



INVITATION AND FIRST CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The International Association of Military Geosciences invites you to the 12th International Conference on Military Geosciences, Stellenbosch, 18 to 23 June 2017, and the Post Conference Field Excursion, 24 – 29 June 2017.

The theme of the conference is “The scope, reach and impact of Military Geosciences”. With this deliberately broad theme the organisers aim to host a conference celebrating the diversity of research avenues explored by Military Geoscientists, as well as the impact this research has on military activities in the broadest possible sense. Therefore we (once again intentionally) steer away from tying participants to predetermined topics. On our website we did, however include a list of topics from previous conferences to help new participants to assess the scope of military geo-scientific work. For more information please visit the conference website at <http://www.icmg12.co.za/>

INFORMATION

The five-day conference will take place at the picturesque Lanzerac Wine Estate (<http://www2.lanzerac.co.za>) in the scenic university town of Stellenbosch, about 50 kilometres from Cape Town. The Lanzerac Wine Estate can trace its history back to 1692 when Governor Simon van der Stel granted the farm in the Jonkershoek Valley to Isaac Schrijver and three freed slaves.

The conference will host military geoscientists (academics and students) from around the world and feature the following:

- Presentations from distinguished international and South African scholars and researchers.
- Field trips: Attendees will explore the rich cultural and physical geography of the Cape Winelands and the Cape Town metropolitan region through informative excursions during the conference. This will include a full day visit to the Cape Peninsula, including Cape Point, as well as a half day excursion to the Castle – the oldest existing European building in South Africa.
- A welcoming function on Sunday evening and dinner on Monday evening (all lunches and coffee breaks are included).
- A Conference banquet.

The six-day post-conference field excursion will include the following:

- Return flights from Cape Town International to King Shaka International in Durban.
- All transport, meals and accommodation.
- Visit the Drakensberg – the scenic escarpment dividing the coastal province of KwaZulu – Natal from the interior.
- Visits to four of the pivotal battles fought on South African soil, as well as viewing the Big Five.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts (oral and posters)

Abstracts must not exceed 300 words. They must include the title, author(s), lead author's affiliation and email address, as well as an indication of whether the abstract is for an oral or a poster presentation. The last date for abstract submission is 19 May 2017. Final acceptance is contingent on registration and payment. Send abstracts to Hennie Smit at ICMG@ma2.sun.ac.za.

More information about the conference, preliminary scientific programme, timeline and key deadlines for registration and submission of abstracts, etc. can be found at the conference website. Alternatively, to request more specific information e-mail Hennie Smit or Jacques Bezuidenhout at ICMG@ma2.sun.ac.za.