3RD ANNUAL ECO HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM

SHARING PERSPECTIVES AND IDEAS OF INTEGRATIVE RESEARCH ON POLLUTED ENVIRONMENTS, HUMAN HEALTH AND EFFICIENT COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

Dates:
19 & 20 November 2012

Venue:
Southern Sun Hotel, Vanderbijlpark

On behalf of the organizing committee, you are invited to attend the **3rd** Annual Forum to be held on 19 & 20 November 2012 at the Southern Sun Hotel, Corner Wenning & Emfuleni Drive, Vanderbijlpark (Web address: www.southernsun.com)

HOSTS:
The forum will be hosted by the School of Basic Sciences and the Research Group on Eco Health within the Focus Area *Public Affairs Research for Service Delivery* (PARSED), NWU, Vaal Triangle Campus

PLEASE TAKEN NOTE - IMPORTANT DATES:

Final date to submit abstracts:	18 June 2012
Draft programme will be available on:	22 June 2012
Final closing date for registration to attend:	1 October 2012
Final date for payment of registration fees:	16 October 2012

ENQUIRIES:
Abstracts, Registration & General Information:
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DISCLAIMER:
The organisers reserve the right to change or cancel the published venue, programme, dates and/or fee due to unforeseen circumstances.

SUB THEMES FOR DISCUSSION:
(all themes relate to environment, health and the impact of human intervention in this regard)

1. Ecohealth research and theory
2. Integrative environmental research
3. Environmental management and health
4. Eco health history
5. Public health history
6. Informal settlements and human health
7. Urban health (status and management)
8. Rural health (status and management)
9. Environmental health education in South Africa
10. Industries: Human health versus economy
11. Acid mine drainage and the ecosystem
12. Positive/pro-active environmental management
13. Human perceptions/anecdotes regarding environmental pollution
14. Government and polluted environments
15. The food sector and environmental pollution
16. Water or waste pollution and human health
17. Women and environmental issues
18. Efficient management of local environmental pollution
19. Impacts of reporting or/and whistle blowing environmental pollution in South Africa
20. Medical professions on humans and the impact of polluted environments
21. Local communities and forums on the environment and health
22. Any other related theme complimenting the main theme

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Paper & Poster Abstract Guidelines:

- All authors interested in presenting a paper or poster are invited to submit an abstract on the provided form.
- Use MS-Word, Arial 11, 1.5 spacing,
- The maximum length is 300 words including keywords or phrases.
- Full contact details and institutional affiliation of authors must be given.

Submission of abstracts (paper & poster):
Abstracts to be submitted electronically to Petra Lawson at conferencepl@gmail.com

Paper Presentations:

- Presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session.

Poster Presentations:

- 5 Minute per poster plus a 5 minute question time (You are welcome to request more time for a presentation when submitting your abstract.)

Please note:
Even if accepted, no abstract will be included in the Book of Abstracts if full payment for registration has not been received by 16 October 2012.

EXCURSION:
Details will be announced in due course.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME:
The programme will include presentations of papers, followed by sufficient time for in-depth discussion, exchange of ideas and opinions. The detailed programme will be announced once it has been finalised.

Day 1:

Registration:	
Conference programme:	Presentations of papers
Evening:	Social event

Day 2:

Conference programme:	Presentations of papers
Excursion:	

REGISTRATION FEES:

Delegates	R2500.00 per person
Students	R2100.00 per person

Day attendance:

All delegates	R1500.00 per person

No refunds but you are most welcome to send a substitute at no extra cost.

The fee includes:
Conference registration fees, refreshments, luncheons, the evening function on 19 November 2012, excursion on 20 November 2012, conference proceedings and programme.

Fee excludes:
Delegate accommodation and delegate transport.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:
Complete registration form and send to Mrs Petra Lawson by no later than 1 October 2012.

Pay your registration fee directly into the bank account (electronic payment). Details are provide below:
Deposit the appropriate fee into the bank account and fax or mail a copy of the deposit slip or proof of electronic transfer Ms Petra Lawson by no later than 16 October 2012.

Banking details:

Account Name:	North-West University – Vaal Triangle Campus
Bank:	ABSA
Account Number:	405 881 2912
Code & Branch:	632005
Swift Code:	ABSAZAJJ
Sort/Routing Code:	632005
Reference:	E843710 /Surname (***Remember to quote the reference number and your surname)***

TRANSPORT:
Transport is for the delegates own account.

ACCOMMODATION:
Accommodation is for the delegates own account.
Accommodation available at the venue. Accommodation will be R950.00 Single B&B and R1150.00 Sharing B&B. Reservations can made with Reservations on 016 9827315/16. A list with alternative accommodation is available on request. Send your request to Petra Lawson.