

# The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Rodent Biology and Management

mid-March / mid-April 2010, Bloemfontein, South Africa



The endemic "Ice rat" *Otomys sloggetti*

This will be the first time that the International Conference on Rodent Biology and Management (ICRBM) will be held in Africa. The ICRBM meetings are held every four years and bring together scientists from all over the world that study the wide variety of rodent species, populations and communities, across the scientific disciplines: from ecology, behaviour, physiology and reproductive biology to genetics, taxonomy and systematics, conservation to pest management, and human and livestock health and safety to rodent parasites and diseases. This is the ideal forum to exchange ideas and opportunities for both local and international collaboration.

The 4<sup>th</sup> ICRBM Local Organizing Committee wishes to invite you to attend the meeting in Bloemfontein, the capital of the Free State Province and one of the host cities of the 2010 Soccer World Cup (also a first for Africa!). Apart from arranging this prestigious five-day event in a most suitable and relaxing African environment, we look forward to welcoming and hosting you in true South African hospitality, introducing you to the wide diversity of cultures and wildlife found in our beautiful country.

For more information on the previous ICRBM meetings, visit <http://icrbm2006.ioz.ac.cn/>

More detailed information about ICRBM4 and the first call for papers will be provided in the second circular in March 2009; or can be obtained from the Chairperson of the local organizing committee, Dr. Nico Avenant ([navenant@nasmus.co.za](mailto:navenant@nasmus.co.za))

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