21ST Indigenous Plant Use Forum

IPUF First Call

The 2018 IPUF conference will be held at **Surval Boutique Olive Estate**, situated ca. 5 km from Oudtshoorn on the Cango Caves road (R328) . Oudtshoorn is the largest town in the Little Karoo (also known as Kannaland). It is an arid area of 23 500 km^2 (mainly Succulent Karoo Biome) situated in the southeastern part of the Western Cape Province, with a plant diversity of more than 3000 species. Kannaland is named after *kanna* or *canna* (*Mesembryanthemum tortuosum,* previously known as *Sceletium tortuosum*), one of the most important of all Cape herbal medicines. The original inhabitants of Kannaland were Khoi herders of the Attaqua group but limited information about their culture has survived. Recent ethnobotanical survey work has revealed a total of 693 useful plants (including the major grazing plants) and a total of 286 medicinal plants.

Oudtshoorn is widely known as the "ostrich capital of the world" because it is the main centre of the ostrich industry. There are some fabulous houses that date back to the time of the ostrich boom. Oudtshoorn is the main centre for the production of specialised agricultural seed (such as onions and carrots). Tourism is also an important source of income. Oudtshorn is known for the Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees ("Little Karoo National Arts Festival"), better known as the KKNK. Other tourist attractions include the CP Nel Museum, Gottland House, the old Dutch Reformed Church, several wine estates along the Route 62 wine route (where some of the best South African Port style wines can be tasted), Buffelsdrift Game Lodge, Cango Caves, Cango Ostrich Farm, Cango Wildlife Ranch, Highgate Ostrich Show Farm, Oudtshoorn Ballooning, Safari Show Farm, Swartberg Adventures and Wilgewandel Holiday Farm. The tourism office is situated in Voortrekker Road, next to the CP Nel Museum. Well-known people of the region include C. J. Langenhoven (a famous writer and poet), Etienne Leroux (famous author), Skipper Badenhorst and Lucas "Kabamba" Floors (famous rugby players).

Surval Boutique Olive Estate

The venue: Surval Boutique Olive Estate

CONTACT DETAILS
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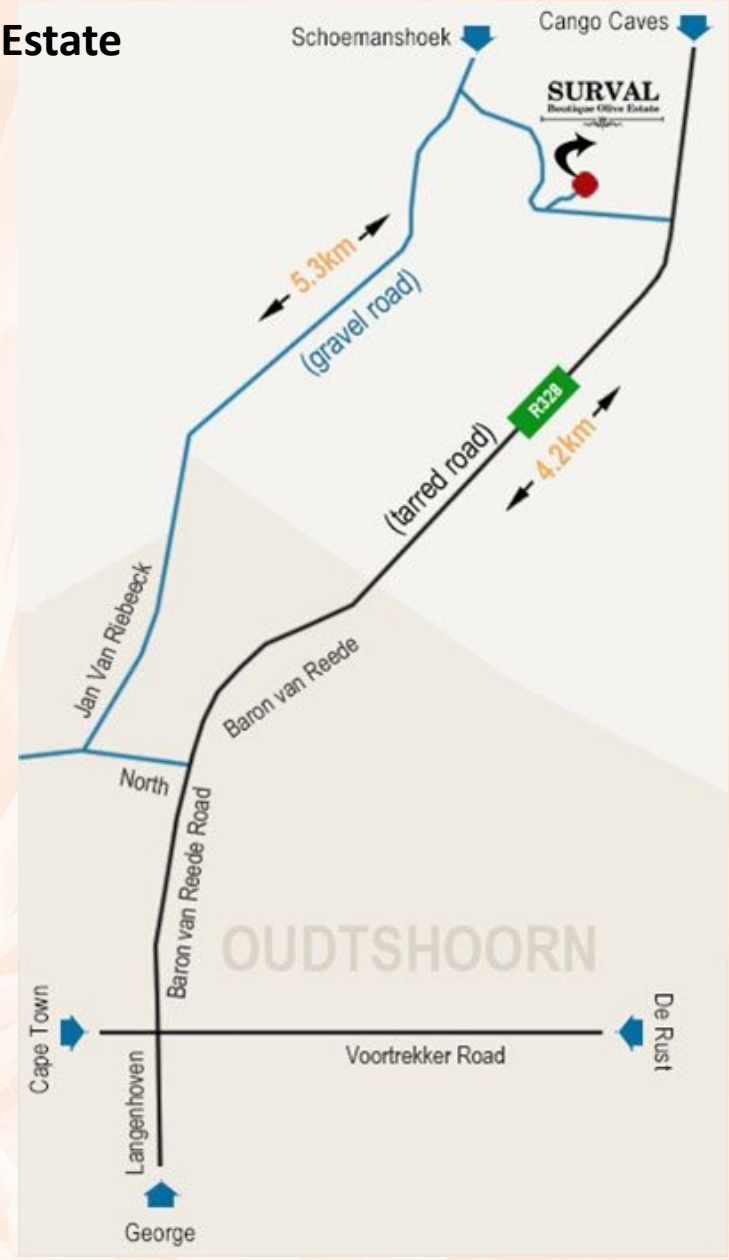
Website: www.surval.co.za
Address: Portion 116, Buffelsdrift,
R328 Cango Caves Road, Oudtshoorn

Travel to Oudtshoorn – there are flights to George.
Travel by car from George to Oudtshoorn takes 1 hour.

DIRECTIONS (GPS COORDINATES: S 33 32.104 E 22 14.080)
Follow Baron van Reede Street out of Oudtshoorn towards the Cango Caves (R328). From Caves Retirement Village (last houses on the left) it is 4.2 km to the turn-off of Surval Boutique Olive Estate. Turn left onto a gravel road. Surval Boutique Olive Estate is 1.1 km along the gravel road.



Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation. There are many resorts and guest houses in Oudtshoorn—Simply use google or contact the local tourism office.

Provisional Programme

Sunday 1 July	**Delegates arrive at Surval for Registration at 16:00** **Meet and Greet function in the evening**
Monday **2 July**	**- Late Registration (7:30 to 8:30)** **- Display of posters** **- Briefing session and official opening at 08:30** **- First Conference session commences at 09:00** **- Dinner in the evening**
Tuesday **2 July**	**- Morning: Lecture sessions** **- Afternoon: Lecture sessions** **- Introduction to field trip** **- Dinner in the evening**
Wednesday **12 July**	**- Business meeting (8:00)** **- Tea** **- Product display** **- Lunch at conference venue (12:00 to 13:00)** **Field trip to study local medicinal and edible plants (13:30 to 16:00)** **IPUF Dinner: Social function and prize giving (Surval)**

CALL FOR PAPERS/POSTERS

Due to the overwhelming response we had in recent years, we are limiting the paper and poster presentations to a maximum of one paper **or** one poster per presenter. Only 50 lectures can be accommodated, on a first come, first served basis.

Contributions in the form of 15 minute platform papers (10 minute presentation and 5 minutes question time) on the themes would be most welcome. We will have a combined poster session with 2-minute flash presentations (one to three PowerPoint slides). Paper/poster titles should reach us by the **15th April 2017,** in order to compile a Provisional Programme for the Second Announcement. A short (maximum 350 words) ABSTRACT should reach us by e-mail on or before **31 May 2017** for inclusion in the programme.

E-mail address: **ipuf@uj.ac.za.**

Registration form (attached)

Abstract format —Template (attached)

THEMES

The Main Theme of the 2018 Indigenous Plant Use Forum (IPUF) is **Bridging the gap between research and development.** As in the past, several short symposia will be held by grouping together oral papers and poster papers submitted by IPUF members for the 2018 Forum. Efforts will be made to accommodate all contributions on Indigenous Plant Use or related subjects, either as 15-minute lectures or posters, as 2-minute flash presentations. Typical symposia themes include:

(1) Legislation and regulations	2) Cultivation and propagation
(3) Conservation and sustainability	(4) Adulteration and contamination
(5) Identification of useful plants	(6) African Traditional Health System
(7) Medicinal plant chemistry	(8) Ethnopharmacology and biological activity testing
(9) Ethnoveterinary uses of plants	(10) Plant drug interactions
(11) Antimicrobial activity	(12) Indigenous knowledge and Intellectual property rights
(13) Commercialization of indigenous plants	(14) Ethnobotany

STUDENT AWARDS

IPUF is again sponsoring awards for the best paper and poster presentations by young scientists with special priority to post-graduate students. The winners will each receive a certificate and prize-money. Entry can be indicated on the registration form or by contacting us at ipuf@uj.ac.za

Young scientists are the only persons eligible for this award and such persons must have specifically pointed out that they wish to be considered for the award. A young scientist will qualify by conforming to at least one of the following conditions at the start of the meeting:

- Under the age of 30 years at the date of the meeting
- Three or less presentations at prestigious scientific meetings, or
- Five or less years' work in the respective discipline, associated with the presentations.

PRODUCT/ CRAFTS DISPLAY

An opportunity will be provided for individuals or companies to display and/or sell any products/crafts relevant to indigenous plant use. Please contact ipuf@uj.ac.za for space. The product display will take place on Wednesday morning (4 July 2018) at Surval, where each company or individual will be given 5 minutes to introduce their product(s).

CONFERENCE EXCURSION

Visit to a natural area with typical Little Karoo vegetation. Guided tour by local experts to study the indigenous flora of the area, with a focus on traditional medicinal and edible plants.

IPUF BEST NEW PRODUCT AWARD

An award for the Best New Product can be won, annually sponsored by Dr. Carl Albrecht, the first chairperson of IPUF. The award will be a special wall-plaque and the organizers will obtain publicity for the winner and the product. Please submit nominations via email at ipuf@uj.ac.za. Criteria and an electronic entry form are available on request from the secretariat (ipuf@uj.ac.za).

Criteria (find attached)

Entry form (find attached)

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for normal members and students are listed below.

All lunches, dinners and teas (Monday to Wednesday), i.e. including the social function on Wednesday evening, are included in the registration fee. Registration forms must reach the secretariat before or on **31st May 2018. Late registration applies from 1 June to 21 June. Final date for payment or cancellation: 21 June**. Proof of registration is required to qualify for the student fee. **NB: Registration closes on 21 June 2018.**

Normal registration fee:		
Day	**Registration Fee** (before 31 May)	**Late Registration Fee** (1 June to 21 June)
Full:	R 2800-00	R 3000-00
Student registration fee:		
Day	**Registration Fee** (before 31 May)	**Late Registration Fee** (1 June to 21 June)
Full:	R 2500-00	R 2700-00

The registration fee does not include transport or accommodation. **Delegates are responsible for booking and paying their own accommodation**.

Registration forms and payment must reach the secretariat (ipuf@uj.ac.za) before **1st June 2018** to avoid the late registration fee. Proof of registration is required to qualify for the student fee.

REGISTRATION FORM

Completed registration forms should be returned as soon as possible and not later than 31st May 2018 (normal registration fee) or 21 June 2018 (late registration) to the secretariat at:

ipuf@uj.ac.za (tel: 011 559 3469; fax: 011 559 2411; international code 0027)

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Delegates who would prefer to pay the registration fee with direct deposit, or by direct bank transfer need to request an invoice. The 'Invoice Request Form" can either be found on the website (www.uj.ac.za/botany) or from the Excel spreadsheet attached in the First Announcement email. Once the invoice request form is populated, please return to the secretariat (ipuf@uj.ac.za), so that the University of Johannesburg can issue an invoice against which payment must be made. The university will issue the invoice with the banking details. Unfortunately, a change in the financial management system of the university has made this procedure necessary.

The secretary will assume that payment is still outstanding, until proof of payment has been received from you and acknowledged.

It is also possible to pay the registration fee at the Conference, but the late registration fee will be applicable (cash only).

CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION:

No cancellations will be accepted after 21st June 2018. The caterers and venue have to be paid two weeks in advance before the conference commences. Therefore, it has been decided that delegates will be held responsible for the late registration fee when attendance is cancelled after 21st June 2018.

Please note that returning a completed registration form to the secretariat is an indication that a person will be attending the IPUF 2018. Conference and arrangements will be made for meals and so forth. Unless attendance is cancelled on or before 21st June 2018, the delegate will be held responsible for the registration fee.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES

Submission of paper/poster titles	**:**	**15 April 2018**
Submission of registration forms	**:**	**31 May 2018**
Submission of paper/poster abstracts	**:**	**31 May 2018**
Late registration fee applies	**:**	**1–21 June 2018**
Last date for registration and cancellation	**:**	**21 June 2018**

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Questions or Queries: ipuf@uj.ac.za