



# **Call for Abstracts**

## **ASSAf-DST-NRF Second Annual South African Young Scientists' Conference**

**Date: 26-28 September 2011**

**Venue: Diep in Die Berg Conference and Function Centre, Pretoria**

**Theme: Changing Lives Through Chemistry**

**Deadline for Abstract Submission: 13 June 2011**

## Background

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), the Department of Science and Technology (DST), and the National Research Foundation (NRF) will host the second Annual Young Scientists Conference within the framework of the Academy of Science for the Developing World (TWAS) and Organization of Women Scientists for the Developing World (OWSDW) National Chapters hosted by ASSAf from **26-28 September 2011** at the **Diep in Die Berg Conference and Function Centre**. The conference is aligned to the 2011 International Year Theme, Chemistry. The Theme of the conference is '**Changing Lives Through Chemistry.**'

## Submission of Abstracts

The Organising Committee invites submission of abstracts for oral or poster presentations. **Presenters should indicate their preference.**

## Eligibility

The conference is aimed at young male and female scientists, and the following criteria apply for presenters:

- Be resident in South Africa
- Be under the age of forty (40) when the abstract is submitted
- Be in possession of at least a Master's degree
- Have a research interest in the International Year theme

Participation of PhD, Post-Doc, and young, early-career researchers and scientists is encouraged.

## Conference Subthemes

Abstracts focusing on the following thematic areas are invited:

1. Chemical Biology  
The interface/interaction with the biological sciences including medicine and drug delivery
2. Material Science  
The interface/ interaction with the physical sciences/ nanotechnology and engineering
3. Chemistry bridging the gap towards sustainable living  
The interface/interaction with food production, the environment, energy, water, health, mining, and green chemistry

**Presenters should clearly indicate under which subtheme they would like to present their work.**

## Abstract Format and Submission

Applicants should follow the instructions clearly:

- Abstract must not be more than **300 words** (excluding Title, Authors and Institutions) in **MS Word**
- Abstract must be typed in single spacing, be clear and legible
- Abstract must be submitted in English
- Abstract title must in **boldface, capital letters (Lowercase) and centered**
- Abstract font must be **Arial 11** with **A4** set up margins
- Abstract must include the following information:
  - **Title, Author (s), Institution**

- Name of Abstract Presenter should be **underlined (Please do not underline co-authors)**
- Institutional affiliations, city, state for all authors
- The superscript numbering must be in front of each initial and surname of each author
- Where appropriate, the text may be structured using the following headings:
  - Introduction or Objectives
  - Methods
  - Results
  - Conclusions

### Example of an abstract title

#### **Assessment of risk factors associated with maternal mortality in rural Tanzania ← 14 pts, centered, lowercase and bold**

<sup>1</sup> E Illah, <sup>2</sup>G Mbaruku, <sup>3</sup>K Kahn ← 11pts, centered  
*(presenting author to be underlined, number superscript in front of initial and surname)*

<sup>1</sup> KEMRI/CDC Research and Public Health Collaboration, <sup>2</sup>Ifakara Health Institute,  
<sup>3</sup>MRC/Wits Rural Public Health and Health Transitions Research Unit (Agincourt)  
*(number superscript in front of organisation)*

**Presenters must complete the attached abstract submission form to accompany the abstract.**

Presenters should submit their abstracts electronically to [mutheu@assaf.org.za](mailto:mutheu@assaf.org.za); Tel: 012 349 6607; Fax: 086 576 9517 by **Monday 13 June 2011**.

### **Abstract Acceptance**

Abstracts will be reviewed by a scientific panel which reserves the right to accept and allocate poster and oral presentations. All those who submitted abstracts by the due date will be notified by **13 July 2011** whether their paper has been accepted.

### **Oral Presentations**

All oral presentations will be conducted in English.

### **Poster Presentations**

Accepted posters will be displayed at the conference venue and full details and specifications will be provided in the abstract acceptance letter.

### **General Conference Information**

Limited funding (travel and ground expenses) is available for participants presenting at the conference. For any further information on the conference please contact:

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