



## *Preservation Conservation Conference*

Theme: Preservation Conservation of South Africa's Documentary / Heritage Collections

Date: 26-28 September 2017 @ the University of KwaZulu-Natal E G Malherbe Library  
Conference Room, Howard College Campus, Durban

### Call for papers To *'Tell your Story'*

This is an opportunity for you to share your challenges and experience in preserving  
South Africa's documentary / heritage collections

#### *Invitation to submit your proposals*

The UKZN Special Collections in collaboration with the South African Preservation and Conservation Group (Sapcon) invites you to submit proposals for the Preservation Conservation Conference to be held over three days at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and other institutions and organisation in the province from the 26<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

#### *A special Invitation*

We would also like to invite potential philanthropist; donors; organisations/institutions that offer grants for the preservation conservation of heritage collections in third world countries and certified conservators that could assist in promoting skills development and training for the profession in South Africa / Africa.

#### *The aim of the conference*

The aim of the conference is to give preservation librarians; conservators (paper/ leather/ /beadwork/metals/ceramics); book restorers; furniture restorers; archivists; preservation technicians; special collections stack managers; school librarians; digitisation/scanning service providers; bulk storage providers an opportunity to share their challenges, issues and concerns and experience in their day to day management of special collections and best practice approach to prevent rapid deterioration of materials in our Research Resource Centres including University Libraries, Government Institutions, School Libraries, Private Collections, Community Centres and Museums.

## *The program*

The three day program will include presentation of papers, discussions, tours of various museums and special collections in the province and a mock demonstration and experimentation on the recovery of wet books with an opportunity to show your innovative ideas and techniques for drying wet and damaged books.

## *Suggested topics*

### **Environmental management**

- Challenges of environmental management – internal and external

### **Building Designs**

- The challenges of designing planning and constructing/renovating buildings for today's libraries.
- Challenges in moving collections to allow for renovations/repairs or packing to move to a new building
  - we would like to hear about the plan before the move;
  - what provision did you make or take to provide access and services during the move

### **Biological factors**

#### Success stories of introducing Integrated Pest (IPM) Management

- Definition of IPM - The new legislative framework concerning biocides - Norms and standards
- New technologies and techniques of assessment, monitoring and prevention
- Non chemical and chemical treatment methods
- Case studies on different environments, different bio-contaminants (archives, monuments, museum), different bio-contaminants (moulds, insects, vertebrates)
- IPM emergency response plan and damage management - Pests in evolving ecosystems (global warming...)

### **Storage Handling and Care**

- Audio-visual
- Care handling and storage of audio-visual / VHS tapes / CDs / DVD's microfilm/fiche
- Challenges of preserving oral history archives
- Challenges of storing, handling & digitisation of Newspaper collections
- Photograph / negative collections / map collections /
- Artworks and large scale picture frames
- Beadwork
- Furniture collections
- Wire collections
- Ceramics
- Persian carpets
- Skins and hides

## Digitisation

- challenges in selecting material/collections for digitisation,
- Choices! – In-house or outsource?
- digitisation as an option to democratise our heritage collection

## Challenges faced in preserving private collections

### Policies / Surveys – Administrative Records

- Preservation Policies
- Policy guidelines
- Preservation Needs Assessment Surveys
- Conditions Reports

### Curriculum development

- Curriculum development including training and development for preservation librarians and conservators in the third world.

### Risk Management / Safety & Security

- Disaster Planning and Recovery
- Safety and security / access control / user education
- Tell us your story -

## *Submission guidelines*

Kindly indicate your topic or area of interest that you would like to present on at the Preservation Conservation Conference by 31 March 2017.

Proposals for the UKZN Special Collections Preservation Conservation Conference must be submitted by Tuesday 18 April 2017 and should clearly include

- Title of the proposed presentation,
- Abstract of proposed paper no more than 300 words, in English,
- A short CV and contact details of the author/presenter.

The abstracts will be reviewed by a Programme Committee composed of members from the UKZN Special Collections and Sapcon.

Submissions should be sent to: Nellie Somers email: [somers@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:somers@ukzn.ac.za)

Selected presenters will be notified by the 5 May 2017.

### *Accepted papers:*

Should be an original submission

Accepted papers and accompanying presentation slides should be submitted by the 31 July 2017,

Accepted papers should be submitted with a one-page abstract in English.

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## **Presentation at the Conference**

Presenters should allow 10 minutes for their presentations and 5 minutes for questions

### **Please note**

Registration to attend is free but all other expenses including travel to the conference, accommodation, entrance fees to museums, etc. are the responsibility of the authors/presenters.

No sponsorship is available; No financial support can be provided by UKZN Special Collections or Sapcon but a special invitation letter can be issued to the authors/presenters.

### **Suggestions for accommodation:**

- Coastlands Hotel on Peter Makoba Road formerly Ridge Road
- Hilton Hotel – next to the ICC in central Durban
- Southern Sun Garden Court – on Durban's beachfront
- 555 Stephen Dlamini formerly Essenwood Road

### **Registration**

Registration forms will be made available at a later date on the UKZN Special Collections Website <http://specialcollections.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>

### **General information of interest**

*Kindly visit the following websites for more information about:-*

- UKZN Libraries <http://www.ukzn.libraries.ac.za>  
<http://library.ukzn.ac.za/TopNav/Libraries-collections/HowardCollege/EG-Malherbe-Library.aspx>
- Campbell Collections <http://campbell.ukzn.ac.za/>
- Gandhi Luthuli Documentation Centre <http://scnc.ukzn.ac.za/>
- Alan Paton Struggle Archives (Pmb) <http://paton.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>
- Digital Innovation South Africa (DISA) <http://www.disa.ukzn.ac.za/>
- Archives of the University of KwaZulu-Natal  
<http://library.ukzn.ac.za/TopNav/Libraries-collections/Special-Collections/UniversityArchives669.aspx>
- Centre for African Literary Studies <http://cals.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>
- Sapcon: <http://www.sapcon.org.za>
- eThekweni Municipality <http://www.durban.gov.za/Pages/default.aspx>

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