



NNMU (George Campus) / SAIF Fire Symposium 2014

**Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (George Campus) and
Southern African Institute of Forestry (SAIF) invite you to the
10th Fire Management Symposium**

Date: 9 & 10 September 2014

Venue: NMMU George Campus (Saasveld)

Background and purpose

One of the aims of this symposium is to transfer technical knowledge to fire managers. In the context of the catastrophic veldfires that destroy thousands of hectares of veld in South Africa yearly, this is an event not to be missed, as the $\pm$ 200 delegates who attend it annually can confirm. Join fire managers and authorities from different disciplines and different land uses (Nature Conservation, Agriculture, Disaster Management, Forestry, Local Authorities, etc.) to network and exchange ideas.

Focus

The focus of this year's event will be on controversial legal matters, environmental impacts of fires, new technology as well as interesting fire management concepts.

- **Symposium Fees** R500.pp/1 day – R800.00 both days (Vat Incl.)
- **Symposium dinner:** R250 pp (Vat Incl.)
- **Whole event:** R1 050-00 (Vat Incl.)
- **Bookings(essential):** By 3 September 2014
- **RSVP:** Sonia Roets, Sonia.Roets@nmmu.ac.za
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Programme: Day 1

Time	Speaker	Topic	Tel	E-mail
07h30 09h00		Coffee & registration		
09h00 - 09h15	Prof Quinten Johnson NMMU George Campus Director	Welcome		
	Dr Mmaphaka Tau Chief Dir. Natural Resources Management	Official opening		
Session 1: LUKE RADEBE (Directorate: Forest Regulation and Oversight)				
09h15 - 09h45	Tineke Kraaij Vegetation Ecologist SANParks	Fire regimes in Fynbos: drivers and ecological requirements	044-8710058x12 084 586 5288	tineke.kraaij@sanparks.org
09h45 - 10h15	Dr Brian van Wilgen – Stellenbosch University	Trade-offs in fire management between safety and ecological good health	021 808 2832 0824549726	bvanwilgen@sun.ac.za
10h15 - 10h45	Dr Christo Marais Chief Dir. Department of Environmental Affairs	The economic consequences of sustainable fire management regimes	021-4412702/00 0825518316	cmarais@environment.gov.za
10h45 - 11h05	Tea/Coffee			
11h05 - 11h35	Philip Stewart (Aust.) University of Queensland	Changing Fire Regimes on the Great Sandy Region of South Eastern Queensland, Australia		p.stewart3@uq.edu.au
11h35 - 12h00	Henry Cunningham SANParks	Fire and Invasive plants - the end?	0828882837	henry.cunningham@sanparks.org
12h00 - 12h25	James Thobela Post grad NMMU	Climate change and how it changes fire management	0760871342	james.thobela@gmail.com
12h35 - 13h00	Warren Williams Post grad NMMU	Harvesting and fire management	0828875428	warren@capepine.co.za
13h00 - 14h00	Lunch			
Session 2: Tiaan Pool (NMMU)				
14h00 - 14h15	Luke Radebe Deputy-Dir.: National Veld and Forest Fire Oversight	National Veld and Forest Fire Amendment Bill, where are we now?	012- 309 5756 082 8080 487	LukeR@daff.gov.za
14h15 - 14h45	Tessa Olivier Fynbosfire Project co- ordinator	The GEF FynbosFire Project- Reducing Disaster Risks from Wildland Fire Hazards Associated with Climate Change	021-7975787 076 030 0500	coord@fynbosfire.org.za
14h45 - 15h15	Paul Gerber (SCFPA Man Dir.)	SCFPA -History, progress & the way forward	044-3026900 0828055840	PaulGe@daff.gov.za
15h15 - 15h30	Braam du Preez Forestry Risk Manager - Capepine	Summary	044-8711081 0828872592	braam@capepine.co.za
15h30 - 15h35	Tiaan Pool	Closure		
15h35 - 16h00	SCFPA	Demonstration		

Evening of 9 September

18h30 - Symposium dinner with live music and guest speaker Prof Quinten Johnson

Programme: Day 2

Time	Speaker	Topic	Tel	E-mail
7h30 8h30		Coffee & registration		
Session 1: Dr Christo Marais				
08h30 - 09h00	Len Duplessis Planning and Implementation manager - SANParks	Adaptive interference fire management system Tsitsikamma – management challenges	044-3025600 0828091955	len.duplessis@sanparks.org
09h00 - 09h25	Richard Payne Post grad NMMU	The carbon / fire relationship	0721917167	s211183024@nmmu.ac.za
09h25 - 09h55	Dr Andries Jordaan Dir.: DIMTEC (UOFS)	Wild fire risk assessment and challenges for implementation	051-4012721 0834470449	jordaana@ufs.ac.za
9h55 - 10h25	Malcolm Procter Dep-Dir.: Regulation and oversight (DAFF)	Who is really in charge at veldfire events?	051-4003503/ 0764983383	malcolmp@daff.gov.za
10h25 - 10h55	Leanne Mckrill Biodiversity Manager (C.P.U.T.)	Where there's smoke, there's an awareness campaign" Reflections, lessons learnt and suggestions for future campaigns	0824747127	leanne.mckill@gmail.com
10h55 - 11h15	Tea/Coffee			
11h15 - 11h45	Thomas Volontiya Post grad NMMU	Prescribed burning and site sustainability	0732157557	s211082627@nmmu.ac.za
11h45 - 12h15	Zane Erasmus Environment consultant	Managing Veld Fires in the Urban Interface	044-8733348 0824146344	zane.erasmus@mweb.co.za
12h15 - 12h45	Rodney Eksteen Assist. Director: Fire Brigade Services Dept. of Local Gov. W-Cape Government	Community Risk Reduction: Strategic and tactical considerations to promote community safety	021-9376334 0768120039	Rodney.Eksteen@westerncape.gov.za
12h45 - 13h45	Lunch			
Session 2: Ben Potgieter				
13h45 - 14h15	Johan Heine Co-Managing Director Kishugu	A view on international aerial fire fighting	013-7417340 0824565909	willemien.hodgkinson@kishugu.com
14h15 - 14h45	Duran de Villiers Director - Steadidrone	Fire Drones - Your eye in the sky (Presentation & Demonstration)	044-382 7051 0731590902	info@steadidrone.com
14h45 - 15h00	Braam du Preez Forestry Risk Manager - Capepine	Summary	044-8711081 0828872592	braam@capepine.co.za
15h00 - 15h10	Tiaan Pool	Closure		
15h10 - 14h00	Steadidrone	Demonstration		