

30th June Deadline for Bonus Discount Registration

Don't miss it!

The early Registration Fee for next year's ICM Congress in Durban (19-23 June) is proving popular with midwives as many hundreds book to take advantage of the 495 Euro rate before the offer ends on 30 June 2010. Student Midwives can register for only 199 Euro under the Bonus Discount scheme, which must be one of the best value student offers for a world-class midwifery Congress

Special Note: After 30 June 2010 registrations will only be accepted in South African Rand, as indicated on the web site and remaining at the original rate, because of the enormous difficulties with the unstable Euro and the Rand becoming stronger – probably to do with the world cup! For further details visit www.midwives2011.org

Record level submissions for South Africa Congress

What a Response! Over 1000 Abstracts had been submitted for the 2011 Durban ICM Congress, by the May deadline. Some midwives went to the wire with over 300 abstract submissions being received in the final eight hours. This is a great advert for the enthusiasm surrounding the 2011 Congress as midwives world wide prepare to share their knowledge and skills at the premier international midwives' event

Sheila Clow who chairs the Scientific and Professional Programme Committee was delighted with the response from so many different countries, especially from midwives in African countries. "Congratulatory comments have been made about the excellent process and the ease with which midwives could submit their abstracts, and I am sure this contributed to such a high number registering within the deadline"

The second stage now begins and papers will be sent for peer review to groups highly regarded midwives. Notification of acceptances will be sent to submitters on 1 September and details will be published on the web site www.midwives2011.org by that date. Midwives whose presentations have been accepted will be eligible for the bonus discount registration of R594.00

Air Travel Discount to Durban

Star Alliance is the official airline network for the ICM Congress in Durban 2011, and travel with the Network will save delegates between 10 to 20 %

To obtain discounts and booking office information visit www.staralliance.conventionsplus

All you need to do is go to the Delegate login and enter Code SA01N and follow instructions. Choose one of the participating airlines, contact them at the number given, provide the above code and then make your booking when you are given the specific discount available. Discount applies to the participant plus one accompanying person travelling to the Congress

For travel from Japan and New Zealand the special discount should be offered by the participating airlines own network

Participating airlines are: ANA, Adria Airways, Air Canada, Air China, Asiana Airlines, Austrian Airlines, Croatia Airlines, EgyptAir, LOT Polish Airlines, Lufthansa, SWISS International Air Lines, Scandinavian Airlines, South African Airways, Spanair, TAP Portugal, Turkish Airlines, United, bmi.

When making travel plans please provide confirmation of registration or proof of attendance

Making the Most of your South Africa Visit

If you are staying-on after the Congress, you will be planning activities to get the most out of your visit to this amazing country. A number of exciting post congress tours have been organised to accommodate various tastes: here are a few examples:

Half Day and Day Trips:

- The spectacular Valley of 1000 hills and a Zulu cultural experience, or
- Travel in Open Safari Vehicle at the Tala Game Reserve, or
- Tour of Durban City, Victoria market and Botanical Gardens

Overnight Tours

- 4 days and 3 nights in Cape Town and the Cape Peninsula: includes breathtaking scenery at the Cape of Good Hope; exhilarating Table Mountain, and emotional Robben Island- 'Mandela' prison island the famous Kruger National Park

- The famous Kruger National Park trip includes game drives and bush walks with guides over 3 nights and 4 days: follow the rhino trails and elephant paths
- For 3 days and 2 nights enjoy a spectacular Zulu cultural experience with traditional dancing and a face-to-face with the witchdoctor; cruise the St Lucia Estuary viewing the hippos and crocodiles, then onto the Game Reserve at Hluhluwe

Details and prices can be found in the Registration brochure or on the web site at www.midwives.org

Opening and Closing Ceremonies

A treat is in store for delegates attending the Opening ceremony on Sunday 19th June 2011. So it's important to make sure you arrive in Durban at least the day before if you want to participate in one of the highlights of the Durban Congress.

The flags for this ceremony for the 85 member countries of the ICM are being unfurled as you read this, in preparation for the world's very own 'midwifery olympics'. Whether it is hundreds of delegates from some larger countries or the lone delegate from a smaller or emerging nation, each is greeted with warmth and enthusiasm. In colourful national costume, there can be few memorable events to match the opening parade of flags accompanied by the welcome from the international midwifery family

Invited to this cultural extravaganza are the Kearsney Boys Choir who will be performing songs, drumming and gum boot dancing and a local primary school choir.

The world famous Ladysmith Black Mambazo have been invited to lead the Closing Ceremony celebrations on the Thursday.

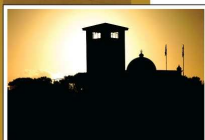


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