

## FIRST CIRCULAR

# PSSA2020

*21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Meeting of the  
Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa*

**9 to 11 September, 2020**

**Matjiesfontein Village, Great Karoo**

### PSSA 2020 REGISTRATION

Registration for the PSSA2020 Meeting is now open.

The **PSSA2020 Registration form** is available for downloading on the PSSA website (<https://www.palaeosa.org/>) or directly from this link:  
[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2hgzx1t4279fjlu/AABTo\\_8qp6PVkIKvjNbW\\_WOAA?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2hgzx1t4279fjlu/AABTo_8qp6PVkIKvjNbW_WOAA?dl=0)

Please e-mail your completed registration form to: [PSSA2020@yahoo.com](mailto:PSSA2020@yahoo.com)

### KEY DATES

Please note the following key dates:

<b>15 MAY 2020</b>	<b>ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS CLOSE</b>
<b>15 June 2020</b>	<b>Formal notifications to authors on their abstracts</b>
<b>30 June 2020</b>	<b>Standard registration deadline and Field Excursion bookings close</b>
<b>8 September 2020</b>	<b>On-site registration (extra fees apply)</b>

## CONFERENCE FEES

Conference fees for PSSA2020 are as follows:

<b>Standard registration fees</b>	<b>R3000.00</b>
<b>Student registration fees</b>	<b>R2000.00</b>
<b>Technical Staff registration fees</b>	<b>R2500.00</b>
<b>Post-conference excursion fees</b>	<b>R1950.00</b>

The fees cover the costs of all catering during the conference *except* breakfast.

Fees should be paid into the PSSA bank account as detailed below. PLEASE use your surname and PSSA2020 as a **payment reference** and **e-mail the digital copy of your proof of payment to [PSSA2020@yahoo.com](mailto:PSSA2020@yahoo.com)**

**Payment details:** EFT  
**Account name:** Palaeontological Society of Southern Africa  
**Bank:** ABSA cheque account  
**Account number:** 40-4812-9240

To qualify for the standard registration rates listed above please pay your fees and e-mail the digital copy of your proof of payment to [PSSA2020@yahoo.com](mailto:PSSA2020@yahoo.com) by **30 June 2020**. Late registration fees will apply after this date.

## ABSTRACTS

The **PSSA2020 Abstract template form** is available for downloading on the PSSA website (<https://www.palaeosa.org/>) or directly from this link: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2hgzx1t4279fjlu/AABTo\\_8qp6PVkIKvjNbW\\_WOAA?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2hgzx1t4279fjlu/AABTo_8qp6PVkIKvjNbW_WOAA?dl=0)

Please e-mail your abstract **BEFORE 15 May to: [PSSA2020@yahoo.com](mailto:PSSA2020@yahoo.com)**

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Meeting activities @PSSA2020						
September	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		8	9	10	11	12
		Presentations, Posters & Keynotes			Field trip	
		Technical and fossil collections workshops				
					Teachers' workshop	
	Registration & Welcome reception			Closing ceremony & Conference dinner		

## ACCOMMODATION DURING CONFERENCE

### Lord Milner Hotel, Matjiesfontein

The Lord Milner Hotel is offering special room rates for the duration of the PSSA2020 Meeting. Delegates should **contact the hotel directly** to book and pay for their accommodation:

**The Lord Milner Hotel**      Tel: 023 561-3011  
E-mail: [bookings@lordmilnerhotel.co.za](mailto:bookings@lordmilnerhotel.co.za)  
Fax: 023 561-3020  
Website: [www.matjiesfontein.com](http://www.matjiesfontein.com)

Please note that the special room rates *exclude* breakfast. If requested, this will be charged extra at a flat rate of R100 pp / day.

### Reserved student accommodation

Accommodation for **STUDENTS only** (34 max.) at a special rate of R295 *per person per night* (sharing) has been block-booked at the Rietfontein Private Nature Reserve, which is located adjacent to Matjiesfontein Village. Please note that this special rate *does not include breakfast*; this may be separately booked at the Lord Milner Hotel @ R100 *per person per day* for those who prefer not to self-cater.

**PLEASE note that Rietfontein PRN does NOT accept direct payments for this event.** All PSSA2020 student accommodation bookings at Rietfontein PNR are being co-ordinated by Dr Thalassa Matthews ([thalassa.matthews@gmail.com](mailto:thalassa.matthews@gmail.com)), LOC Member of PSSA2020. Please contact Thalassa with your student booking requests asap. **ONLY once you have received confirmation of availability and a Booking Number from Thalassa should you make student accommodation payments into the PSSA bank account using the PSSA banking details mentioned above.**

## POST-CONFERENCE EXCURSION

The two-day Post-Conference Excursion will take place on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 September 2020. It will involve an eclectic mix of Karoo and Cape Supergroup fossil sites within striking distance of Matjiesfontein.

The Excursion Fee of **R1950 per person** will cover all catering, one night's shared accommodation at the Rietfontein Private Nature Reserve near Matjiesfontein as well as transport for those that require it. The last stop of the excursion will be in the Ceres region on the mid-afternoon of the second day.

The excursion can accommodate a maximum of 30 participants. Interested participants should complete the relevant sections of the **PSSA2020 Registration form** (see last page) and pay their excursion fees into the PSSA bank account. Bookings for the excursion close on **30 June 2020**. Reservations are made on a first-come, first-served basis.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO MATJIESFONTEIN IN  
SEPTEMBER 2020!**

