

Fourth Circular

8 May 2015

31st Biennial Conference of the Classical Association of South Africa,

Potchefstroom 7-10 July 2015.

Greetings to all participants,

Just a reminder that registrations for the conference are due **20 May 2015**. We would very much appreciate having an idea of the number of attendees as early as possible for logistical reasons. Please take care to supply us with as much detail about your preferences as possible. Feel free to contact either Johan Steenkamp (johan.steenkamp@nwu.ac.za) or Nadine Havenga (nadine.havenga@nwu.ac.za) with any queries you might still have.

Incidents in South Africa labelled as xenophobic violence have made international news. Please feel assured that these incidents are limited to areas not near the conference, Potchefstroom or the airport. The North West University has a large number of international staff, faculty and students, who are inconvenienced in anyway.

Potchefstroom is essentially a university town and, during the conference, which falls in a three week winter recess, the town will be exceptionally quiet - especially the suburb which houses the university. That being said, one would still be able to enjoy the advantages associated with university towns and suburbs. A bewildering array of restaurants, fast-food outlets, bars, nightclubs, coffee-shops and cafes are within easy walking distance of the venues. Please feel free to make use of the Google street view service.

If you haven't yet arranged accommodation we would suggest that you start doing so now. The list of guest-houses on the website map has been updated and now also includes a Backpackers (though not luxurious it is entirely clean, safe, adequate and within easy walking distance.) If you need advice regarding accommodation please contact Nadine (nadine.havenga@nwu.ac.za).

The conference will arrange transport opportunities from and back to OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. The trips will be scheduled to accommodate as many participants as possible and will probably leave the airport at two different timeslots on the Tuesday morning. Please make sure to let us know of your intentions to make use of this service on your registration form. If you would like to arrive earlier or leave later the website has several links to shuttle services and taxi services as well as car rental options. Please contact us for advice and assistance.

Participants that will make use of the conference transport from the airport will be contacted for their arrival and departure times. Transport will be strictly arranged according to the bookings and payment received and will depart strictly according to the finalised schedule. Please be advised that we do not arrange a personal taxi service and that delays in your flights arrival time may impact on the availability of the shuttle service. Our service will be arranged along the same lines as the CityBug services (see the website).

Regards,

Johan Steenkamp