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Every three years the WAC holds an international conference on copepods, and these have become the most important global gatherings for all students of copepods. Each conference gives you the chance to meet fellow researchers, to talk with students and with experts, to borrow material and to plan collaborations. Each meeting is unique, bursting with the individuality and culture of the host nation. It is such good fun to get to know your fellow copepod specialists and to find such enthusiasts to talk to. The best memories are associated with meeting the real people, and the personal contacts made at conferences are of lasting value.
14th ICOC

Kruger National Park
South Africa

14-19 June 2020

http://abevents.co.za/WEB_ICOC2020/index.html
Co-hosted by:

Prof SM Dippenaar  Prof A Avenant-Oldewage  Prof H Jerling
## Previous host cities

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Facts about SA

• ⅛ size of USA, 2x size of France
• About 1600 km for north to south and from east to west
• 3 capitals
  • Pretoria – administrative
  • Cape Town – legislative
  • Bloemfontein – judicial
• Population about 52 million
• 9 provinces
• 11 official languages
• Only country that hosted soccer, cricket and rugby world cups
• Has deserts, wetlands, grasslands, bush, subtropical forests, mountains and escarpments
South Africa: Host country

- Affordable
- Natural Beauty
- World Class Facilities
- Adventure
- Good Weather
- Rainbow Nation
- Diverse Experiences
- Wildlife
- Responsible Tourism
Venue:
Kruger National Park
Skukuza Camp

For more information, visit:
https://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/
https://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/camps/skukuza/images/maps/skukuza.jpg
Established 1898 as Sabie Game Reserve
- Borders:
  - Mpumalanga Province
  - Limpopo Province
  - Mozambique
  - Zimbabwe
- 2 million hectares or 19,633 square km (7,580 square miles)
- Almost 254 known cultural heritage sites
- The largest national park in SA
- More than 1 million visitors per year
Kruger National Park: by numbers

Physical Features:
• 2 million hectares
• 350 km (north to south)
• 60 km (average east to west)
• 900 km tar roads
• 2 000 km gravel roads
• 4 500 km management roads

Species diversity:
• 114 Reptiles
• 1 980 Plants
• 404 Trees & Shrubs
• 224 types of Grass
• 147 Mammals
• 52 Fish
• 517 Birds
• 35 Amphibians
Accommodation options:

- Safari tents
- Bungalow units
- Bungalow
- Guest cottage

https://www.sanparks.org/parks/kruger/camps/skukuza/tourism/accommodation.php
Conference venue:
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Conference Themes

• Marine Copepods
  ➢ Symposium:

• Symbiotic Copepods
  ➢ Symposium:

• Molecular work on Copepods
  ➢ Symposium:

• Freshwater Copepods
  ➢ Symposium:
Tourism options at conference venue

Self Drive Game Drives
• Main activity of Kruger
• Between gate opening and closing times
• Must stay in vehicle
• Mostly day visitor activity

Guided Game Drives
• Leaves from Camp reception
• 10-seater or 22-seater game drive vehicle
• Duration of 3-4 hours
How to get there

• Recommended:
  Flights from Cape Town International AND Johannesburg OR Tambo International directly to Skukuza Airport

Airlink's scheduled air services to Skukuza airport:

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Visit [www.skukuzaairport.com](http://www.skukuzaairport.com) for additional information.
Pre-conference workshop
venue
How to get there

Flights from Johannesburg OR Tambo International to Polokwane
• Association Business Events (Professional Event Management company)
• Track records for International conferences: WSAVA, WVA, Buiatrics, ISVA, WVPA (Details on request)
• ABE will fulfill the overall event management service
Local organising committee

• Prof Susan Dippenaar (UL)
• Prof Annemarie Avenant-Oldewage (UJ)
• Prof Hendrik Jerling (Unizulu)

Pre-conference workshop

• Prof Rony Huys (Natural History Museum, London)
Warnings

• **NB: You will always want to come back!!!**

• Kruger National Park is a malaria area
  • Not really a problem during cooler, drier winter months
  • Use ABCD approach to prevention:
    • Awareness of risk
    • Bite prevention – use insect repellent, covering arms and legs at dawn and dusk
    • Check whether you may want to use malaria prevention tables
    • Diagnosis – immediate medical advice for malaria symptoms after trip