



ASAIB HOSTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2009

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The Association of Southern African Indexers and Bibliographers Conference and International Triennial meeting will be held in South Africa at the Maropeng Heritage Site on 9 & 10 March 2009.



The Tumulus building at Maropeng, designed to resemble an ancient burial mound, has a soil covering that allows grass to grow on the structure (Image: Maropeng)

The theme is :

“Africa Visited and Revisited:
the History of Africa Revealed through
Indexing and Bibliography”

The venue is:

Maropeng (Official Visitor Centre for the
Cradle of Humankind World heritage Site)
near Magaliesberg

The programme consists of four sessions:

“Windows to the past”
“Africa is seldom what it seems”
“Something new out of Africa”

International representatives report back



A boat ride on an underground lake transports visitors to Maropeng's remarkable exhibition on human origins (Image: Mary Alexander)



The space-age design of the back view of the Tumulus building contrasts with the ancient and organic feel of the front view (Image: Mary Alexander)

ASAIB AWARD

The ASAIB 2009 Award for best index or bibliography will be made at the conference.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

The programme, registration form, and cost will be communicated as soon as possible.

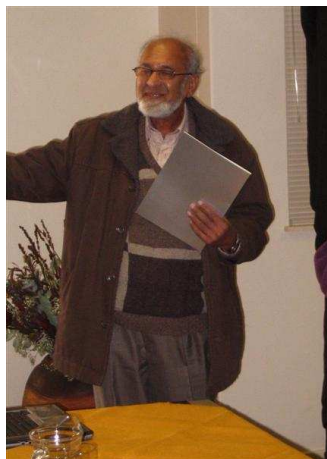
Links to accommodation in the area will also be provided.

VENUE

More information on the exciting venue for this conference can be found at <http://www.maropeng.co.za>

If you would like to present a paper at this conference, please contact Marlene Burger (burgem@unisa.ac.za, telephone +27 12 429 6585) or Madely du Preez (preezm@unisa.ac.za, telephone +27 12 429 6792)

ASAIB AWARD FOR BEST INDEX AND/OR BIBLIOGRAPHY 2009



Abdul Samed Bemath
Winner of ASAIB's Indexing
Award 2008 at the ASAIB
conference held at EISA
(Photo by Karin McGuirk)

This award is made annually by the Association of Southern African Indexers and Bibliographers for indexes and/or bibliographies at the annual ASAIB Conference. The 2009 conference (9 & 10 March) is an international conference (at the Maropeng heritage Site) and will be attended by representatives of overseas indexing societies. The winner(s) will be announced at the conference dinner on Monday, 9 March 2009.

The deadline for entries is **13 February 2009**. Please complete the entry form and mail it together with a copy of your index or bibliography to:

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APPLICATION: AWARD FOR INDEX OR BIBLIOGRAPHY (2009)

- NAME:
- POSTAL ADDRESS:
- CONTACT DETAILS:
Telephone number:
Cell phone number:
Fax number:
E-mail address:
- FULL BIBLIOGRAPHIC
DETAILS OF THE WORK:
- BIOGRAPHICAL BACKGROUND (brief CV, present position or occupation):
- INDEXING EXPERIENCE:
- A COPY OF THE WORK MUST BE ENCLOSED
- SIGNATURE:
- DATE:

"Fortunately for me I had good role models who motivated me."

"Dear All,
Many thanks for this lovely award. Many thanks to the UNISA Information Science Department and Jackie Kalley, Beth, Elna Schoeman and many others at Jan Smuts House International Affairs Library where I first came across the works of Ali A. Mazrui which contributed to my development as a librarian.
Best wishes,
Abdul"

ABDUL BEMATH Previous ASAIB award winner 2008

Abdul Samed Bemath is ASAIB's most recent winner of the Indexing Award. Here is his description of what the Award meant to him.

The ASAIB Award means a lot to me considering the battle I have had to educate myself. The 1958-59 issue of A Survey of Race Relations in South Africa p.262 states the closure of the Newclare Coloured School to over a 1000 Indian pupils. Newclare is located a few kilometres from Johannesburg. This was a way of relocating Indians to the newly proclaimed Group Area for Indians in Lenasia which is 35 km from Johannesburg.

I was in Std 6 and the school principal, Mr.C.J. Botha, a tall Afrikaner dedicated to this school, was instructed to write on our school transfer card that this pupil was only to attend school in Lenasia. He did not do this and told us individually to gain entry into any school. The Bosmont School which served the Coloured community was named after him in the early sixties.

My father was dead set against sending us to Lenasia and we stood for days on end outside the High School in Fordsburg near the present day Oriental Plaza. The school refused us entry. I studied via Damelin Correspondence College for Std6,7 & 8. My father passed away in 1964 and I went to work. I was very frustrated working and in May 1967 at the age of 23 I returned back to school for Std. 9. What an experience sitting in class with 15-16 year olds!

I matriculated at age 25 and enrolled at UNISA, BA(Hons) HDLS.

Fortunately for me I had good role models who motivated me. One was our family doctor and as a child I looked at photos in his living room of his brothers and sisters who were professors of Geology and medicine. The other person was the youngest Professor at Wits at that time, Professor Phillip Tobias. He interviewed me for a lab assistant position in 1964 and I was fascinated by the collection of books in his office. I thought I was well-read and he asked me so many questions leading me to broaden my horizons in reading.

The rest is history....

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARLENE ROSE ON HER WINNING SLOGAN FOR ASAIB

“Excellence from A to Z”

ASAIB CONFERENCE 2008 “Remarkable South African Women”

ASAIB held its 2008 conference at the EISA offices on 7th May 2008. The theme was Remarkable South African Women. There was a stellar line-up of speakers who presented a wide variety of papers covering every aspect of remarkable South African women. The conference was well attended and we were also treated to a display of local crafters hosted by Sue Shellshop. Lunch and high tea were served and the overall consensus was that this was another wonderful conference of a very high standard presented by ASAIB. Grateful thanks to the ASAIB committee for all their hard work which contributed to the success of this day.
(Photos by Karin McGuirk)



Dr. Shireen Hassim presenting
“A new look at Ruth First”



Ruda Landman presented
“Searching for information—a
user’s perspective”



Dr. Dione Prinsloo presenting
“An overview of the role of
Afrikaans women in the 20th
century”



Stephan Welz presenting
“SA women artists: thoughts
of an experienced and
knowledgeable art lover”



Cynthia Kros presenting
“Granite reinforced with wire: Seek-
ing for the real Lilian Ngoyi”



Paul Kotze presenting
“The uniqueness of Sophie
Gray, Architect”

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**Some light-hearted
relief**

The daughter of the author of Waldo Nelson's Textbook of Pediatrics, 7th edition, 1959, compiled its index, and in a jocular vein inserted an entry conveying her opinion of the text:

Birds, for the, 1-1413

The line was missed at proof stage, and was allowed to remain in subsequent editions of the book (published by W.B. Saunders, Philadelphia).

From Hazel Bell's book "Indexers and Indexing in Fact and Fiction"

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ASAIB AGM 2008

This year the ASAIB AGM will be held on November 18, 2008 at the Food Emporium, Broadacres Shopping Centre in Cedar Road, Broadacres at 10am.

**Eleanor-Mary Caddell will be speaking on
A Soldier/Artist in
Zululand: the inside story. This promises to be a fascinating talk.**

We would love to see as many of you there as possible.

**Directions to the venue were sent with the
invitation. If you have any problems please contact:
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