

Monday 25 September 2023			
14:00	Foyer	Registration	Africa Massive
17:00		Welcome function	Ganswindt, Andre
Tuesday 26 September 2023			
08:30		Welcome & Administration	Le Roux, Aliza
09:00		Plenary session	Daniel, Gimo Over a decade on dung beetle research: why taxonomy matters in the era of biodiversity extinction.
09:30		Question session	
09:45	Monk's Cowl Chair person: Le Roux, Aliza	Oral presentation Session A	Ganswindt, Andre Is wildlife getting by or getting on in our human dominated world?
10:00			Pistorius, Pierre A global review of climate change studies on seabirds and marine mammals.
10:15			Kirkman, Stephen The road towards effective governance and management of marine protected areas in South Africa: evolving policies, paradigms and processes.
10:30			Singh, Preshnee The Durban Research Action Partnership (D'RAP) – a summary of 10 years of direct and indirect deliverables from a transdisciplinary collaboration.
10:45			Refreshments
11:15	Ondini Chair person: Nyembe, Nthaisi	Oral presentation Session B	Majelantle, Tshepiso Validation of enzyme immunoassays via an Adrenocorticotrophic stimulation test for the non-invasive quantification of stress-related hormone metabolites in Naked mole-rats.
11:30			Taylor, Peter Desert-mountain siblings: Vicariance in four Southern African bat lineages exemplifies a common biogeographical pattern.
11:45			Tensen, Laura Heterozygosity is low where colour polymorphism in wild carnivores prevails.
12:00			Streicher, Jarryd Response of mammalian communities to environmental and landscape variables in Northern KwaZulu-Natal Game Parks, South Africa.
12:15			Dlamini, Nogubonga 13 years monkey world through iNkawu Vervet Project.
12:30			Bonato, Maud The effect of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions on self-directed behaviour, activity budgets, and spatial use in semi-captive African elephants.
12:45		Lunch break	
14:00	Ondini losia, Rasekuwane	Workshop	Walker, Melanie Navigating student-supervisor relationships
15:30		Refreshments	
16:00	owl ofoKeng, Lehlohonolo		Dlamini, Sphindile Exploring the influence of stakeholder collaboration on the water management of the upper Tugela catchment, South Africa.
16:15			Lukhele, Linda Metazoan parasites of ornamental fishes imported from Sri Lanka and Indonesia
16:30			Howard, Alexandra Acoustic activity of bats in deciduous fruit farms of the eastern Free State Province, South Africa.
16:45			Munzhelele, Humbulani Edward The effects of flow alteration by selected weirs on fish assemblages in the Luvuvhu River, Limpopo Province, South Africa.
17:00			Mashaphu, Mahlatse Identifying conservation units of wild <i>Oreochromis mossambicus</i> in Kwazulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, and Limpopo, South Africa.

17:15	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Mc	Oral presentation Session C1	Makhathini, Ntandokayise	An evaluation of present and potential inland fisheries in dams and rivers of KwaZulu-Natal.
17:30				Ngozi, Lwandile	Pollution and biological processes hindering the restoration of a cyprinid population post a fish kill.
17:45				Mercier, Stephanie	First insights of a new Urban Vervet Project in KZN.
16:00	Ondini	Chair person: Nyoka, Ngitheni	Oral presentation Session C2	Shuttleworth, Loraine	Comparing DNA yield from fish scales following different extraction protocols.
16:15				Pereyra, Maria Eugenia	Intraspecific postcranial histovariability of the broad-snouted caiman <i>Caiman latirostris</i> Daudin, 1802.
16:30				Coulson, Bianca	Interacting effects of high air temperature and humidity on the thermoregulatory performance of a large forest bird.
16:45				Ngcamphalala, Celiwe	Glucocorticoids as a matrix for avian stress in a changing world.
17:00				Muller, Jessica	Heat tolerance and evaporative cooling capacity in representatives of three orders of non-passerine birds.
17:15				Ramoejane, Mpho	Barcoding of rodent populations (Muridae) from the Golden Gate Highlands National Park and the University of the Free State Qwaqwa Campus.
17:30				Viljoen, Johanco	The contribution of inselbergs to the composition and structure of herpetile communities in an arid grassland landscape.
19:30	Clubhouse		Student function	Majelantle, Tshepiso Howard, Alexandra	
Wednesday 27 September 2023					
09:00			Field excursions or activities	Half-day or full day. For more information contact: Norman Mokoena Call / Whatsapp: 071-625-2632 E-mail: evotrak.q2@gmail.com	One-day hike to Monks Cowl Birds of prey show Canopy tour Electric bicycle tour Horse trails Helicopter tours Scooter tour White water kayaking/rafting
09:30			Refreshments		
10:00	Ondini	efojane, Thlonofaiso	Workshop	Netherlands, Ed & Codron, Daryl	Special African Zoology issue
13:00			Lunch break		

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16:00	Monk's Cowl		ZSSA AGM	Marais, Elma Ganswindt, Andre	Election on new officers including student representatives.
Thursday 28 September 2023					
09:00	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Taylor, Peter	Plenary session	Tarrant, Jeanne	Amphibian Conservation in the Anthropocene: advanced (and simple) measures are needed to combat one of the planet's most extreme biodiversity crises.
09:30			Question session		
09:45	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Taylor, Peter	Oral presentation Session D	McKechnie, Andrew	Macrophysiology of avian body temperature: a tribute to Barry Lovegrove.
10:00				Freeman, Marc	Evolution of avian heat tolerance: the role of atmospheric humidity.
10:15				Maseko, Mfundo	Public perceptions of African crowned eagles and other raptors in an urban-rural mosaic landscape and its importance for raptor conservation.
10:30				Chinsamy Turan, Anusuya	Biological Implications of the osteohistology of modern large flightless birds.
10:45			Refreshments		
11:15	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Codron, Daryl	Oral presentation Session E	Prikrylova, Iva	Extraordinary and ordinary findings: the exploration of the diversity of monogenean parasites of freshwater fishes in South Africa.
11:30				Burnett, Matthew	The lesser of two evils: the distribution and invasive potential of non-native fish species in the Mooi River, South Africa.
11:45				Netherlands, Ed	Small dragons, big surprises: exploring the diversity of blood parasites in <i>Smaug depressus</i> (flat dragon lizard) from the Soutpansberg mountain range.
12:00				Hlatshwayo, Thabo	Exploring wildlife crossing effectiveness on the N4 Toll Route (TRAC N4), Gauteng Province, South Africa.
12:15				Coetzer, Riël	Using DNA barcoding methods to explore Arthropod diversity in a mountainous grassland habitat.
12:30				Nieto Lawrence, Julian Alexander	Sample design in biodiversity studies matters: a fine-scale study of Lawrence's velvet worm, <i>Peripatopsis lawrencei</i> (Onychophora: Peripatopsidae), reveals hidden diversity.
12:45			Lunch break		
14:00	Monk's Cowl	Tech/assistant: Radebe, Nonhlahla	Workshop	Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)	Ethics, permit applications, biosafety.
15:30			Refreshments		

16:00	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Mduli, Monday	Oral presentation Session F1	Phoswa, Feziwe	Assessing the persistence of Blacksmith and Crowned Lapwings in urban areas of Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.	
16:15				Mosikidi, Toka	Passive acoustic monitoring detects new records of globally threatened birds in a high elevation wetland (Free State, South Africa)	
16:30				Radebe, Nonhlahla	Comparing how different pitfall distribution patterns affect the capture efficiency of macroinvertebrates within an eastern Free State sandy grassland.	
16:45				Cormac, Cameron	Effects of linear infrastructure on vertebrates in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park and Isimangaliso Wetland Park, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.	
17:00				Mosia, Rasekuwane	Collective movement in meerkats (<i>Suricata suricatta</i>): coordination and fitness consequences.	
17:15				Ndlovu, Solomzi	Assessment of fish response in the uMngeni River and impoundments, KwaZulu-Natal South Africa.	
17:30				Msweli, Lindelwa S'bongakonke	Aspects of urban ecology of the rock hyrax (<i>Procapra capensis</i>) in the urban mosaic landscapes of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.	
16:00	Ordini	Chair person: Dlamini, Sphindile	Oral presentation Session F2	Genevier, Euan	Aspects of the urban and rural ecology of Nile monitors (<i>Varanus niloticus</i>) in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.	
16:15				Kyle, Kirsty	Long toes but hopefully not such a long shot	
16:30				Nyoka, Ngitheni	The State of Aquatic Pollution in Qwaqwa region: Application of microbiotests for toxicity evaluation of river waters.	
16:45				Ngcobo, Nolwazi	Evaluating fish communities in the uMsunduze mainstream and tributaries in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.	
17:00				Nhleko, Jabulile	Spatio-temporal distribution of benthic macrofauna of the large fluviially dominated Kei Estuary, South Africa in response to a flood.	
17:15				Matlou, Katlego	The distribution of benthic macroinvertebrates in the wetlands on the Waterberg Mountain Complex, Limpopo Province.	
17:30				Mashaphu, Mahlatse	The status of COI and 12S rRNA DNA barcode reference libraries for freshwater fish in South Africa.	
19:30	Sentinel		Gala dinner including award session	Le Roux, Aliza		
Friday 29 September 2023						
09:00	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Netherlands, Ed	Plenary session	Govender, Danny	From Multilateral Environmental Agreements to local conservation action: where to concentrate our efforts	
09:30			Question session			
09:45			Mofokeng, Lehlohonolo	Haemogregarine and haemosporidian diversity of reptiles in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.		
10:00			Nyembe, Nthatisi	Oral antitrypanosomal effects of Azithromycin on <i>Trypanosoma congolense</i> and <i>Trypanosoma brucei brucei</i>		
10:15			Mduli, Monday	Assessing the impacts of environmental education on negative perceptions and attitudes towards bats.		
09:45		oejane, Mf		Gula, Jonah	Reproductive ecology of Africa's only known suburban African Woolly-necked Stork (<i>Ciconia microscelis</i>) population.	

10:00	Ondini	Chair person: Ramc	Oral presentation Session G2	Bitani, Nasiphi	Microhabitat requirements and occupancy of understory bird forest specialists in Southern Mistbelt Forests of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa: the use of camera traps.
10:15				Hal Brindley	The underground cat: how black-footed cats (<i>Felis nigripes</i>) choose and use the burrows of other species.
10:30				Refreshments	
11:15	Monk's Cowl	Chair person: Mosekidi, Toka	Oral presentation Session H1	Adams, Lehlohonolo	The role of mammals on seed dispersal of fleshy-fruited invasive alien plants in the Grassland biome of South Africa.
11:30				Jeme, Alungile	Source of introduced populations of <i>Hemidactylus mabouia</i> (Moreau de Jonnès, 1818) into the Eastern Cape Province and the potential spread to other South African regions.
11:45				Barnard, Monique	Home invaders: the effects of inter- and intraspecific competition on the population dynamics of cockroaches.
11:15	Ondini	Chair person: Howard, Al	Oral presentation Session H2	Cordier, Craig	Influence of microhabitat structure on the occupancy of mammalian species within the Southern Mistbelt Forests of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa.
11:30				Lewis, Chanel	Unique carnivores and herbivorous sheep: how patterns of individual niche variation differ across trophic groups.
11:45				Sefojane, Thlonolofatso	Diagnosis of gastrointestinal helminths infecting dogs in the Maluti-A-Phofung municipality.
12:30	Monk's Cowl		Closure of the meeting	Le Roux, Aliza	