

2011 Joint Research Conference: Call for Abstracts

4th Walter Sisulu University International Research Conference

8th Society for Free Radical Research-Africa (SFRR)

31st African Health Sciences Congress (31st AHSC)

4th International Conference of the Promotion of Traditional Medicines (PROMETRA)

17 - 19 AUGUST 2011

East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Introduction

Last year, Walter Sisulu University (WSU) hosted an International Research Conference on: "Consolidating Research, Innovation and Platforms for a Knowledge based Economy". The 2011 Joint Research Conference will focus in the promotion of research, identification and evaluation of technologies, transfer of technologies and strengthening the international lobbying of governments on African health issues.

Walter Sisulu University (WSU) is hosting a "Joint Research Conference" combining four conferences:

- 4th Walter Sisulu University International Research Conference
- 8th Society for Free Radical Research-Africa (SFRR-Africa)
- 31st African Health Sciences Congress (31st AHSC)
- 4th International Conference of the Promotion of Traditional Medicine (PROMETRA)

This Conference will be held in East London, Eastern Cape, South Africa from 16 to 20 August 2011 and will attract various delegates from South Africa and around the world.

Conference objectives

- Promote Health Sciences for sustainable development in Africa
- Advance Sciences, Sciences and Technology towards Innovative development
- Utilize education as a tool towards socio-economic and cultural imperatives
- Explore and understand the development of solutions in Africa from the perspective of Business, Management Sciences, Economy and Law.

Conference themes

- Nutrition, Functional Foods and Food Security
- Traditional and Alternative Medicine
- Pharmacogenetics and Pharmacogenomics
- Oxidative Stress and Biomarkers
- HIV/AIDS, Malaria, Tuberculosis and Neglected Diseases
- Biotechnology and Innovation for the development of Africa
- Earth, Life and Environmental Sciences for sustainable development

- Engineering and Technological initiatives in Africa
- Innovative advances in mathematical and physical sciences
- Current trends in Education
- Social, cultural and religious constraints to Education
- Perspectives of Business and Management sciences
- Economics and Law for constructive solutions
- Governance leadership and public administration
- Law and Society

Who should attend

- Researchers
- Academics
- Postgraduate students
- Managers and Policy makers in Government, Intergovernmental and Nongovernmental Organizations
- Research administrators
- Staff of Research Councils and Agencies

Call for abstracts: Abstracts should be submitted by the advertised deadlines for consideration by the Scientific Committee. Abstracts may be submitted for oral/poster presentations. Acceptance and mode of presentation of abstracts will be determined by the Scientific Committee. Authors of accepted abstracts will be required to submit full papers which will be peer reviewed for publication in the conference proceedings.

Structure of the Abstract: The abstract should have the following structure:

-Title of Abstract (with the text center justified) to include the title, author(s) names and affiliations (list multiple affiliations one below the other) and mark each with a superscript "a", "b", "c"). - In addition the name of the corresponding author, where there is more than one author, should be marked with an asterisk superscript (*). A footnote should then be given on this page "*Corresponding author: E-mail: Tel.: Fax:"
-The Abstract should be at most 400 words, with 6-8 keywords

General format

-It should be one column. Leave on all sides a 2.5 cm margin and use 12 pts font, Tahoma throughout. Single spacing should be used. The text should not be hyphenated. Metric (S.I.) units should be used. Use units instead of words, e.g. "10 m" instead of "meter(s)" with a free space between number and units. Do not abbreviate units (e.g. no "pi" or "pels"

instead of "pixel(s)". Also present units as 1% and 4%, or 2 mm to 5 mm, not 2 to 5 mm, or 3 km x 3 km, not 3 x 3 km. Do not use bullets. Instead use numbering as (1) (2). There should be no footnotes.

Timelines

- Abstract submission deadline - extended to **31 May 2011**
- Notification of acceptance of abstract **30 June 2011**
- Authors of accepted abstracts will be invited to submit manuscripts for possible publication in conference Proceedings.
- Submission date - 15 July 2011

Presentation language: The abstract should be in English. The text must be well structured and understandable. English should be grammatically correct.

Submission policy: First authors are limited to two oral presentations.

Mode of presentation: Presentations are welcome in oral and poster formats.

Poster presentation format: All posters should have a uniform size of A0

Audio-visual presentation: The organizing committee will provide conference laptop and LCD projector.

Display of promotional items: Companies are welcome to display their promotional items at a fee of R 10,000.00

Dissemination/Publications: All accepted oral presentations will be developed into manuscripts and submitted for consideration in the Conference proceedings. Papers to be included in the conference proceedings will be double blind peer reviewed.

Registration

Registration forms are available on www.wsu.ac.za. **Please take note that arrival and registration takes place on 16 August 2011.**

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted to the Directorate of Research Development: Professor K Mossanda
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