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Dear Colleagues

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 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 local and international collaboration.

The 4th ICRBM Local Organising Committee wishes to invite you to attend the meeting in Bloemfontein, the capital of the Free State Province and one of the host cities for 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 with true South African hospitality, introducing you to the wide diversity of cultures and wildlife found in our beautiful province and country.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the 4th ICRBM Conference Organising Committee