



81st SAMA National Conference
SANLAM Head Office, Bellville, Western Cape
23 – 26 October 2017

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FIRST CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

What is the Conference about?

How do museum and heritage practitioners address a past rife with oppression, pain and conflict? How do we react when a movement is sparked by a monument? What is our part in the debate about who depicts whose culture and how? What can and can't you say in the public domain? How do we address power relations implicit in representation? Are we interested in multiple perspectives and presenting a contested narrative? What do we preserve and what do we discard? How do we deal sensitively with human remains?

This National Conference will be a platform for engagement on how these issues play out in real terms in our sites throughout the country in exhibitions, collections, conservation decisions and education programmes. Don't miss the opportunity to network with your peers, visit some fascinating sites in Cape Town and be part of a vibrant, professional museum and heritage community.

How is the Conference programme structured?

Monday 23 October:

- Icebreaker event

Tuesday 24 October:

- Keynote speaker
- Presentations and panel discussions on aspects of the theme
- Evening social

Wednesday 25 October:

- Excursions with papers and discussion at sites around Cape Town that relate to the theme

Thursday 26 October:

- Practical workshops on Education, Marketing, Exhibitions and Conservation (not limited to the Conference theme)
- "Show and Tell" Sessions (not limited to the Conference theme)
- SAMA AGM
- Conference dinner

**More details to follow on all of the above.*



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How can I contribute?

- Present on an aspect of the theme
- Present a short, general “Show and Tell” session

Presentation on the theme

We are looking for research papers or case studies that relate to an aspect of the theme. Suggestions are:

- How do we represent and interpret our contested past (in programmes, exhibitions, design, presenting different points of view)?
- Movements around monuments (recent debates about what should happen to monuments that depict colonial history. Can monuments be reimagined?)
- How do our collections reflect (and preserve?) our contested past? (dealing with human remains, collections that reflect outdated ways of thinking. What do we discard and what do we preserve?)

How did you deal with one of the issues outlined above in your museum? Perhaps you know about a related issue that you can shed some light on? We are open to all topics relevant to the theme so if you have an idea not covered by the blurb above, propose it! **15 minutes long. You must be available on Tuesday 24 October.**

Show and Tell presentation

Do you have a project, marketing strategy, education programme, outreach initiative or ANYTHING interesting that you would like to share with us? Put together a **10 minute** “Show and Tell” session and come and tell us about it. Note: These presentations do NOT need to relate to the theme. **You must be available on Thursday 26 October.**

Yes, I want to be involved!

If you are interested in contributing, please complete the attached form with a brief summary of your proposed presentation and send it to Helen Joannides on samawc.educators@gmail.com by latest **30th June 2017**. If you have an idea, that doesn’t fit into one of these options, please also do let us know. We are open to other ideas.



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Note:

- All presenters must please still register and pay for the Conference (at least to attend their presentation day) to allow the opportunity for one-on-one engagement between delegates and presenters and to make the Conference financially viable. Unfortunately, you will not be put on the programme if you have not paid your Conference fees by **30 August 2017**.
- If your proposal to contribute is accepted, you will be notified by end of July and you commit to presenting at and attending the Conference (or part thereof). **If you cancel later than 1 September 2017, your Conference fees will not be reimbursed.**
- All presentations must be made available in text form electronically for possible publication after the Conference.
- All proposals will be considered but the final choice rests with the organising committee.
- Information regarding registration will accompany this call but for any general inquiries please email: samawc.secretary@gmail.com



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PROPOSALS FOR PRESENTATIONS DEADLINE: Friday 30 JUNE 2017

Name: (please print) _____

Museum/Organisation and position: _____

Contact telephone numbers: _____ (work) _____ (cell)

Email address: _____

SAMA membership number: _____ I am not a member of SAMA _____

I would like to contribute to the 2017 SAMA National Conference by (tick one):

- ☐ 1. Presenting on an aspect of the theme
- ☐ 2. Presenting a short “Show and Tell” session of a general nature

I intend on attending: (tick one):

- ☐ the whole Conference (23-26 October)
- ☐ only the day I am presenting on (please circle)
 - ☐ Tuesday 24th October
 - ☐ Thursday 26th October

Please see notes above. All presenters are obliged to register and pay for the Conference or daily rate applicable to their presentation day, by 30 August 2017.

1. Presentation on the theme (15 minutes; Tuesday 24 October)

What will your presentation be about? (Please feel free to attach a separate page. 300 words max)



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2. Show and Tell presentation (10 minutes, Thursday 26 October)

What will your presentation be about? Remember, it does not have to relate to the theme. (Please feel free to attach a separate page. 300 words max)

Declaration:

- ☐ I understand that my proposed contribution may not be accepted due to constraints on the number of presentations and overall application to the programme.
- ☐ I understand that if my proposed contribution is accepted by end of July, I need to pay for the Conference (full three days or daily rate) by 30 August 2017 in order to participate. If I pull out of participating after 1 September 2017, my Conference fees will not be reimbursed.

Full name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/2017

PLEASE RETURN A SIGNED COPY AND PROPOSALS TO

Helen Joannides on samawc.educators@gmail.com