



Dear SAAIR members and non-members,

This notification serves to inform you that the Call for Papers for the 2011 SAAIR ANNUAL FORUM, which will be held from 11 to 13 October 2011 and hosted by the University of Cape Town, is now open.

Keynote Speakers: Dr Saleem Badat, Vice-Chancellor of Rhodes University and Prof Geoff Scott, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Quality) of the University of Western Sydney will be the keynote speakers at the Forum.

The theme of the conference, Enhancement, aims not only to explore existing practices, but also to expand the boundaries of existing planning, institutional research (IR) and quality assurance (QA) approaches and their impact on the quality of higher education and student success in higher education.

Forum 2011 is therefore designed to provide opportunities for critical self-reflection for institutional researchers, planners and quality assurance professionals and other administrators, as well as academics, on how evidence-based practices can be used to improve the quality of teaching practices and graduate attributes.

We have negotiated with the South African Journal of Higher Education (SAJHE) that they will devote a special issue of the SAJHE to papers presented in the conference. It will be SPECIAL ISSUE Volume 26 Number 2 of 2012 We hope that this will encourage more people to present papers at this year's Forum.

The submission due date for abstracts and outlines is 31 May 2011. You are especially invited to submit papers reporting on:

- the identification of strategic issues related to enhancement,
- evidence-based innovations,
- using information to promote reflective and responsive practices,
- new ways of approaching operational tasks,
- investigations or evaluations of strategies or interventions at UG or PG levels,
- the conceptualisation and monitoring of student outcomes,
- the use of IR/QA/planning to improve the quality of the student experience, and
- conceptual papers exploring the relationship between institutional research and quality are therefore specifically invited.

We are accepting proposals for the following presentation formats:

- Contributed paper
- Demonstration
- Panel
- Conference Workshop

For more information regarding the submission process and information on the 2011 SAAIR Annual Forum, please find a document attached with more information.

Important dates:

- 1) The submission due date for Proposal abstracts and outlines is 31 May 2011. E-mail documents to Ms Carin Strydom at [admin@saair.org.za](mailto:admin@saair.org.za).
- 2) Notification to contributors will be sent by 30 June 2011.
- 3) An electronic copy of the approved presentation should be submitted to MsCarin Strydom, [admin@saair.org.za](mailto:admin@saair.org.za), by 30 September 2011.
- 4) Registration for the FORUM opens 4 July 2011.

Yours sincerely,

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