided Walks
- Boat Cruises

WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT TO EXPECT WEATHERWISE

The average temperature in September for a typical day range from a high of (27°C) and a low of (17°C). Some would describe it as mildly cool and breezy, depending on where you are coming from! It is also moderately humid during the day there in September. Expect sunrise at about 05:49 am and sunset at about 17:42 pm.

Dress code during the conference is reasonably casual and comfortable. Bring mostly cool to in-between clothes with a warm jacket or two for cooler times in the evenings or early mornings. Also comfortable walking shoes, a hat, swimming gear and your own swimming towel if you are keen to cool down in a swimming pool. Perhaps a camera, binoculars and a torch would be handy as well.

PRESENTATIONS

Full and speed presentations

A reminder that full presentation are 15 mins (12 minutes of presentation + 3 minutes for questions) and speed presentations 5 mins. (no allotted question time, only if time allows).

Publication of papers:

No formal proceedings of papers will be published, but presenters should consider submitting their papers for publication in the African Journal of Wildlife Research, the official scientific journal of SAWMA. Papers will be peer reviewed. Visit the online submission link at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/sawma/default1.aspx>

In-person presenters

Presenters should please bring their PowerPoint presentations on a memory stick for downloading DURING REGISTRATION ON SUNDAY. Any other presentations should be downloaded in the conference hall before the programme starts on the day you present. As there will be live-streaming of talks, time limits will be strictly enforced.

Virtual presenters

You will be required to pre-record your presentation using whatever software you prefer. However, after pre-recording you will need to submit an **MP4 video file by sending it to Elma Marais at the latest by Friday, 26 August**. All pre-recorded talks will be screened by the technical committee and any that exceed the time limit will be returned to the speaker for adjustment. Very important: Although the virtual presentations will not be live, it is very important that the **presenters are available for questions during the presentations**. The presentations will be played via a YouTube platform, specifically created for the conference and questions can be asked by using the chat function.

The link for the live site will be <https://sawmalive.co.za/>. You will be able to log in on the site when the conference begins on Monday 4 September.

GUIDELINES FOR THE PERFECT POWER POINT PRESENTATION

Is this perhaps your first time to present at a conference or do you need some advice to improve your presentation? Some important pointers to keep in mind when creating your presentation as well as some information relating to the student presenters who qualify for special awards can be found [here](#)

EVALUATION OF STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Student presenters will qualify for special awards for best speed and full presentations in the following categories 1) Honours & Masters level and 2) PhD level. The objective of these awards is to encourage a high standard of presentations and to serve as motivation for our young scientists.

The following evaluation criteria can serve as guidelines for the preparation of full presentations:

- (1) Scientific conceptual basis in the context of the conference theme (30%)
- (2) Approach of the investigation (quality of the research or methodology; logical sequence) (30%)
- (3) Oral delivery and response to questions (clarity and audibility of the presentation, visual contact, use of time). (25%)
- (4) The use of visual aids (15%)

Student presenters, please inform Elma Marais if you are presenting as Hons/Masters student or as PhD student before the conference (office@sawma.co.za). Virtual presentations will unfortunately not qualify for prizes.

TRANSPORT AND DIRECTIONS

Bonamanzi is a privately owned Game Reserve, 4000 hectares in size with the Hluhluwe River forming the Eastern border. It is situated close to the town Hluhluwe in KwaZulu Natal. ([Bonamanzi Game Reserve - Google Maps](#)). The closest airport is King Shaka International Airport in Durban. The distance from Durban is approximately 230 km. The distance between OR Tambo Airport and Bonamanzi is about 540 km. Transport had been arranged for delegates who enquired assistance from King Shaka Airport to Bonamanzi. They will be contacted with further arrangements and pick up times.

The easiest way to reach Bonamanzi by road from Durban, is to turn right on the D566 road from the N2 main road. From Johannesburg take the turn off to Hluhluwe Town and there is a short gravel road at the southern end of the town to Bonamanzi. It is advised that you save the address **324 Bushlands Road on your GPS** device. Also Keep an eye out for printed SAWMA signs along the road.

Looking forward to meeting you all in person and virtually!

The conference organising team

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