AFQUA - THE AFRICAN QUATERNARY: environments, ecology and humans

AFQUA brings developed and developing world researchers together to discuss progress in studies of the Quaternary period (the last 2.6 million years) in Africa, bridging regional divides, and fostering communication and collaboration at both regional and continental scales. Along with talks on subjects including palaeoclimatology, palaeoecology and archaeology, equal time is dedicated to a series of focus groups and training workshops. These include thematic discussions of cutting-edge research topics as well as workshops that introduce and train early career and developing researchers in the skills they need to develop and communicate their science in the modern research environment.

The programme will include plenary talks by world-renowned experts and provide opportunities for both oral and poster presentations.

The whole event will last nine days:
• Five days of conference with oral presentations, posters and plenaries and a one-day break for field excursions (14th-19th of July, 2018).
• Three days of focus group discussions and specialised training workshops (20th-22nd of July 2018).

SESSIONS & ABSTRACTS

A call for session and workshop proposals will be made in October, 2017. Sessions may focus on any of a range of themes spanning the full spectrum of Quaternary sciences, including palaeoclimatology, palaeoecology, archaeology, geomorphology and landscape change, and related analytical techniques. Regional sessions will also be held to showcase the latest research from across Africa.

AFQUA 2018 website:
http://afquacongress.wix.com/afqua2018

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CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

We will soon be sending out a survey to see what kinds of pre- and/or post-conference excursions delegates may be interested in.

VENUE

Nairobi, “the safari capital of Africa”, is the lively, cosmopolitan capital of Kenya, with a well-serviced international airport.

The National Museum of Kenya (1.27408° S, 36.81458°E) is centrally located and linked to surrounding botanical gardens is a showcase for the country’s natural, cultural, historical and artistic heritage.

ACCOMMODATION AND ACTIVITIES

Nairobi offers a wide range of options for accommodation and restaurants. In the immediate vicinity of the National Museum, prices for quality double rooms range from ~US$ 30 - ~US$ 100 per night.

Nairobi makes an excellent base for a variety of day trips, including the Nairobi, Hell’s Gate and Lake Naivasha national parks, a Giraffe Center and David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage.

Further afield, the options are almost limitless, with 2-6+ day tours to world famous destinations like Amboseli, Aberdare, Lake Nakuru, and Maasai Mara.

IMPORTANT DATES

Early registration before: 2nd of March, 2018
Abstract submission up to: 2nd of March, 2018
Late registration up to: 15th of May, 2018

REGISTRATION FEES

- Full Rate: €135 (€100 before 2nd March)
- Early Career and Developing Country Rate: €75 (€50 before 2nd March)
- Undergraduate student Rate: €25 (€15 before 2nd March)

The registration fee includes: ice-breaker, tea and coffee breaks, and congress dinner. A registration form will be available on the conference website.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Support for a limited number of Early Career and Developing Country Researchers will be made available. A call will be made, and applicants will be asked to submit their CV to the organizing committee, supported by a letter from their faculty supervisor, if applicable.