



First Circular
**XIXth Congress of AETFAT « Association pour l'Etude de la
Taxonomie de la Flore d'Afrique Tropicale »**
Antananarivo, Madagascar
April 25 to May 1, 2010

General Information

The XIXth AETFAT Congress will take place in 2010 in Antananarivo, Madagascar. The organising committee consists of the **Madagascar Botanists Consortium (MBC)** which regroups all the botanists of national or international institutions or associations working in the field of Botany in Madagascar.

Purpose

To bring scientists from all over the world together to Antananarivo, to present and discuss the latest developments in the field of African and Madagascar flora. The theme of the Congress is “**African plants diversity, systematics and sustainable development.**”

Registration

Registration is open to anyone interested in the flora of Africa and Madagascar. Payment of the registration fee allows access to all sessions

Congress site

The conference site is the International Conferences Centre which is located at about 15 kilometers from Antananarivo.

Language

The official languages are English and French. As there will not be simultaneous translation, people giving an oral presentation in French are requested to prepare a PowerPoint presentation in English. People talking in English will be asked to prepare a PowerPoint presentation in French.

Highlights

Inscriptions will start on Sunday April 25, 2009. The opening session on Monday April 26 will see the participation of government officials. It will be followed by communications in plenary sessions. The scientific program will be held from Monday to Friday morning. The AETFAT business meeting will take place on Friday 30 afternoon. Sessions are scheduled from 9a.m to 5p.m everyday. The usual field trips will be on Wednesday 28 April. The AETFAT diner is planned on Thursday 29 evening.

Pre and post congress tours will be proposed and will cover different types of Madagascar vegetation, from dry to humid, from grasslands to forests.

The scientific Program

The program will, in the tradition of previous meetings, consist of plenary lectures, invited, and contributed papers. There will also be a poster session. The scientific program will have parallel sessions.

Planned scientific program

Several symposia are suggested:

- Systematic of African plants Biodiversity
- African mycology
- Progress on African flora
- Ecology and biogeography of African plants
- Databases of African plants
- Reproductive biology of African plants
- Ethnobotany
- Conservation and sustainable use of African plants
- Diversity of African plants and global changes

All authors will have to supply abstracts of their oral contributions or their posters. The deadline for abstract submission will be 30 September 2009. Abstract and congress program will be published by the National Botanic Garden of Belgium in « Scripta Botanica Belgica »; oral communication will be published in « Systematics and Geography of Plants ».

Deadline for symposium proposals

All prospective participants are invited to submit proposals for special symposia. To be considered the proposal must include an abstract indicating the topic of the symposium and a list of tentative speakers that have accepted to participate. The deadline for symposium proposals is 30 April 2009.

Proposals or questions regarding the congress should be sent to:

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First name:

Family name:

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E-mail:

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Fax:

Do you intend to attend the Congress? Yes No

Do you intend to present (check the adequate item)

an oral communication

a poster

Title of your communication/poster if already known:

Would you like to organize a symposium? Yes No

If yes, give the topic of the planned symposium. The acceptance of a symposium depends on the number of the persons who will be interested in.

Would you like to organize a side-event? Yes No

Please specify the topic.