

Announcement and call for abstracts

2nd Garden Route Interface Meeting

Science and management co-learning to navigate social-ecological issues



2-4 October 2018

Pine Lake Marina, Sedgefield, South Africa

Background: The Garden Route Interface Meeting is an annual event taking place in the Garden Route and providing a forum for researchers and practitioners interested in better understanding and managing (or navigating) social-ecological systems (SES) and their complex interactions and feedbacks. The 2017 meeting attracted 75 delegates and important discussion themes included the establishment of long-term social-ecological research sites, methods for and challenges in studying SES, sustainable resource use, adaptations and transformations in SES, ecosystem services and benefit flows, ways in which people connect with nature, and advice for bridging science-management divides.

Themes for the 2018 meeting: The overall aim of the meeting is to promote knowledge sharing, dialogue and networking related to learning about and managing SES. Both managers and scientists are invited to share their latest approaches, challenges, insights and findings. Contributions aligned with the following themes would be especially welcome:

- Use of social media to make sense of people-nature interactions
- Intertwined nature of social and ecological systems – connections, feedbacks, models ...
- Management approaches – stakeholder engagement, cooperative management, adaptive management ...
- Knowledge and learning for resilient SES – social learning, knowledge co-creation, transdisciplinary research ...

Submission Guidelines: Abstracts on novel approaches and findings with distinct management application can be submitted for three types of contributions:

- Posters: A1 size (59.4 x 84.1 cm) posters in either portrait or landscape orientation
- Presentations: 5 min speed talks or 15 min presentations

Abstracts of no longer than one page should be submitted to dot@mpu.co.za by 31 May 2018. Please indicate authors, presenter, affiliation details and presentation type. A programme will then be finalised and circulated.

Registration: R 1,500 (payable by 30 July 2018) includes attendance, teas and lunches for all three days and a symposium dinner. Please complete and submit the attached registration form. Due to the size of the venue and to allow for quality interaction, the **number of delegates will be capped at 100** on a first pay first accept basis.

Accommodation: Various accommodation options are available at Pine Lake Marina at 10% discount for delegates, please contact Jeanne on 044 349 2200 for details <http://www.pinelakemarina.co.za/accommodation.aspx>



- Payment due by 30 July 2018