



Fifty years of invasion ecology - the legacy of Charles Elton

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Hosted by the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence for Invasion Biology, Stellenbosch, South Africa

http://www.sun.ac.za/cib/events/Elton_CIB_symposium.htm

SYMPOSIUM INFORMATION

Thank you for expressing interest in the Centre for Invasion Biology's 2008 symposium: "Fifty years of invasion ecology – the legacy of Charles Elton". We are looking forward to your participation in this important and exciting meeting. The provisional programme for the meeting can be viewed on the symposium web page.

Enquiries related to the symposium attendance should be directed to the Event Coordinator, Ms. Anel Garthwaite, at ag@sun.ac.za, tel. +27 21 808 2725 or fax +27 21 808 2995.

Registration will be accepted online only and registration will be confirmed once payment has been received. Payment confirmation can be sent by fax: +27 21 808 2995, or email: cib@sun.ac.za

General Information

The symposium will be held at the Wallenberg Conference Centre at Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. Please visit the STIAS web site (http://www.stias.ac.za/location_map.html) for directions and a map to the conference venue.

Poster content and guidelines

Posters which present the results of single experiments, or case studies, however interesting these may be, will not be accepted. Posters **must** address the theme of the meeting – fifty years of invasion ecology, consider how perspectives and approaches relating to biological invasions have changed since the 1950s or propose future approaches that will overcome past challenges.

Posters must be A1 size and portrait format (594mm wide x 841mm high). Posters will be on display throughout the conference and there will be a selected poster convenor to give a summary of the posters during the two poster sessions.

Registration, submission and acceptance of poster abstracts

An online registration process has been established. Once you have filled in the registration form, including your poster abstract and title, you will be allocated a delegate number. Please save a copy of your registration form and this number for your own records. Your abstract will

be reviewed by a research advisory panel and you will receive an email notifying you that your poster has been accepted for inclusion in a poster session.

Enquiries related to poster acceptance and abstract details should be directed to Prof. Dave Richardson, email: rich@sun.ac.za

Registration fee and payment details

The registration fee for the meeting is R 3 000. Current members of the C•I•B (core team members, technical staff, post-doctoral associates, doctoral and masters students) may attend the symposium free of charge but must register in full. Account details for the University of Stellenbosch are indicated on the online registration form.

Conference registration includes:

- Participation in all conference sessions
- A conference kit containing the final programme, poster abstracts and participant list
- All teas and lunches during the conference sessions
- Two evening functions.

Three payment options are available:

- By international electronic funds transfer
- By direct deposit into bank account or electronic transfer (South Africa only)
- By credit card

See registration form and web site for details.

Symposium milestones

Registration: By Friday 19 September 2008. You will need to submit your poster abstract and title (if applicable) at registration.

Payment of registration fees: By Friday 26 September 2008.

Please register and pay as early as possible. Participant numbers are limited by the size of the venue, so we cannot guarantee that we will be able to accept all registration requests.

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation.

Recommendations of guest houses and B&Bs are available on the symposium web page (follow the links from http://www.sun.ac.za/cib/events/Elton_CIB_symposium.htm). Please be aware that November is high season in the Western Cape/South Africa.

Symposium programme

The programme comprises a combination of keynote presentations, poster sessions and panel discussions and/or workshops. Keynote speakers will address specific themes, with one or two

speakers per theme. Ample time will be allowed for discussion following each pair of keynote presentations.

Keynote speakers

Tim Blackburn - Zoological Society of London, UK

James Carlton - Williams College, USA

Steven Chown - DST-NRF Centre of Excellence for Invasion Biology, South Africa

Mark Davis - Macalester College, USA

Guy Preston - Working for Water programme, South Africa

Petr Pyšek - Institute of Botany, Academy of Science of the Czech Republic

David Richardson - DST-NRF Centre of Excellence for Invasion Biology, South Africa

Daniel Simberloff - University of Tennessee, USA

Peter Vitousek - Stanford University, USA

Michael Wingfield - University of Pretoria, South Africa

Hugh MacIsaac - University of Windsor, Canada

Matthew Chew - Arizona State University, USA

Anthony Ricciardi - McGill University, Canada