

INVITATION

THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DMISA)

(1) ANNUAL CONFERENCE – “DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2008”

WEDNESDAY 8 TO THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER 2008,

(2) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2008 AT 10:00

ATKV GOUDINI SPA, WESTERN CAPE

The Annual Conference of the Institute is the biggest Disaster Management Conference in Africa, and routinely attracts more than 350 delegates. The Institute is recognized as the mouthpiece of the Disaster Management profession in Southern Africa and is recognized by the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) as well as the United Nations' International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR).

The conference provides an annual opportunity for a diverse range of stakeholders in disaster risk management from across Africa to gather and share skills, knowledge and experience.

This year's conference is hosted/co-hosted by the Western Cape Provincial Government: Ministry of Local Government and Housing, the Cape Winelands District Municipality and the Breede Valley Municipality.

ATKV Goudini Spa is situated ± 100 km's from Cape Town.

ATKV Goudini Spa is regarded as one of the Western Cape's most sought after holiday, conference and tourism destinations. With an abundance of facilities, this modern resort is set to establish itself as the market leader in the province.

ATKV Goudini Spa is situated in the Breë River Valley – undoubtedly a paradise for nature lovers. The area boasts many 4x4 routes, adventurous tractor rides, hiking trails and canoe trips on the Breë River, which are becoming more and more popular!

A few kilometers from Goudini, lies the Boland town of Worcester, with many interesting attraction such as the Kleinplasië Open Air Museum, the KVV Brandy Cellar and the Karoo National Botanical Gardens. ATKV Goudini Spa is also surrounded by many renowned wine cellars: Badsberg, Slanghoek, Du Toitskloof, Goudini and Opstal estate!

CALL FOR PAPERS: Language: English

Last Day for Submission of Abstract: 1 July 2008

The first day of the conference will commemorate ISDR Day (the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction), which is held on the second Wednesday of October each year. This year's theme is **MAKING HOSPITALS SAFE FROM DISASTERS**.

Specifications

- ✦ Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be submitted to the Administrator
- ✦ Themes of the Papers should be in line with the World Conference on Disaster Reduction and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters – which was held in Kobe, Japan, in 2005. The Conference heralded a major review of disasters and disaster reduction efforts. One of its main outcomes was the Hyogo Framework for Action – 2005-2015, with 5 priorities for action:

Governance: ensure that disaster risk reduction is a national and local priority with strong institutional basis for implementation
Risk identification: identify, assess and monitor disaster risks and enhance early warning
Knowledge: use knowledge, innovation and education to build a culture of safety and resilience at all levels
Reducing the underlying risk factors
Strengthen disaster preparedness for effective response www.unisdr.org

- ✦ Abstracts should clearly state the purpose, results and conclusions of the work to be described in the final paper
- ✦ Abstracts should be submitted electronically via e-mail.

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or PROTEA HOTEL Cumberland Tel:(023) 347-2641 or Fax:(023) 347-3613 (± 20 km's from Goudini SPA).

EXHIBITION SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE

Registration:

Registration fees, which include all teas as well as lunch on both days and evening functions on 7 October (meet and greet) and 8/9 October 2008, have been set at very reasonable rates as follows:

Members of DMISA : R 2 900-00 Non-members: R3 300-00
Late Registration Penalty : R 300-00

Closing date for Registrations: 1 September 2008

Please remember the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 10 October 2008 at 10:00

Should you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact our office between 08:00 and 13:00 (weekdays) and speak to our Administrator, Karin. Tel + 27 (0) 11 822-1634 or you can e-mail us at: karin@disaster.co.za Our fax number is + 27 (0) 86 652 8066.
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