



ANATOMICAL SOCIETY OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA (ASSA)

44th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Anatomy, inspiring life into learning!

First Invitation & Call for Abstracts

8 - 11 May 2016

Bloem Spa Hotel & Conference Centre,
Bloemfontein, South Africa

Preliminary Programme at a glance: ASSA Conference 2016

	Sunday, 8 May	Monday, 9 May	Tuesday, 10 May	Wednesday, 11 May
Morning	10:00-18:00 Registration	08:00 Registration	08:00 Registration	08:00 Registration
	11:00-13:00 FAIG workshop	08:30 Opening	08:30 Presentations	08:30 Presentations
		08:45 Presentations		
	11:00-13:00 CAIG workshop	10:30 Refreshments & Exhibition	10:30 Refreshments & Exhibition	10:00 Refreshments & Exhibition
		11:15 Presentations	11:15 Presentations	10:30 Presentations
	13:00 Lunch	13:00 Lunch & Exhibition	13:00 Lunch & Exhibition	11:45-12:45: AGM
Afternoon	14:00-16:00 FAIG workshop	14:00 Presentations	14:00 Presentations	13:00 Adjourn (Take away lunch)
	14:00-16:00 CAIG workshop	15:30 Refreshments & Exhibition	15:30 Refreshments & Exhibition	
	15:00 Refreshments & Exhibition	16:00 Presentations	16:00 Presentations	
	16:00-18:00 Council meeting	17:30 Adjourn	17:30 Adjourn	
Evening	18:30-19:30 Thompson Stibbe lecture	Evening free	18:30 for 19:00: Gala dinner (Reitz Hall, UFS)	
	19:30: Welcoming Function (Bloem Spa Hotel)			

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Invitation

Dear Colleagues, students and friends

We would like to invite you to the 44th Annual Conference of the Anatomical Society of Southern Africa, at Bloem Spa Hotel & Conference Centre, Bloemfontein, Free State from Sunday 8th of May until Wednesday the 11th of May 2016. The theme of this conference is ***“Anatomy inspiring life into learning”***. The ASSA conference serves as a platform where local and international colleagues present their research on an annual basis, exchange ideas and key developments in the field while enjoying the collegial atmosphere.

The Department Basic Medical Sciences, University of the Free State is excited to meet lecturers, students and researchers in the field of anatomy. We are looking forward to insightful presentations within a spectrum of interesting topics in our field, including clinical and comparative anatomy, physical and forensic anthropology, cell and molecular biology, histology, embryology and medical education. We are looking forward to colourful discussions, the sharing of new ideas in the field of research and building our professional relationships.

We therefore invite you to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations in any of the above categories and join us to inspire life into learning!

We can't wait to welcome everyone in the *City of Roses* in central South Africa!!

Dr Sanet van Zyl

Chairperson: Organising Committee

Host

Department Basic Medical Sciences, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein



The City of Bloemfontein

As South Africa's judicial capital, Bloemfontein has become known through the years as the "Central City", "The Hospitable City" and "The City of Roses".

All these designations indicate that it is a city in which not only residents, but also visitors and tourists feel truly at home and welcome.

The City, established by Dutch and English settlers in the middle 1800s, is a true blend of the past, present and future. What keeps the past so alive, is the unobtrusive and almost natural inclusion of an impressive

and historical heritage into the very life of a modern, developing city.

Graceful charm is to be seen all along the historical, tree-lined President Brand Street, a declared national conservation area. Bloemfontein's rich cultural and historical heritage is reflected in its museums, art galleries and cultural festivals. The city also offers excellent recreational, shopping and entertainment facilities.

Venue

Bloem Spa Hotel & Conference Centre will be the conference venue and is a Three Star facility nestled in the heart of the Free State, located between the National Botanical Gardens and the North Western suburbs of Bloemfontein. On a secluded hillside with views of the neighbouring suburbs and surrounded by the natural veld, you'll immediately feel the stress of the city life depart from you. The services range from conference and function venues to accommodation and spa facilities with walking trails.



Who should attend

- Anatomists and Anatomy lecturers
- Anatomy students and their supervisors
- Anatomy technicians
- Health educators and clinicians with an interest in Anatomy
- Anyone else interested in any field of Anatomy

Further information

Final invitation & registration: November 2015

Preliminary programme on website: 1 March 2016

Important dates

Deadline for abstracts: 5 February 2016

Deadline for early bird registration: 16 March 2016

The Final Invitation and on-line registration facility will be available on the website during November 2015.

✉ **Please book your hotel room before 16 March 2016.**

Conference Website

www.assacongress2016.co.za

Enquiries

Only enquiries relating to the contents of the academic programme

Conference Chair

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Organisational & administrative aspects /
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R K Communication

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Registration

The Final Invitation and on-line registration facility will be available on the conference website during November 2015

Fee entitlements

Full conference:

- Conference sessions and trade exhibition
- Lunches & refreshments during breaks
- Welcoming function (Gala dinner excluded from fee)

Day delegates:

- Conference sessions for the selected day
- Lunch and refreshments during breaks for selected day
- No evening functions included

The PV Tobias Studentship Opportunity

As a society, we value the contribution of every member, but we would like to encourage student presentations at our Annual Conferences. ASSA therefore has studentships (partial sponsorships of registration fees) available for students meeting the following criteria as per the constitution of ASSA.

The student should:

- currently be an ASSA student member.
- be a full time student at a recognised educational institution in Southern Africa.
- be presenting (either an oral or poster) at the upcoming 44th ASSA Annual conference in May 2016.

The studentship amounts depend on final student numbers who qualify for studentships for this conference and will cover a **maximum of R500** per student as part of the registration fee.

Please proceed to register and pay as required by the conference organisers. **Reimbursements of partial registration fees will take place at the conference itself.**

Registration fees:

Please refer to fee entitlements	EARLY BIRD Register AND pay BEFORE 16 March 2016		STANDARD FEE Register AND pay FROM 17 March 2016		LATE FEE Register AND pay AFTER 25 April 2016	
	Full Conference	Day registration	Full Conference	Day registration	Full Conference	Day registration
Members*	R 3 000	R 1 200	R 3 300	R 1 400	R 3 700	R 1 700
Non-members (Trade delegates included)	R 3 400	R 1 400	R 3 700	R 1 600	R 4 100	R 1 900
Students	R 1 700	R 700	R 2 000	R 1 000	R 2 900	R 1 300
SOCIAL FUNCTIONS						
Welcoming Function (8 May) Included in conference fee for all delegates registered for the full conference. Additional guests and day delegates pay R 250 per person						
Dinner (10 May) Excluded from conference fee. All delegates pay R 300 per person in addition to conference fee.						

* "Members" refers to fully paid-up ASSA members.

- No VAT payable

Accommodation arrangements

You are responsible for your own accommodation arrangements.

We urge you to book **NOW!**

We have secured group accommodation at the conference venue, Bloem Spa Hotel & Conference Centre:

- ☒ These rooms will be reserved for conference delegates until 16 March 2016 and will be available on a first-come, first serve-basis.

How to make a reservation:

1. Phone / e-mail the hotel, quote "ASSA Conference 2016" and check availability for yourself or your group (see details below).
 2. Provide the reservationist with your name, surname and contact details.
 3. A confirmation will be mailed to you.
 4. Once they have received the full payment for your entire stay, your booking will be finalised.
- **Check-in time:** 14:00 (An early check-in, if required, may be requested and will be prioritised. This is, however, not guaranteed.)
 - **Check-out time:** 10:00
 - The accommodation establishment's cancellation policy will apply.



Rates include breakfast & 14% VAT, but exclude additional expenses.	Single / night	2 people / night (double room)	4 people / night (family room)
Bloem Spa Hotel & Conference Centre Rayton Road / Bloemendal Road, Lilyvale Contact person: Palesa Tel: 051 436 1550/67/68/69 Fax: 051 436 1561 E-mail: info@bloemspa.co.za Website: www.bloemhotel.co.za	R 760	R 990	R 1 320 (2 double beds)
For Alternative Accommodation: Please contact the conference organisers R K Communication Rhyno Kriek & Heyns du Preez Tel.: 051 436 7733 / 083 265 0 265 E-mail: info@rkcommunication.co.za			

Please reserve your room before
16 March 2016

Travel arrangements

All delegates are responsible for their own travel arrangements. No shuttle service will be provided.

Awards

Please visit the ASSA website for a full description of each award (<http://www.anatomysa.co.za>)

1. Antoinette Kotzé prize for the best first time oral presentation at any conference.
2. Bob Symington award for the best young presenter (oral presentation) 35 years and younger.
3. Hanno Boon award for the best oral presentation in any aspect of medical education.
4. SV Naidoo award for the best poster presentation.
5. ASSA technical award for the best presentation in any technical aspect of Anatomy (persons in technical posts only).

Please note that these awards will only be awarded if there are applicable presentations.

Please indicate whether you want to be taken into consideration for any of these awards when submitting your abstract. You may only apply for one award.



Call for Abstracts

Acknowledgement and notification

As soon as the abstract has been received, the Conference Organisers will send an acknowledgement to the corresponding author.

The Scientific Committee will send notification of the acceptance of your abstract(s) by e-mail by **29 February 2016**. Confirmation will also be given as to whether it will be an oral presentation or poster presentation.

Abstracts

All participants are invited to submit their original abstracts for oral or poster presentation. **The deadline for abstract submission is 5 February 2016.**

Guidelines for abstract submission:

Authors are requested to conform to the following guidelines for submission of abstracts:

- Only abstracts submitted to info@rkcommunication.co.za will be considered for inclusion in the program.
- Only abstracts written in English, not exceeding 250 words will be reviewed.
- All abstracts will be reviewed regardless of category for which it is submitted.
- Please indicate whether you prefer an oral or a poster presentation.
- Please indicate if you want to qualify for any of the awards, and if so, please indicate which award.
- Please indicate whether you want the abstract to be published in Clinical Anatomy (see prerequisites below).
- The allocated time on the programme for presentations will be communicated once the programme has been finalised.
- Each presenting author will receive a letter of acceptance or rejection by 29 February 2016, from the organising committee.
- Authors are strongly encouraged to simultaneously register via the online registration when submitting your abstract(s).

Submission Procedure:

Please submit your abstract electronically, using a MS Word attachment to info@rkcommunication.co.za

Please complete the relevant **Abstract Form** on the Congress Website to cover the information needed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ABSTRACT FORMAT FOR THE 44th ASSA CONFERENCE:

- No abstract exceeding 250 words will be accepted. **Title & authors excluded.**
- The abstract should be typed in MS Word, and should comply with the following requirements:
- Font: Times New Roman, Font size 12, Single line spacing, Justified.
- Abstract information should be entered according to the following (please see example): Authors, Affiliations, Title and e-mail of corresponding author in one paragraph, followed by body of abstract.
- First author's surname, followed by initials, in upper case. The subsequent authors' initials before their surnames (upper case). No names, titles or degrees should be included. Presenting author should be underlined.
- Affiliation(s) of authors (correct name and address of institution in sensitive case). City/Town, Province and Country must be included, but no P.O. Box address required. For example: Department of Human biology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town, Observatory, Western Cape, South Africa. Full stop after last address.

- Use superscript numbers for authors to indicate their affiliations with the respective institutions. The superscript number must appear after the particular author, but before corresponding institution (see example below).
- Please note that the font style of the superscript number must be the same as for the text (Times New Roman, 12 pt font). (Type an ordinary number in Word, select the number, click on the Font ribbon and select “superscript” to ensure the same font). Please refer to example below.
- A short title (in sensitive case and in bold) with a full stop at the end must appear after authors and their affiliations.
- The e-mail address of the presenting/corresponding author – in sentence case, normal font, must appear after the title.
- The body of the abstract should appear in the following sequence: Introduction, Aims and objectives, Materials and methods, Results, Discussion & Conclusion.
- The 1st paragraph should cover the introduction, aims and objectives. Start a new paragraph for each of the following: Materials and methods, Results, Discussion/Conclusion.
- Do not include any headings or references in the abstract.

EXAMPLE: BOTH AUTHORS FROM THE SAME INSTITUTION:

ALBLAS, A.,¹ N. COETZEE,² ¹Anatomy and Histology, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, Tygerberg, Western Cape, South Africa, ²Anatomy and Histology, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Stellenbosch University, Tygerberg, Western Cape, South Africa. **The prevalence of interpersonal violence-related post cranial skeletal trauma in a sample of a Western Cape population.** aa2@sun.ac.za.

EXAMPLE: AUTHORS FROM DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS:

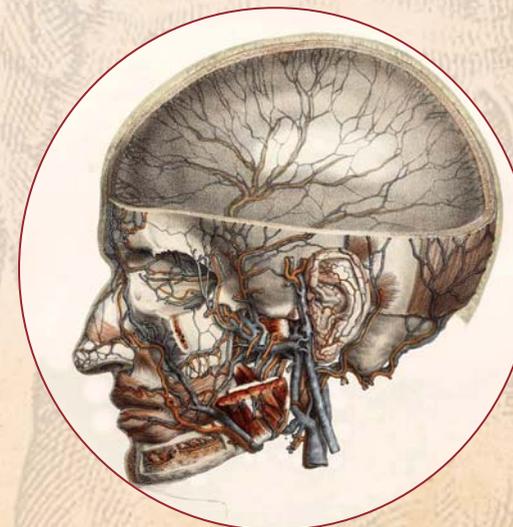
MARAIS, S.,¹ O. JOHNSON,¹ J. WALTERS,¹ E.L. VAN DER MERWE,² N. BENNETT,³ A. ALAGAILI,⁴ O.B. MOHAMMED,⁴ S.H. KOTZÉ,¹ ¹Anatomy and Histology, Department of Biomedical Sciences, Stellenbosch University, Tygerberg, South Africa, ²Department of Human Biology, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Cape Town, Observatory, South Africa, ³Department of Zoology and Entomology, Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, South Africa, ⁴KSU Mammals Research Chair, Department of Zoology, College of Science, King Saud University, Riyadh, 11451, Saudi Arabia. **A histochemical study of the distribution of mucus secreting cells in the gastrointestinal track of the King jird, *Meriones rex* and the Arabian spiny mouse, *Acomys dimidiatus*.** shk@sun.ac.za.

PREREQUISITES FOR ABSTRACTS TO BE PUBLISHED IN CLINICAL ANATOMY:

- If you follow the guidelines above, your abstract is in the correct format for publishing in **Clinical Anatomy**.
- Please indicate whether you would like your abstract to be considered for publication in the journal, **Clinical Anatomy** which will be published as “A selection of abstracts presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the Anatomical Society of Southern Africa (ASSA)”.
- Each abstract will be peer-reviewed prior to submission to **Clinical Anatomy**. This will be organised by the Honorary Editor of Proceedings and the final decision regarding acceptance rests with her.
- The presenter or one of the co-authors has to attend the conference to present the research as an oral or poster presentation in order to qualify for publication in **Clinical Anatomy**.
- Only original research with findings will be considered for publication (no review-type submissions, case studies only if they add value to the literature, and preliminary studies only if there are clear results and discussion).

Poster Presentations:

- Posters should be in printed version.
- Poster size will be communicated later on.
- Notice of acceptance of abstracts will be communicated to presenters.





Directions to Bloem Spa Hotel & Conference Centre

From N1 (South or North)

Take **Nelson Mandela Rd/N8** and **General Dan Pienaar Dr** to **Rayton Rd**

- Take exit **190** for **N8 / R64 / Nelson Mandela Drive** towards Bloemfontein
- Turn left (from North) / right (from South) onto **Nelson Mandela Rd / N8**
- Continue for **3.6 km**
- Turn left onto **Parfitt Ave** (Opposite Medi Clinic)
- Continue **260 m**
- Parfitt Ave becomes **General Dan Pienaar Dr**
- **3.2 km**
- Turn left onto **Rayton Rd** (towards Botanical gardens)
- **Rayton Road** becomes **Lilyvale Street** that becomes **Bloemendal Street** (follow signage from here to **Bloem Hotel**)

Intention form

(Please take note: This is NOT a registration form)

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Please complete this form **as soon as possible** and
e-mail it to info@rkcommunication.co.za OR **fax** it to +27 (0) 86 60 60 555

Title: Initials:

Surname:

Organisation / Company:

E-mail:

Postal address:

City / Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Cell number:

Business tel:

Please include me in all mailings: Yes OR No

The following colleagues/contacts should be included in future mailings:

Title: Initials:

Surname:

Organisation / Company:

E-mail:

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