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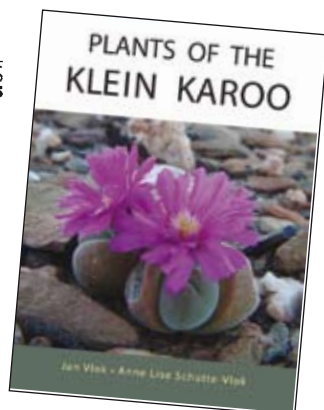
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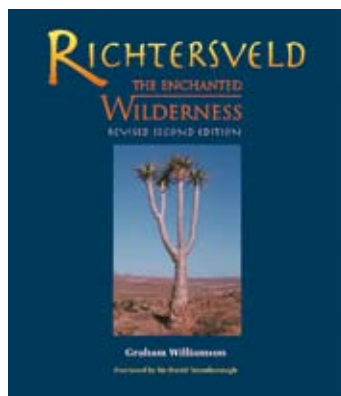
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Editorial

After many months of anticipation, the event we have all been waiting for has arrived. This month will see the realisation of years of dreams, the first ever dedicated aloe conference, the Inhlaba Indaba. We would like to welcome all participants from South Africa and abroad.

We are convinced that this conference will stimulate further interest in the “flagship” succulent in Africa, the genus *Aloe*. There is little doubt that the genus is one of the most important genera of the succulent plant flora of the region. The topics to be discussed at the conference will highlight many of the important aspects related to the genus.

For the front cover of this issue of the journal *ALOE*, we have chosen one of the most common and well-known aloes from our part of the world, the widespread species, *Aloe marlothii*. The picture was taken near the town of Utrecht in KwaZulu-Natal, where the unique red flowering *A. marlothii* as well as bi-coloured specimens abound. The participants of the post-conference tour will hopefully be able to observe these in their full splendour. We do say hopefully, for during certain years flowers are destroyed by severe cold spells.

We do have some consolation for those who are not able to participate in the Inhlaba Indaba – we hope to publish summaries of most of the talks at the conference in the next issues of *ALOE*.

Kotie Retief
Editor