



**Southern African Society for
Systematic Biology**

1st announcement

SASSB 13th conference

Celebrating southern African biodiversity

2-4 July 2017

Hosted by University of Pretoria

@SANBI Education Centre

National Botanical Gardens, Pretoria

The Programme

The 13th SASSB conference will be held immediately prior to the joint ESSA-ZSSA combined congress in Pretoria. The programme has been structured to allow delegates to attend both conferences since the venues are within a few kilometres of each other (SANBI Education Centre and CSIR International Convention Centre, respectively).

The draft programme:

Sunday 2 July		10:00-12:00 Arrival, registration, poster set up Light lunch	12:50-14:30 Session 1	15:00-16:40 Session 2 Posters	Conference dinner
Monday 3 July	08:30-10:00 Plenary Session 3	10:20-12:00 Session 4 Posters	12:50-14:30 Session 5	15:00-16:40 Session 6 Posters	Dinner for SASSB [ESSA-ZSSA welcome]
Tuesday 4 July	08:30-10:00 Plenary Session 7	10:20-12:00 Session 8	Lunch and prizes Departure		[ESSA-ZSSA student event R80]

Conference format

Two invited talks of 30 min

Talks: 12-15 min (discussion time at end of each session)

Posters: Poster sessions

Suggested session themes

Five open sessions celebrating southern African biodiversity (from microbes to man).

Three focused sessions:

New approaches to species discovery

Multidisciplinary perspectives

Applied systematics research (“biodiversity for the bio-economy”)

Important dates

Call for abstracts	22 March – 30 April
2 nd circular, announcement of registration fees and accommodation options*	22 March
Early registration	1 April – 31 May
Finalization of programme	31 May
Late registration	1–15 June

*As is customary for the SASSB we endeavour to keep the registration fees as low as possible, especially for student delegates. We will also apply for student travel support via the NRF.