

Invitation

"ALL RURAL HEALTH WORKERS, including professional nurses, doctors and other professionals, are cordially invited to attend the 10th Annual RuDASA Conference on Rural Health, which takes place in Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal this year. The conference is an opportunity to network with other rural practitioners, and to gain new knowledge and perspectives in order to overcome some of the isolation of rural practice. See you there!"

Dr. Ntodeni Ndwamato - Chairperson: RuDASA

Dates

Thursday 10 & Friday 11 August 2006

The conference officially starts at 08h00 on Thursday 10 August, and will end by 17h00 on Friday 11 August. It is advisable to arrive on the evening of Wednesday 9 August (Public Holiday) to avoid the 'last minute rush' and enjoy the surroundings.

Registration will take place at the conference venue (Canefields Country House) from 16h00 to 20h00 on the Wednesday evening, and then again from 07h00 to 09h00 on Thursday morning.

Programme

In addition to invited guests speaking on key topics in rural health, the **Scientific Programme** will focus on several simultaneous small group sessions. During these, four or five poster presentations of a similar theme will be discussed, in order to generate participation, rather than successive oral presentations. Therefore, only

posters will be accepted for presentations. Further, an extensive **Skills Programme** will be available at the Empangeni hospitals for hands-on supervised practice of common procedural problems in the rural situation. A sit-down dinner will lead the **Social Programme**, which will include options for spouses and children, and a post-conference tour to the nearby game reserves. For more programme info see www.rudasa.org.za

Tell us Your Story

Delegates are invited to submit abstracts for *posters* for the conference by **30 April 2006**. Please check the RuDASA website (www.rudasa.org.za) for guidelines and more information. We want to be inspired by your story!

Venue & Directions

*Canefields Country House
Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal*

- **Coming from Durban**, take the N2 toll road for approximately 160km North from Durban.
- Pass the Empangeni/Richards Bay off ramp, and continue on the N2 towards Hluhluwe, travelling for approximately 6km.
- Turn Left at the R102 Alternative Empangeni/Stanger route, and don't go around the bend.
- Drive straight over the R102 towards the 'Huntersdry'/Canefields Country House sign board, and between the sugar cane fields onto the dirt road.
- Drive for 750m on the dirt road and come to the entrance gate of Canefields.

Visit the website on: www.canefields.co.za

Accommodation

Bed & breakfast, and dinners on Wednesday 9 and Friday 11 need to be arranged, booked and paid for separately and directly by conference delegates. The following are some options:

- Canefields Country House (Starting price: R263 p/p/ night sharing.) Telephone: (035) 792-0031/2
- The Yellowwoods B&B, Empangeni. (Starting price: R225 p/p/night sharing.) Telephone: (035) 792-1432
- Thompreez Properties Self-catering house, Empangeni. (R800/day for the house – sleeps 8) Telephone: (035) 792-1704
- Harbour Lights Resort, Empangeni (Backpackers & Self-catering from starting price R55 p/p/night sharing.) Telephone (035) 796-6239/6753 www.harbourlights.co.za

Much more accommodation may be found at www.kzn.org.za (search in the 'Zululand' section).

Payment & Registration

The conference registration fee includes the following (per person):

- Teas, lunch and dinner on Thursday 10 August
- Teas and lunch on Friday 11 August

Registration & payment by **30 April 2006**:

- RuDASA Members R 450.00
- RuDASA Non-members R 550.00

Registration & payment from **1 May to 31 July 2006**:

- RuDASA Members R 500.00
- RuDASA Non-members R 600.00

Please Note:

- Registrations will be processed on a 'first paid first served' basis. (There is seating space at the venue for 400 people.)

- No registrations will be processed by the Conference Office from 1 – 8 August 2006. Delegates wishing to register during this period should do so at the conference itself.

How to Register as a Conference Delegate:

- Deposit or transfer the correct amount of money into the Conference Bank Account (details below).
- Complete the form on this pamphlet. (One delegate per form.)
- Email, fax or post the pamphlet *and* proof of payment to the Conference Office (details below).
- Phone to check that the Conference Office has received your registration.
- The Conference Office will send you information on the up-to-date programme, and discuss with you attendance options for the Skills Sessions.

Conference Bank Account Details:

Branch name: Gale Place, Standard Bank
 Branch code: 04 252 600
 Account Name: Rural Health Conference
 Account number: 051 198 126

Conference Office

Convenor: Steve Reid
 Organiser: Ruth Osborne
 Email: ruralhealthconference@ukzn.ac.za
 Telephone: (031) 260-1569 Fax: (031) 260-1585
 Postal Address: Rural Health Conference, UKZN,
 Private Bag 7, Congella, 4013

RuDASA Membership

R100 per annum (students, interns, community service doctors R60 per annum.) Membership forms and further details are available on the RuDASA website (www.rudasa.org.za)
 Telephone: 082-855- 7568
 E-mail: shawcon@imaginet.co.za

Registration Form

(Please write clearly in block letters.)

Surname:

Title:

Name: (for nametag)

Organisation or private:

Full postal address:

Postal code:

Telephone:

Fax:

Cell Phone:

Email address:

Eating requirements: feel free to mention these preferences and we will try to meet your needs:

Conference registration fee (tick box):

- Early Member: R450.00
- Late member: R500.00
- Early Non-member: R550.00
- Late non-member: R600.00



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 Canefields Country House
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*“Inspiring Rural Health
 – Telling the Story”*

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