SASHT CONFERENCE 2013

Annual conference of the South African Society for History Teaching (SASHT) Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg, 27-28 September 2013



















MARITZBURG COLLEGE IS PROUD TO HOST THE 27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORY TEACHING ON 27 – 28 SEPTEMBER 2013

Introduction

The conference organisers are delighted to announce that Prof Jonathan Jansen (pictured), the much-admired Rector of the University of the Free State, has agreed to deliver the conference's keynote address on Saturday, 28 September, on "Why the first year university students dread talking about the past – and what schools can do about it."



About the conference

The South African Society for History Teaching (SASHT) is the official mouthpiece of history teachers in South Africa, especially those at secondary schools and tertiary institutions. It is anticipated that about 150 – 200 teachers and lecturers will attend the conference, many from beyond KwaZulu-Natal.

Conference theme: Teaching and Learning History in a 21st Century African Classroom

The sub-themes of the conference are:

- Disseminating research by historians in GET, FET and HET History curricula
- Disseminating indigenous knowledge/local history/regional History in the classroom for a better understanding/complementing of curriculum themes
- Bridging teaching, curriculum and examination constraints
- Ways of overcoming the generational disconnect
- Modern media: threats and opportunities
- Keeping History alive and relevant in a 21st century classroom

Overview

The year 2013 marks the 150th celebration of Maritzburg College *(right)*, KwaZulu-Natal's oldest boys' school. In a busy year, the school is hosting numerous sports and cultural



festivals, tournaments and other events, and it is especially proud to host the 27th annual conference of the SASHT as part of those festivities.

Programme

The organisers have received over 30 excellent abstracts for papers and workshops, and have been able to put together a stimulating, interesting and varied schedule. The *provisional* schedule (as at 16 August), subject to final changes, is as follows:

Thursday, September 26					
16:00 – 17:00	Meeting of regiona	l representatives			
17:00 – 18:00	Editorial committe	e of <i>Yesterday & Today</i>			
18:00 – 21:00	1	SASHT Executive meeting and business dinner Braai for early arrivals			
Friday, Septem	ber 27				
08:00 - 08:35	Registration				
08:35 - 09:00	Welcome, opening	address, orientation			
	Venue A Venue B				
09:00 - 09:05	Start of session Start of session				
09:05 – 09:25	P. Warnich (North-West University, Potchefstroom)	From Curriculum 2005 to the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS): Assessing history teachers' assessment practices within a constructivist learning paradigm	R. Siebörger (University of Cape Town)	What should history teachers know? Assessing history students at the conclusion of the PGCE year	

09:25 - 09:45	M. Maposa (Edgewood Campus, UKZN)	An analysis of the application of indigenous knowledge on themes on postcolonial Africa in selected South African history textbooks	S. Glanvill (University of the Wit- watersrand)	Using the "thinking and reading like a historian" approach with pre-service social science educators	
09:45 – 10:05	P. Modisakeng (North-West University [NWU], Potchefstroom)	The role of Open Distance Learning (ODL) in addressing issues and challenges experienced by history teachers in the North-West province	B. Mackenzie (Dominican Convent School)	"Doing history" as portrayed in assessment tasks found in the <i>Early Expansion and Conquest</i> units contained in a sample of Grade 10 South African CAPS-compliant history textbooks	
10:05 – 10:25	S. Bester (NWU, Potchefstroom)	The challenges in using and integrating multimedia by Grade 4, 5 and 6 history teachers of the schools in the townships and rural areas in and around the Klerksdorp, Rustenburg and Vryburg districts	H. Ludlow (University of the Wit- watersrand)	Using local history to engage students in the practices of history	
10:25 - 10:40	Question Time		Question Time		
10:40 – 11:00	Tea Time				
11:00 – 11.05	Start of session		Start of session		
11:05 – 11:40	P. Nel (Pietermaritzburg Archives Repository)	Short workshop: Leafing out your family tree @ the Archives	D. Gillespie (Jeppe Girls' High)	Short workshop: E-ducational E -xcursions – Planning successful day excursions and tours	
11:40 – 12:00	J. Seroto (University of South Africa)	How South African history is dealt with in selected Grade 12 history textbooks: A preliminary reflection	M. Friedman (University of the Witwatersrand)	Teaching African Studies for the 21st century: A case study	
12:00 – 12:20	M. Koekemoer (CTI Education Group)	Holocaust Education – enriching Grade 9 learners socially or educationally? Analysing the discourse within textbooks	S. Singh (Kharina Secondary School)	Disseminating indigenous knowledge/local history/ regional history in the classroom for a better understanding/ complementing of the curricula themes	

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			and Ourselves)	way in which this influences the teaching of history,
				particularly resistance
				history and the TRC
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Saturday, September 28					
07:45 - 07:50	Start of session		Start of Session		
07:50 - 08:10	R. van Diemel (Faculty of Military Science, University of Stellenbosch)	"An all too familiar voice" — Re-examining Josiah T Gumede's contribution to colonial and post Union history in Natal, 1904 — 1946	F. Cleophas (University of Stellenbosch)	Come to the classroom and listen to the flowers.	
08:10 - 08:30	M.J. Mthethwa (Free State University)	Responding to the challenges of transition into the intermediate phase – A case study of the teaching and learning of history in Grade 4.	K.A. Garcia (Brescia House School, Johannesburg)	The US sixties in historical perspective – new interpretations of major events in the era.	
08:30 – 08:50	M.C. Kgari- Masondo (UKZN, Edgewood campus)	The usable past: Teaching socio-environmental history in South African high schools from an indigenous perspective	E. Goring	What are we ashamed about in our history?	
08:50 - 09:10	G. Nxumalo (Edgewood)	Young African women and the umhlanga ceremony: A case study in historical consciousness.	P. Haupt (Settlers High School, Cape Town)	Connecting the dots: History teaching in the 21" century classroom – juggling reason, technology and multi- media in the world of the young technophile.	
09:10 - 09:30	L. le Roux	Views held by future history educators on "historical pride".	C. Gordon and J. Cloete (NWU, Potchefstroom)	The use of cell phones in the teaching of history.	
09:30 – 09:50	K. Morgan (University of the Witwatersrand)	Learning empathy through school history textbooks? A case study	J. Grobler (University of Pretoria)	Using historical Facebook pages to teach history.	
09:50 – 10:10	Question time		Question time		
10:10 - 10:20	Comfort break				
10:20 – 11:20	Guest Speaker: Dan Wylie (Professor of English, Rhodes University) – Shaka: Teaching a history of uncertainties				
11:20 – 11:35	Tea time				
11:35 – 12:20	Guest Speaker: Jonathan D. Jansen (Rector: Free State University) – Why the first year university students dread talking about the past - and what schools can do about it".				
12:20 - 13:10	Wrap up of Conf	ference, farewells and official	photograph taken		
13:10 – 13:30	Lunch				
13:30 – 16:00	Tour of Pietermaritzburg				

Conference registration

Lecturers and teachers of History, researchers, and any other academics from the GET, FET and HET levels are invited to register for the 2013 SASHT conference, which (as indicated in the table below) this year will offer various registration options, to cater for the needs of locally-based delegates (**Standard / Day Visitor**), attendees who have outside accommodation (**Out-of-Town Premium**), as well as delegates who would prefer an all-in-one package that would enable them to make use of the school's own reasonably-priced, clean and safe accommodation (**Stayover**).

Conference options and costs

The following registration options are available to delegates:		Standard rate
Standard	Attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, tea-time snacks, with packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R750
Day Visitor	Attendance at all the workshops and paper presentations on the Friday (including the cocktail party) OR the Saturday (including Prof Jansen's address), packed lunch and tea-time snacks:	R450
Out-of- Town Premium	Welcome braai at the Old Boys' Club on Thursday night, full English breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings, attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R1 200
Stayover	Two nights' accommodation (Thursday and Friday) in single room in College House, plus all Out-of-Town Premium options:	R1 600

About the host school, maritzburg college

Founded in 1863, Maritzburg College is a state (ex-Model C) all-boys high school for 1 180 pupils, of whom nearly 400 are boarders. Situated on the same 25-hectare estate in Pietermaritzburg that it has occupied since 1888, it has over the last 150 years established itself as a leading South African high school. Amongst its former scholars it can count numerous senators, generals and admirals, 10 judges, arguably South Africa's pre-eminent English author (Alan Paton, who also taught at the school), 23 Rhodes Scholars and 235 international sportsmen.

Facilities

The school offers a wide array of facilities suitable for a conference such as this one, including the historic Victoria Hall, which was completed in 1899 and used by the British Army as a military hospital during the first 10 months of the South African War; the Olivier Cultural Centre, which was the main venue for the successful 2012 International Boys Schools' Coalition Conference attended by over 250

delegates; renovated classrooms that each have internet and projector facilities; its new Leadership Development Centre; and a popular Old Boys' Club for any of the conference's more social needs.

Down-time / tour of historic pietermaritzburg

As can be seen above, some of the registration options include an invitation to the welcome braai to be held in the early evening of Thursday 26 September, on the eve of the conference, which commences on the following morning. Delegates are encouraged to elect a registration option that will allow them to attend this socialising/networking opportunity, in a relaxed environment overlooking the school's main sports-field, Goldstone's. On the last day of the conference, well-known local historian and SASHT stalwart, Simon Haw, will lead a guided, bussed tour themed "Pietermaritzburg: trekker *dorp*, outpost of empire and struggle centre", at an extra cost of R100 per person.



January 1900: Sick and wounded British soldiers recuperating outside the school's Victoria Hall, which will be the primary venue of the 2013 SASHT conference.

A number of other options are available to attendees during their down-time in the KZN Midlands. For example –

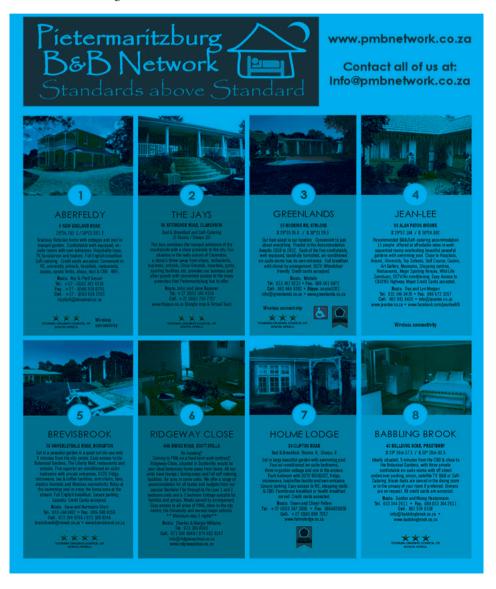
- Karkloof Canopy Tours: This is a very popular tourist destination on the Midlands Meander, on the Karkloof road beyond Howick, about 40 km from Maritzburg College. Breeze along the treetops of the Karkloof forest on a zip-line 100m above ground! Go to http://www.karkloofcanopytour.co.za/
- The popular Liberty Midlands Mall is only about 10 km away and offers shops, restaurants and movies.



Maritzburg College Museum: Lastly, for the more inquisitive, the school's newlyopened museum (see photo right, as opened by past Headmaster Mr DR Jury) – the
beginnings of which, incidentally, featured in a workshop presented at the 2010
SASHT conference in Clarens – will be open on both days of the conference. Entrance
is free and visitors are welcome.

Accommodation in Pietermaritzburg

Herewith please find information about some of the many B&Bs at which to stay in Pietermaritzburg.



Exclusions

The registration fees detailed above **exclude** the following –

- travelling fees to and from Pietermaritzburg
- airport transfers
- accommodation unless specified above, in which case all such arrangements must be done by yourself
- conference tour
- additional items (such as the Karkloof Canopy Tour)

Payment of conference fees

Registration payments must be done as soon as possible in order to make use of the Early Bird rates. All payments are to be made into the following Maritzburg College bank account:

Account Holder: Maritzburg College
Bank: First National Bank
Account No: 5093 559 5139

Branch Name: Liberty Midlands Mall

Reference (imperative): SASHT + [your name] or simply

HT999Z + [your name]

In all cases, kindly e-mail or fax your completed registration form with proof of payment to Maritzburg College, as per the instructions on the conference registration form itself.

Getting to Pietermaritzburg

Pietermaritzburg is easily accessible by car, bus and air, and the city's Oribi Airport is only a five-minute drive away from Maritzburg College. Should you require any assistance in getting to the conference, we recommend that you use Ms Donna Calmeyer of Travel Counsellors, whom the school regularly uses for their own requirements.



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Please fax or e-mail this form to Mr Matthew Marwick (fax: +27-33-394 2908, marwickm@mcollege.co.za) **and** Prof ES van Eeden (Fax 016 910 3449, elize. vanEeden@nwu.ac.za).

Personal Details (of which the ones marked with a * will appear in the official conference programme)

*Title and full name:	
*Affiliation (school/	
university/department/	
organisation):	
Cellphone no:	
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I would like to register for the following conference option (tick applicable option in the box on the far right):			
Standard	Attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, tea-time snacks, with packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R750	
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Out of Town Premium	Welcome braai at the Old Boys' Club on Thursday night, full English breakfasts on Friday and Saturday mornings, attendance at all workshops and paper presentations, attendance at the cocktail party on the Friday night, packed lunches on Friday and Saturday:	R1 200	

Stayover

TOTAL PAYMENT:

Branch:

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I would like to attend the conference tour titled "Pietermaritzburg: trekker *dorp*, outpost of empire and struggle centre" by well-known local historian, Mr Simon Haw, on Saturday, 28 September (the bus will leave at 13h00 from the conference venue). The cost is an additional R100 pp. Tick the box on the right if you would like to attend the tour (max: 50 people).

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Account Number: 50935595139

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IMPORTANT: Please confirm payment of your conference registration fee by e-mail or fax (kindly include the date of payment).

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Maritzburg City Hall (*left*) – which will of course feature in the tour –is the largest red brick building in the Southern Hemisphere?

