

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear Delegate

We look forward to welcoming you at the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the South African Institute of Physics 2011 which will be held at the St George Hotel and Conference Centre, Pretoria, 13 – 15 July 2011. Please note that all functions will be held at the St George's Hotel and Conference Centre, next to the R21, Nellmapius/Irene offramp. Directions are available on the conference website.

## PROGRAMME

The provisional programme outlining the sessions is available on the conference website <http://www.saip.org.za/events/saip2011/>. The general outline is as follows:

Tuesday 12 July	07:45 Registration opens 08:30 Winter School 08:30 BioPhysics Workshop 09:30 SAIP Council Meeting Exhibition: dressing of stands until 17:00 18:30 Official Opening and Welcome Function
Wednesday 13 July	07:45 Registration opens 09:00 Opening Plenary Session Full day Conference Sessions 17:00 Poster session I
Thursday 14 July	07:45 Registration opens 08:00 Conference Sessions 12:45 Women in Physics lunch 17:00 Poster session II
Friday 1 October	07:45 Registration opens 08:00 Conference Sessions 14:45 SAIP AGM 18:30 Conference Dinner

## REGISTRATION – NB!

Registration will open on Tuesday. Please ensure that you register as soon as possible as you have to be registered before the welcome function. Note that delegates are requested to wear their name tags at all times.

**Delegates will receive tickets for functions that they have registered for. These will be inserted in your name tag pouch. Please check at registration that this is correct as no supplement tickets will be issued after registration. If you lose it, you will unfortunately have to miss the function(s).** Each delegate will be entitled to two drinks per function, but a cash bar will be available.

## AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Standard equipment that will be made available at the conference includes:

- Data projector
- Laptop with Office 2007 and Acrobat Reader

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS AND DRESS CODE

The dress code for the conference is casual.

Welcome Cocktail Function:	Tuesday 12 July	Smart casual
Gala Dinner:	Friday 15 July	Smart casual, jacket

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

The conference will be held during the winter month of July.

Temperatures currently range between 2°C and 20°C, “depending on the cold fronts”. The evenings are cold, so do pack something warm. Please visit the website below for a seven day weather forecast: <http://www.weathersa.co.za/>

## PAYMENT:

**Please ensure** that you have faxed proof of payment to SAIP.

To ensure a smooth registration process, please bring a copy of your proof of payment to the registration desk for our records. **Payment is required before entrance into the Conference venue.**

**Please note that credit cards cannot be accepted for payment.**

## TOURISM and CONFERENCE TOURS IN SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is a wonderful country with a wide diversity of cultures, a rich history and magnificent natural beauty.

Below are a few points to keep in mind when traveling in South Africa.

- The crime rate in South Africa is higher than in many countries, and it is advisable to take the normal precautions, such as planning your route, not walking alone after dark, etc.
- South Africans drive on the left side of the road, and generally treat roundabouts (traffic circles) as 4-way stops.
- Electricity supply is at 240 V and 50 Hz.

We look forward to seeing you at the conference in Pretoria soon!

Kind Regards, The Registration Team