



International Conference on Aloes

19 to 21 June 2012

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Blyde Canyon, Mpumalanga, South Africa

The conference is organized with the cooperation of the Succulent Society of South Africa (SSSA), the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), The Plant Specialist Group and Gariiep Plants succulent nursery. The title of the conference is derived from 'inhlaba', isiZulu for 'aloe' and indaba' which means 'meeting' or 'gathering' in isiZulu. 'Indaba' can also refer to 'story'; this is very appropriate as this gathering will look at the Story of Aloes

► The Venue

The resort overlooks the Blyde River Canyon, the third largest canyon in the world. It is situated in Mpumalanga Province, close to the border with Limpopo Province. These two provinces host one of the richest concentrations of aloes in the world, not only in the range of species found, but also in the sheer number of plants.

► The Conference Programme

● MONDAY 18 June

Bus trip to venue
18:00 Registration
18:30 Welcoming function

● TUESDAY 19 June

09:00 – 09:25: **Welcoming word: Prof Gideon Smith**
On behalf of SANBI and the SSSA
09:25 – 10:15: **Opening lecture: Prof Braam van Wyk**
Taxonomy and natural history of Aloe:
current knowledge and future prospects
10:15 – 11:00: **Ronell Klopper** – An introduction to the
aloes of the world
11:30 – 12:15: **Ernst van Jaarsveld** – Aloes from south
western Africa: Namibia and Angola
13:15 – 14:00: **Tom McCoy** – Aloes from Saudi Arabia
14:00 – 14:45: **Giuseppe Orlando** – Socotra: Aloes and
other marvels
15:15 – 16:00: **Prof. Len Newton** – An Aloe miscellany :
East and West Tropical Africa

● WEDNESDAY 20 June

09:00 – 09:45: **Ernst van Jaarsveld** – Aloes on the edge:
cremnophytes
09:45 – 10:30: **Dr. Olwen Grace** – Unlocking the secrets of
DNA in the classification of aloes
11:00 – 11:45: **Prof. Ben-Erik van Wyk** – The uses of aloe
in traditional and modern medicine
13:00 – 14:45: **Leo Thamm**: Breeding of cultivars
Andy de Wet: Aloes in Landscaping
Quinton Bean: Cultivation and maintenance
of Aloes
15:15 – 16:00: Pharmaceutical and cosmetic products
developed from aloes
18:30 for 19:00: **Conference Banquet**

● THURSDAY 21 June

09:00 – 09:45: **Giuseppe Orlando** – Aloes in Madagascar
09:45 – 10:30: **Tom McCoy** – Aloes of Somalia
11:00 – 11:45: **Dr. Neil Crouch** – The discovery and
popularisation of aloes in southern Africa:
where, when and why

AFTERNOON FREE

Visits to the nearby attractions like the famous Bourke's Luck Pot Holes. Spectacular hiking trails are available at the resort

Ample time will be available during tea breaks, lunches and in the evenings for informal discussions. This will be a special opportunity to meet and interact with speakers and participants from all over the world.

► Tour to Aloe Localities

A post-conference tour will visit areas in the Mpumalanga, Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal Provinces where many aloes will be in flower. The tour will start at Blyde Canyon on Friday 22 June and end on 30 June in Durban, with a flight back to OR Thambo International Airport included in the tour price. More information on the tour is available on the website.

► Visit the Website

For full details on registration, accommodation, transport please visit the Indaba website

www.inhlabaindaba.co.za

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Objectives

The objectives of the Society are to promote knowledge, the cultivation and conservation of succulent plants and to contribute towards the protection and conservation of all indigenous plants and their habitats.

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Front cover: *Aloe hereroensis* in full flower. This Aloe was first found in Namibia, hence the name, after the Herero people, however it mainly occurs in the dry interior of the Northern Cape and some distance into the Free State (Photographed near the Langeberg, Olifantshoek).
Photo: Judd Kirkel

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Back cover: *Aloe gariensis*. A fine flowering specimen (Upington).
Photo: Judd Kirkel

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