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31 July- 3 August 2017

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FYNBOS FORUM MISSION

The Fynbos Forum is an affiliation of researchers, planners, managers, landowners and a range of other stakeholders that meets annually to discuss management issues and research results, and to formulate priorities for future research and conservation management actions required to ensure the conservation and sustainability of Fynbos ecosystems.

In order to achieve this goal, we undertake to assess biological resources, ensure institutional capacity and consider socio-economic issues.

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PREVIOUS FYNBOS FORA

FYNBOS FORUM PROJECT

1977	Various dates at UCT & Stellenbosch University- founding of the Fynbos Biome Project	
1978	Various dates and various venues	
1979	Stellenbosch	29 January
1980	Stellenbosch	20 - 30 July
1981	UCT	29 - 30 June & 1 July
1982	UCT	11 June
1983	UCT	28 June
1984	Stellenbosch	26 June
1985	Stellenbosch	29 - 30 July
1986	UCT	26 - 27 June
1987	Saasveld, George	23 - 25 June
1988	Avalon Hotel, Montagu	27 - 29 July

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1989	ClanWilliam	18 - 20 July
1990	Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch, Die Ark	1 - 2 October
1991	Bredasdorp - Potberg	11 - 13 August
1992	Cape Town	
1993	Drosdy Museum, Swellendam	16 - 17 March
1994	Bien Donné, Stellenbosch	13 - 15 July
1995	Mispah Youth Centre, Grabouw	5 - 6 December
1996	The Nekies Dist. Worcester	17 - 18 July
1997	Genadendal	16 - 18 July
1998	Die Herberg, Waenhuiskrans, Arniston	22 - 24 April
1999	Rein's Nature Reserve, Albertinia	22 - 23 September
2000	Ganzekraal Holiday Resort & Conference Centre	7 - 9 June
2001	Calitzdorp Spa	1 - 3 August
2002	Goudini, Rawsonville	14 - 16 August
2003	Hartenbos Resort, Hartenbos, Dist. Mossel Bay	5 - 8 August
2004	Club Mykonos, Langebaan	10 - 13 August
2005	Pine Lodge, Port Elizabeth	1 - 5 August
2006	Goudini Spa, Rawsonville, Dist. Worcester	9 - 11 August
2007	Club Mykonos, Langebaan	1 - 3 August
2008	Oudtshoorn – known as Interfaces, a joint forum with Arid Zones Ecology Forum,	3-7 August
2009	The Sports Centre, Bredasdorp	4 - 7 August
2010	NG Church Centre, Citrusdal	3 - 6 August
2011	Community Hall, Still Bay	31 May – 3 June
2012	Cape St Francis	17 – 19 July
2013	Kirstenbosch Botanic Garden, Cape Town	7 – 10 October
2014	Premier Hotel, Knysna	4 – 7 August
2015	NG Church Hall, Montagu	3 – 6 August
2016	Pine Lodge, Port Elizabeth	25 - 28 July

**Fynbos Forum 2017
Programme Overview**

Time	Monday 4th August 2014
09h00	CASABIO Workshop 1
12h30	Lunch for Workshop 1 participants
13h30	Workshop 1 continued
17h30	Registration for delegates
18h30	Opening of Fynbos Forum
19h00	DINNER
	Tuesday 5th August
7h30	Late registration
8h20	Welcome & Keynote address
9h00	Session 1: Diversity & Coexistence: Past present future
10h15	TEA
10h45	Session 2: Aliens
13h00	LUNCH
14h00	Session 3: Fire
15h30	TEA and POSTERS
16h15	Session 3: Pathogens
17h15	Caroline Gelderblom- Fynbos Forum- the way forward
17h45	Fynbos Forum AGM
19h00	DINNER

Wednesday 6th August	
08h00	Late registration
08h30	Session 4: Ecological Restoration
10h30	TEA
11h00	Session 5: Sustainable use and cultivation
12h25	Session 6: Climate Change
13h00	Fieldtrip Briefing and lunch pickup
13h00	
19h00	DINNER and DISCO
Thursday 7th August	
07h30	Late registration
08h30	Pam Booth: The Knysna Fire
	Session 7: Planning and Management
10h30	TEA
11h00	Session 7: Planning and Management continued
13h00	LUNCH
14h00	Session 8: Citizen Science
15h45	Prize giving
	Travel home safely!

**Fynbos Forum 2017
Programme**

Time	Monday 31 July 2017
9h00	Workshop by CASABIO Road and Rail Reserve Workshop: Project SATRN and Roadside Diversity Day – creating and monitoring the world’s longest and most species rich reserve
17h30	Registration
18h30	Welcome address
19h00	DINNER
	Tuesday 1 August 2017
7h30	Late registration
8h20	Welcome & Opening: Tessa Oliver
8h30	Keynote address- Richard Cowling
9h00	Session 1: Diversity & Coexistence: Past present future <i>Kristen Nolting</i> : Functional Trait Divergence and Eco-physiological Convergence in <i>Protea</i> Species in the Cape Floristic Region, South Africa - 15 <i>Lara Kaiser</i> : Cross-generation interactions between overstorey and understorey plants in Fynbos - 6 <i>Genevieve Theron</i> : Testing pollinator-mediated floral evolution of <i>Ferraria</i> (Iridaceae) - 15 <i>Marike Louw</i> : Listen up! Eavesdropping on a Cape Peninsula Endemic -15 <i>Melandri Rafferty</i> : Drought-tolerance in wild and cultivated <i>Aspalathus Linearis</i> in the Suid Bokkeveld, South Africa – 15
10h15	TEA
10h45	Session 2: Aliens <i>Tineke Kraaij</i> : Seed bank and growth comparisons of native (<i>Virgilia divaricata</i>) and invasive alien (<i>Acacia mearnsii</i> and <i>A. Melanoxylon</i>) plants: implications for conservation - 15 <i>Mlungele Nsikani</i> : <i>Acacia saligna</i> ’s soil legacy effects: what do they do and for how long? - 15 <i>Alistair Galloway</i> : The impact of pine plantations on fynbos above-ground vegetation and seed soil bank composition - 15 <i>Roderick Juba</i> : Assessing ecological impacts of alien clearing methods along WC riparian zones, implications for ecosystem recovery - 15 <i>Kelby English</i> : Potential factors influencing the establishment success of <i>Dicomada rufa</i> , a biological control agent for <i>Hakea sericea</i> in SA. -6 <i>Candice Lyons</i> : Update to biocontrol endeavours against <i>Hakea sericea</i> in the Western Cape– <i>Aphanasium australe</i> and <i>Dicomada rufa</i> . -15 <i>Thembelihle Mlokoti</i> : Mortality of the leaf-mining moth, <i>Aristaea thalassias</i> (Lepidoptera: Myrtaceae), a biological control agent of <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> - 15

	<p><i>Jan-Hendrik Keet</i>: Assessing the impacts of invasive legumes on soil conditions and microbial community composition in a biodiversity hotspot. -15</p> <p><i>David Gwynne-Evans</i>: Invasives of Newlands Forest - 6</p> <p><i>Staci Warrington</i>: Testing major plant-microbial mutualism hypotheses in invasion ecology: a case study using Australian acacias and rhizobia – 6</p>
13h00	LUNCH
14h00	<p>Session3: Fire</p> <p><i>Jasper Slingsby</i>: Postfire regeneration in the Cape Floristic Region - 15</p> <p><i>Glenn Moncrieff</i>: Trait controls on post-fire recovery in the fynbos biome - 15</p> <p><i>Hannah Simon</i>: Unpacking a pixel: drivers of seasonality in vegetation greenness in fynbos - 6</p> <p><i>Nyasha Magadzire</i>: Role of fire in the distribution of vegetation in a Mediterranean-type ecosystem - 15</p> <p><i>Nasiphi Ntshanga</i>: Assessing the threat of landscape transformation and habitat fragmentation for ecosystems in the Fynbos Biome of South Africa - 15</p> <p><i>Lena Alice Schmidt</i>: An experimental study of plant-pollinator interactions along a post-fire succession gradient -6</p>
15h30	TEA & posters
16h15	<p>Session 4: Pathogens</p> <p><i>Joey Hulbert</i>: Indigenous plant pathogens and their contributions to plant community diversity - 15</p> <p><i>Nicolas Louw</i>: A diminishing silver lining in the Cape Floristic Region : re-evaluating the decline of <i>Leucadendron argenteum</i> - 15</p> <p><i>Nombuso Ngubane</i>: Long-distance dispersal characterises the population structure of <i>Protea</i>-associated fungi - 15</p> <p><i>Mashudu Nndanduleni</i>: Can fire be used in a garden to cleanse the disease in the flowerbed? - 15</p>
17h15	Caroline Gelderblom: Fynbos Forum- the way forward
17h45	Fynbos Forum AGM
19h00	DINNER
	Wednesday
8h00	Late registration
8h30	<p>Session 5: Ecological Restoration</p> <p><i>Stephen Cousins</i>: Testing for fire-dependency in critically endangered renosterveld shrublands and soil seed banks in the Swartland, South Africa - 15</p> <p><i>Zoe Poulsen</i>: Conserving Living Landscapes: Investigating impacts of livestock grazing and assessing rangeland restoration potential in</p>

	<p>Overberg renosterveld - 6</p> <p><i>Stuart Hall</i>: Implications for management of lowland fynbos ecosystems resulting from restoration experiments in Cape Flats Sand Fynbos - 15</p> <p><i>Johann van Biljon</i>: Lessons learnt in implementing the Berg and Breede River Riparian Rehabilitation Programme (DEADP) - 15</p> <p><i>Dean Impson</i>: Moving forward with rotenone projects: rapid removal of non-native fishes from two farm dams and strong recovery of threatened fishes in a priority river for fish conservation - 15</p> <p><i>Wessel Vermeulen</i>: Planning for the rehabilitation of plantation “exit” areas in the Garden Route National Park - 6</p> <p><i>Thabang Sibiyi</i>: Long-term monitoring of the recovery of fynbos in clearfelled pine plantations in the Garden Route, Western Cape - 6</p> <p><i>Petro Botha</i>: Taking urban conversation by the horns-the four legged approach. - 6</p> <p><i>Johann van Biljon</i>: An ecological approach to landscaping - 6</p> <p><i>Stephanie Midgley</i>: Using restoration of ecological infrastructure as an approach to climate change adaptation and mitigation for agriculture in the Fynbos Biome - 15</p> <p><i>Bongani Mnisi</i>: THE IINGCUNGU PROJECT: Restoring nectar feeding birds, building biodiversity leadership. - 6</p>
10h30	TEA
11h00	<p>Session 6: Sustainable use and cultivation</p> <p><i>Martina Treurnicht</i>: Spatial variation in sensitivity of serotinous Proteaceae to wildflower harvesting inferred from large-scale demographic data in the Cape Floristic Region – 15</p> <p><i>Hildegard Crous</i>: <i>Disa barbata</i> and other terrestrial orchids of the Fynbos Biome - surprises and experiences - 15</p> <p><i>Timothy Macqueen</i>: Re-opening the case for wild Frankenflora: testing Protea species for hybridization using DNA and HRM analysis - 15</p> <p><i>Nicholas Galuszynski</i>: How can farmers help in conserving the evolutionary potential of Honeybush (<i>Cyclopia</i> spp)? - 15</p>
12h25	<p>Session 7: Climate Change</p> <p><i>Edmund February</i>: Collapse of an iconic conifer: Long-term changes in the demography of <i>Widdringtonia cedarbergensis</i> using repeat photography -15</p> <p><i>Andrew Turner</i>: Climate, fire and frogs: a sign of things to come? - 6</p> <p><i>Tanisha Williams</i>: Predicting Plant Responses to Climate Change in a Biodiversity Hotspot - 15</p>
13h00	PACKED LUNCH
	Fieldtrips
19h00	DINNER AND DISCO
	Thursday
8h00	Late registration and Tea
8h30	<i>Pam Booth</i> - The Knysna Fires

9h00	<p>Session 8: Planning and Management</p> <p><i>Alana Duffell-Canham:</i> The 2017 Western Cape Biodiversity Spatial Plan - 15</p> <p><i>Julia Wood:</i> The doughnut of protected areas management in the city of Cape Town - 6</p> <p><i>Kerry Maree:</i> TMFs contribution towards implementing the Western Cape Protected Area Expansion -15</p> <p><i>Odette Curtis:</i> Gains and Losses in the Renosterveld: are we winning or losing? - 15</p> <p><i>Clive McDowell:</i> Lowland Natural Corridors in Greater Cape Town: the M3 Road Verge, Constantia as a Case Study - 15</p> <p><i>Fezile Mathenjwa:</i> Thinking ahead: making sure we have an insurance policy for our threatened plant species - 15</p>
10h30	TEA
11h00	<p>Planning and Management continued</p> <p><i>Rupert Koopman:</i> <i>Marasmodes</i> : a Canary in the donut - 15</p> <p><i>Ismail Ebrahim:</i> Hands off! Identifying critical habitat sites for threatened plant species - 15</p> <p><i>Dale Wright:</i> Bird-friendly: Habitat Management Guidelines for the endemic birds of the Fynbos Biome - 15</p> <p><i>Louis Van Wyk:</i> Living alongside meso-predators on an eco-sensitive estate - 6</p> <p><i>Felicia Magutywa:</i> Effects of various Wastewater Effluent Discharge on Environmental and Biological Conditions of the Vygekraal and Kuils Rivers downstream of Athlone and Zandvliet WWTWs respectively. - 15</p> <p><i>Joshua Gericke:</i> Estuary mouth breaching as an emergency control measure for <i>Prymnesium parvum</i>: A Zandvlei case study - 6</p> <p><i>David Le Maitre:</i> Protecting the Strategic Water Source Areas of the Fynbos Biome for water security under climate change - 15</p> <p><i>Maya Beukes:</i> PRESENCE: Using knowledge to build a living landscape - 15</p> <p><i>Julia Wood:</i> Biodiversity planning forum - 6</p>
13h00	LUNCH
14h00	<p>Session 9: Citizen Science</p> <p><i>Sophia Turner:</i> How the Ant taught Scholars about Science – a story by Imbovane Outreach Project - 15</p> <p><i>Georgina van Biljon:</i> Environmental education opportunities in aftercare facilities in the Cape Winelands. - 6</p> <p><i>Michael Henshall:</i> Cape leopards and human-wildlife conflict</p> <p><i>Randall Josephs:</i> Citizen scientist at work: Collecting long-term monitoring data. - 15</p> <p><i>Joey Hulbert:</i> Revealing hidden threats to fynbos biodiversity with citizen science - 15</p> <p><i>Louise Matschke:</i> Changing lives through nature- Reconnecting people to nature; the CEET creche to career model explained - 15</p> <p><i>David Gwynne-Evans:</i> CASABIO - The potential of citizen science - 15</p> <p><i>Boitshekwane Kgantsi:</i> Table Mountain Fund (TMF) Small Grant Programme - 15</p>
15h45	Prize giving

Posters:

- *Keir Lynch*: Watercourse Restoration in the Rûens Renosterveld
- *Andrea Von Gunten*: The Muizenberg East Conservation Cluster: Using camera traps as a tool for wildlife monitoring on fragmented habitats within an urban environment
- *Luke Gallant*: iSpot UPGRADE 2017
- *Fabrice Turikumwe*: Hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*) introduction into the Rietvlei section of Table Bay Nature reserve: How many can be accommodated?
- *Angelique Van den Berg*: Calculating relative abundance of Cape Grysbok using camera traps and drive counts at Table Bay Nature Reserve, Milnerton Racecourse Section.
- *Lief Theron*: Will there be enough water? The effects of climate change on the Western Cape's water supply
- *Hadley-John Lyners*: The Cape Leopard Trust Environmental Educational Project
- *Julia Wood*: Conservation targets in the City of Cape Town
- *Nomama Mei*: Fynbos vegetation is naturally adapted to fire and requires regular burning for its persistence.
- *JP Groenewald*: Invertebrate diversity of Haarwegskloof Renosterveld Reserve
- *Natanya Dreyer*: FROM SCIENTIFIC TO SIMPLE: Bridging the communication gap between the natural and social sciences
- *Ntombikayise Lolwane*: The site occupancy and species richness of medium to large sized mammal species in the Steenbras Nature Reserve
- *Sally Reece*: The extent and condition of the remaining remnants of Lourensford Alluvium Fynbos
- *Ntombikayise Leago Lolwane*: The site occupancy and species richness of medium to large sized mammal species in the Steenbras Nature Reserve

WORKSHOP

CASABIO: Road and Rail Reserve Workshop

David Gwynne-Evans (CEO of CASABIO.org)

Introduction

For over 30 years there has been increasing levels of roadside “maintenance” taking place leading to an unprecedented loss of biodiversity in corridors that are frequently last bastions of local vegetation. Implementation has become increasingly sophisticated and coordinated across nearly all roads and includes bulldozing, grading, brushcutting and herbiciding of roadside vegetation.

Much has changed in the intervening years regarding our understanding of biodiversity and the important role it plays in providing ecosystem services. The National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (57 of 2003) was signed into effect. In 2004 the entire Cape Floral Region was declared a World Heritage Site on account of its diversity, density and number of endemic plant species. In 2007 a UNESCO report was published on the threats of climate change to biodiversity within the CFR which recognized that biodiversity is threatened by shrinking bioclimatic habitats due to warming and changes in precipitation. Indeed, this year has been the year of Level 4 drought in the Cape Town area and unprecedented fires in the Knysna area fueled by dry brush due to a lack of rain.

In 2005 the Delaware Department of Transportation published their roadside vegetation concept and planning manual. This was developed to reduce maintenance effort while enhancing visual appeal, but laid out many important principles including addressing visual and safety concerns. In 2006, Esler and Milton published their paper on best practice in road, power line and rail reserves. This important document gave an excellent overview of the topic as well as providing solutions and management plans. In 2016, Collinson and Patterson-Abrolat of EWT addressed the issue of wildlife and roads, entitled “The Road Ahead”.

We are now at a critical junction, with many programmes rolled out across the country that compromise the integrity of our roadside vegetation to the detriment of road users, plant and animal life. We have an opportunity to present an alternative management scheme that respects biodiversity while providing useful jobs. This includes the creation of the longest and most species rich reserve in the world that combines road, rail and electrical reserves: Project SATRN.