

AFQUA - THE AFRICAN QUATERNARY : environments, ecology and humans

AFQUA brings developed and developing world researchers together to discuss progress in studies of the Quaternary period (the last 2.6 million years) in Africa, bridging regional divides, and fostering communication and collaboration at both regional and continental scales. Along with talks on subjects including palaeoclimatology, palaeoecology and archaeology, equal time is dedicated to a series of focus groups and training workshops. These include thematic discussions of cutting-edge research topics as well as workshops that introduce and train early career and developing researchers in the skills they need to develop and communicate their science in the modern research environment.



AFQUA 2018 website:

<http://afquacongress.wix.com/afqua2018>

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The programme will include plenary talks by world-renowned experts and provide opportunities for both oral and poster presentations.

The whole event will last nine days:

- Five days of conference with oral presentations, posters and plenaries and a one-day break for field excursions (14th-19th of July, 2018).
- Three days of focus group discussions and specialised training workshops (20th-22nd of July 2018).

SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

Along with regional sessions highlighting the latest work from across Africa, there will also be a series of Focus Sessions addressing trans-regional themes:

- 1) Dating and correlation of African archives of environmental change and archaeology,
- 2) Quantitative palaeoclimatology, modelling and data-model comparisons,
- 3) The environmental context for hominin evolution and dispersal,
- 4) African Archaeological Landscapes,
- 5) Africa on Fire: state-of-the-art and perspectives about fire history, fire ecology and fire-vegetation-climate interactions across tropical biomes,
- 6) African palaeoecology and archaeology perspectives on land use transformation: Africa Landuse6K,
- 7) Intra-interhemispheric teleconnections, and
- 8) Applying the Quaternary: the role of the past in supporting the future.

Workshops will provide training opportunities in: charcoal analysis, radiocarbon dating and age models, GIS techniques, remote sensing and photogrammetry.

More information can be found on the AFQUA 2018 website.



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**2nd International Conference and
Workshops**

**14th – 22nd of July, 2018
Nairobi National Museum
Nairobi, Kenya.**



IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission up to: 2nd of April, 2018

Registration up to: 15th of May, 2018



REGISTRATION FEES

- Full Rate: US\$ 375
- Early Career and Developing Country Rate: US\$ 300
- Undergraduate student Rate: US\$ 225

The registration fee includes: lunches and tea and coffee breaks. Attendance at the ice-breaker (US\$ 30) and congress dinner (US\$ 50) are optional. A registration form will be available on the conference website.

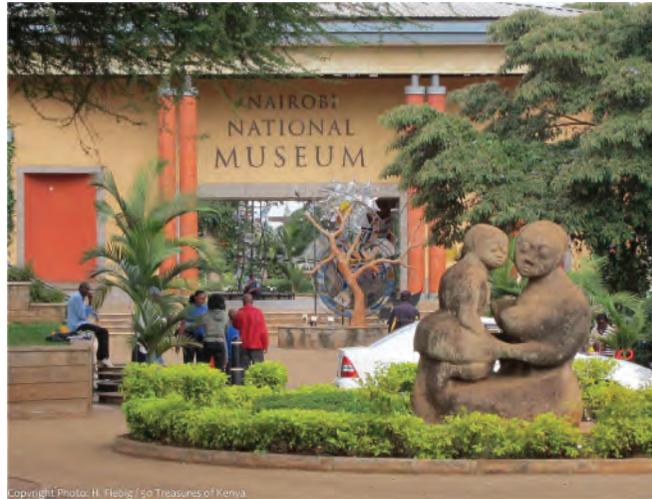
FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Support for a limited number of Early Career and Developing Country Researchers will be made available. A call will be made, and applicants will be asked to submit their CV to the organizing committee, supported by a letter from their faculty supervisor, if applicable.

VENUE

Nairobi, “the safari capital of Africa”, is the lively, cosmopolitan capital of Kenya, with a well-served international airport.

The Nairobi National Museum (1.27408°S, 36.81458°E), centrally located and linked to surrounding botanical gardens is a showcase for the country’s natural, cultural, historical and artistic heritage.



ACCOMODATION AND ACTIVITIES

Nairobi offers a wide range of options for accomodation and restaurants. In the immediate vicinity of the National Museum, prices for quality double rooms range from ~US\$ 30 - ~US\$ 100 per night.

Nairobi makes an excellent base for a variety of day trips, including the Nairobi, Hell’s Gate and Lake Naivasha national parks, a Giraffe Center and David Sheldrick Elephant Orphanage.

Further afield, the options are almost limitless, with 2-6+ day tours to world famous destinations like Amboseli, Aberdare, Lake Nakuru, and Maasai Mara.



CONGRESS EXCURSIONS

We will soon be sending out a survey to see what kinds of pre- and/or post-conference excursions delegates may be interested in.

