



**36<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference & Annual General Meeting**  
**Nelson Mandela Museum, Mthatha**  
**Monday 13 May to Wednesday 15 May 2019**

**FIRST CIRCULAR AND CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **MUSEUMS AS CULTURAL HUBS, THE FUTURE OF TRADITION**

### **DATE AND VENUE**

The 36<sup>th</sup> SAMA EC Regional Conference will be held at NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM, MTHATHA from Monday 13 May to Wednesday 15 May 2019.

### **Nelson Mandela Museum**

The Nelson Mandela Museum is more than a place; it is an experience that allows visitors to follow the footprints of a man, Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, whose long walk to freedom began in the foothills that rise from the banks of the Mbhashe River. His journey took him back to the village of Qunu where he put down roots and grew tall and strong. The young man listened to and learned from his elders, moved by their stories of battles for their land.

His battle for liberation would be waged a long way from the rural landscape of his birth. It would take him from studying law at the University of Fort Hare in Alice, to the mines in Johannesburg, from the capital cities of the world and back to a prison cell on Robben Island before he emerged from his long imprisonment, unbowed and victorious on a summer day in February 1990.

His gift is a living one, one that embodies his commitment to the principles of human rights, freedom, peace and democracy.

This constantly evolving legacy is housed in the Nelson Mandela Museum, with its two main sites: the Nelson Mandela Youth and Heritage Centre in Qunu, and the Bhunga Building in Mthatha

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

## **MUSEUMS AS CULTURAL HUBS, THE FUTURE OF TRADITION**

How museums look towards the future whilst respecting the traditions of the past. By creating new functions as cultural hubs, it must be possible to create a richer future - as museums make use of traditional culture, with the theme- "Museums as Cultural Hubs".

Papers are invited on the broad theme of 'Museums as Cultural Hubs, the Future of Tradition'. Papers can make reference to any field of museum work, and can focus on cultural, natural historical or scientific issues.

**PLEASE NOTE:** No paper will be accepted unless an abstract is submitted meeting all of the following requirements **by 15 April 2019:**

- Abstracts must not exceed 300 words.
- Include your name, a short biography, your institutional affiliation and your contact details.
- Indicate if you are a novice speaker (i.e. you have been working in a museum for two years or less and have never spoken at ANY conference before)
- Indicate if and what audio visual equipment will be required.

The duration of each presentation **shall not exceed twenty minutes** and will be followed by discussion. **It is imperative to adhere to the time limit.** Time limits will be strictly enforced.

Please send your abstracts to Victor Clarke [v.clarke@nelm.org.za](mailto:v.clarke@nelm.org.za) by **15 April 2019**

#### **NOVICE SPEAKERS COMPETITION**

If you have been working in a museum for **two years or less and you have never spoken at ANY conference before** you are invited to participate in the Novice Speakers Competition by presenting a paper of 8 to 10 minutes. A short description of your intended paper should be submitted **by 15 April 2019** to Victor Clarke [v.clarke@nelm.org.za](mailto:v.clarke@nelm.org.za) This must include the title, name and institutional affiliation of the author and date of assumption of duty in a museum as well as postal and electronic addresses. Please indicate what audio-visual equipment will be required.

#### **BURSARY FOR NOVICE SPEAKERS**

SAMA EC is offering to fully subsidise the conference fee for two novice speakers. You may apply if you have been working in a museum for **two years or less, you have never spoken at ANY conference before** and you wish to attend the SAMA EC conference and present a paper of 8 to 10 minutes.

Please note that **you must be an individual or institutional member of SAMA** to qualify for the bursary. A membership form is attached below, and is also available on the SAMA National website <http://sama.za.net/home-page/membership/>. Your submission for the bursary must include your individual or institutional SAMA membership number.

Interested parties must submit an abstract for their conference paper **by the submission deadline of 15 April 2019**. Indicate on your submission that you are a novice speaker and wish to be considered for the bursary. The two successful applicants will be notified by email or phone, and their conference fee will be fully subsidised by SAMA EC. Please note that this **does not include transport and accommodation**.

Contact Victor Clarke for further information regarding SAMA EC bursaries [v.clarke@nelm.org.za](mailto:v.clarke@nelm.org.za)

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Details of conference excursions and the conference dinner will be communicated in subsequent circulars.

## ENQUIRIES

The Committee of SAMA Eastern Cape is the Conference Organizing Committee and queries should be directed to the following portfolio holders:

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### Membership application and renewal form 2017

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#### Membership Information: *Please provide an email address if possible!*

Member number		Region	
Institutional name			
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Town		Postal Code	
Telephone		Fax	
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I agree to abide by the Constitution and Code of Ethics of the South African Museums Association			
Signature		Date	

Category of membership	Fee	Indicate appropriate fee
<b>Special concession</b>	Volunteers, students and retired persons or other entities on special request	<b>R80</b>
<b>Individual</b>	<i>Earning less than R8000 per month</i>	<b>R150</b>
	<i>Earning R8000 or more per month</i>	<b>R250</b>
<b>Institutional</b>	<i>Less than 20 staff</i>	<b>R350</b>
	<i>21 - 50 staff</i>	<b>R800</b>
	<i>51 – 80 staff</i>	<b>R1800</b>
	<i>Over 80 staff</i>	<b>R3000</b>
Membership is valid from 1 January until 31 December 2017		Indicate if <b>Tax Invoice</b> required

\* Please contact office for more information.

Fees are payable to the **South African Museums Association** at the following bank account:  
(Please give your individual or institutional **NAME** as banking reference)

<b>ABSA Bank</b>	Current Account Number	<b>4049407825</b>	Branch code	632005
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**NB:** Please send **proof of payment** and the completed form to the SAMA office

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