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This Time for Africa

12th international congress of Forum Herbulot
27.-31.1.2025, South Africa

As we announced before, In 2025 we will celebrate the “silver” anniversary of Forum Herbulot (since hosting the large collection of Claude Herbulot in Bavarian State Collection of Zoology, Munich in the year 2000 and initiating the Forum afterwards).

This will be the second South African Forum Herbulot. We already had an exciting meeting in South Africa in 2012. This forthcoming FH congress will bring us back to our regular tradition to have meetings in remote areas to come together, to have fun in collecting, exchanging experience and planning scientific cooperation.

This Newsletter is intended to give more details of participation at FH 2025 in South Africa. Additionally we publish here the registration form and more details about the conference venue, costs and programs.

The content of this newsletter and all further communication on the congress will be posted on Forum Herbulot website:

<https://geometroidea.smns-bw.org/>

Organization Committee of 12th FH



The Forum Herbulot Newsletter appears regularly two times per year and will be posted on the webpage of Forum Herbulot: www.herbulot.de. Old issues can be accessed there. Membership in the Forum Herbulot initiative is free.

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FORUM HERBULOT
NEWSLETTER

12th international congress of Forum Herbulot

27.-31.1.2025, South Africa

The 12th International congress of Forum Herbulot will combine scientific talks, collecting activities, informal exchange of ideas and planning of future projects. Beside these, the participants have an opportunity to enjoy South African local nature, foods, join the excursions and above all inspiring company in an exclusively reserved venue within a large wildlife conservancy in South Africa! We warmly welcome spouses, family members, and friends to join as well!

It is possible to collect during the night and participants can walk around freely in the nature. We reserved early mornings for specimens' preparation, mid-morning to afternoons for scientific talks and late afternoons for setting up traps, sundowners etc.

We are planning a joint excursion to *Ditsong National Museum of Natural History* (previously known as Transvaal Museum) in Pretoria during the congress dates.

Save the dates: 27.-31.1.2025.

Arrival on 26th (Sunday), congress dates 27-30 (Monday-Thursday), departure 31 (Friday). The venue is reserved exclusively for us from 27th (08:00) until 31st (11:00).

Collecting permits

The conference venue is located on private land within the Gauteng Province of South Africa. No permit is required to collect and export insects (other than specifically listed threatened insects) on private land within the Gauteng Province. There are no listed threatened Geometridae in the Province. A letter from the Department confirming this will be provided to participants. This, however, is not the case with other South African Provinces where various permits are required. Participants who wish to extend their stay and collect in other Provinces within South Africa should enquire timeously from the relevant Province Authorities as to what the permitting requirements are and apply directly for their own permits.



Congress venue

Venue of this congress: *“The Conclave Country Lodge”*

Address: Farm 130jr Portion 31, Welgedacht, Pretoria, 0186, South Africa.

Contact details 076 880 8447 / 066 273 7506 / 082 780 0155, info@conclave.co.za, <https://www.conclave.co.za/>.

The venue is located about 100 km NE of Johannesburg and the nearest major airport is O.R. Tambo International airport in Johannesburg.

Also the venue is located in a low risk area for malaria, but we recommend you to follow your country's vaccine recommendations.



Accommodation and food: All participants book and pay the accommodation directly to the [Conclave Country Lodge](https://www.conclave.co.za/) (via Email: info@conclave.co.za). Accommodation is limited and can be reserved already on a ‘first come first served’ basis.

Facilities and costs

This Lodge has a total of 31 units: 10 Standard chalets (sleeps 2 guests per chalet), 12 Hotel rooms (sleeps 2 guests per room), 8 Mountain view chalets (MV 1 & 2 sleeps 4 guests per chalet, MV 3, 4, 5 & 6 sleeps 2 per chalet and MV 7 & 8 sleeps 3 per chalet).



We are expecting about 25–30 participants, so most, or even all can have their own chalet or room. You can share rooms also, which will reduce the accommodation price. If you wish to stay longer you can enquire if the Lodge has vacancy before or after the congress.

We managed to negotiate a very reasonable price based on local rates as below:

- Single room per day, includes breakfast and dinner 1270 ZAR (approx. 65 €)
- Sharing room per day, includes breakfast and dinner 1090 ZAR (approx. 55 €)
- Conference costs for delegates, includes lunch and 2 tea breaks 450 ZAR/day (approx. 25 €)
- Lunch for non-conference delegates 200 ZAR/day (approx. 11 €)
- The Lodge has full bar facilities. Snacks also available at the bar.

Registration

Registration: There is no additional registration fee for this congress!

When you reserve the accommodation, your name will be included in a list either as a participant or as an accompanying person. You will also be required to fill in a conference registration form. The Lodge will share this information with the FH2025 Organizing Committee. You need to inform the Lodge if you require transport from the airport to the Lodge and back. The Lodge can arrange it for you (at a cost).

Accompanying persons program: The Conclave Country Lodge is located near nature attractions, including for instance <https://www.dinokengreserve.co.za/>, a big five game reserve. The Lodge can arrange many activities. Ask Lodge for details.

Important dates and contact information: Following tentative dates have been identified to allow smooth preparation of the congress.

- Accommodation is limited and we strongly encourage you to reserve the accommodation as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, preferably by **30 June 2024**. This will also act as a registration for the conference, allowing the Organizing Committee to plan the meeting and other activities in the most effective way.
- Abstract submission (guidelines coming later): **31 August 2024**. Please send your abstracts to Hossein Rajaei (Hossein.rajaei@smns-bw.de).
- If you need an invitation letter for applying VISA, please contact Hermann Staude detailing requirements, which differ between embassies. staudehermann@gmail.com
- If you have any other question related to this congress, please contact Hossein Rajaei (Hossein.rajaei@smns-bw.de) or Pasi Sihvonen (pasi.sihvonen@helsinki.fi)

Organization committee: Hermann Staude, Hossein Rajaei, Pasi Sihvonen, Axel Hausmann & Luis Parra.

We hope to see many of you in South Africa in January 2025!

Payment of deposit ensures booking

Lodge unfortunately does not accept credit card payments. The participants need to pay the costs by direct transfer (please read the details of bank transfer in the page 6-7).