



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN FOLKLORE SOCIETY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

7 – 9 OCTOBER 2015

**UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE
DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS, ARTS, CULTURE & RECREATION
BLOEMFONTEIN**

THEME

“I AM BECAUSE WE ARE”: HERITAGE, IDENTITY AND SOCIAL COHESION

THIRD AND FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS

The Southern African Folklore Society invites you to its National Conference and Annual General Meeting hosted by the University of the Free State in 2015. We hope this year's theme (“I am because we are”: Heritage, Identity and Social Cohesion) will attract scholars from a variety of disciplines and challenge conventions, by highlighting the dynamic nature of culture and the links between folklore and all realms of heritage, identity and knowledge, including Science and Technology.

Abstracts are invited on the topics linked with the conference theme or the following sub-themes:

- The role of Technology in Preserving, Restoring and Dissemination of Indigenous Knowledge
- Social Media as part of Reclaiming Language and Identity
- Innovation and Oral Literature Forms
- The Role of Oral Literature in Guarding against Gender Abuse
- Problematising Orality and its role in a changing Global Reality
- Indigenous Knowledge in Contemporary Society
- Rural Ecologies and Folklore
- Orality and Urban Youth Culture
- Orality and Ethnomusicology
- Orality and Education
- Orality and Health
- Orality, Power and Politics
- Orality and Religion

Organising Committee: Nyefolo Malete, Edwin Mohatlane, Sara Motsei, Bahedile Letlala, Mamodupe Dladla, Sebongile Mensele, Phephani Gumbi, Buyani Nene, Hannetjie Du Toit, Motsamai Motsapi, Mathene Mahanke, Pule Phindane, Neo Ramohlanka, Tello Theletsane in association with the SAFOS Executive Committee

PROPOSALS FOR PAPERS

Presentations will be 20 minutes in length plus 10 minutes for discussion.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts which are 150-200 words in length should be submitted by email as an MSWord file with the following information:

Title

Surname

Full name(s)

Institutional affiliation

E-Mail address

Telephone

Fax Number

Abstracts must be in English, but authors are warmly encouraged to accompany them with a translation in one or more African languages.

Details of registration will be made available soon.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to **31 July 2015**. Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously and notification of acceptance will be sent by the **21 August 2015**. Abstracts can be e-mailed, faxed or posted to the Chairperson / Secretary of the organising committee as indicated below:

Dr Elias Nyefolo Malete / Mrs Hanneltjie du Toit

E-Mail: SAFOS@ufs.ac.za

Website: www.ufs.ac.za/SAFS

Tel: +27 51 401 9361

Fax: +27 51 401 3223

Address: University of the Free State

Department of African Language

P.O. Box 339

Bloemfontein

9300

South Africa