The 7th International Palaeontological Congress

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Dear Colleagues,

We look forward to welcoming you to the **7th International Palaeontological Congress (IPC7)**, taking place from **30 November to 3 December 2026** at the Baxter Theatre Complex and Neville Alexander Building (NAB) at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

The following information is intended to assist you with your preparations and ensure a smooth and enjoyable congress experience.

Congress Venues: sessions will take place at both the Baxter Theatre Complex and the Neville Alexander Building (NAB), located approximately a three-minute walk apart. Please refer to the congress programme for individual session venues and times.

Baxter Theatre Complex**:** Main Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7700, South Africa

Neville Alexander Building (NAB): middle campus, University of Cape Town

Registration

All registration and badge collection will take place at the Baxter Theatre Complex.

Sunday, 29 November	16:00 – 18:00
Monday, 30 November	07:00 – 17:00
Tuesday, 1 December	07:00 – 17:00
Wednesday, 2 December	07:30 – 14:00
Thursday, 3 December	07:30 – 14:00

To collect your congress badge, please present your registration confirmation (included below) or your passport/identification document.

Scientific Programme

The scientific programme, including plenary lectures, oral presentations and poster sessions, is available on the official IPC7 website. Click here to view

We encourage delegates to familiarise themselves with the programme before arriving and to check for any updates to session times or venues.

Presentation Guidelines

Detailed presentation guidelines and instructions will be communicated separately to all oral and poster presenters.

Welcome Function (Ice Breaker): only for those that have pre-registered.

Date: Sunday, 29 November 2026
Time: 18:30
Venue: Iziko South African Museum
Address: 25 Queen Victoria Street, Gardens, Cape Town, 8001
Dress Code: Business Casual

Shuttle Transport: Complimentary shuttles for those that have pre-booked will depart from the Baxter Theatre Complex at 18:00 for the Welcome Function. Delegates using the shuttle service are kindly requested to arrive at the departure point in good time.

Congress Dinner: only for those that have pre-registered

Date: Thursday, 3 December 2026
Time: 18:30
Venue: University House
Address: 1 Matopo Road, Mowbray, Cape Town, 7700
Dress Code: Smart Casual or Traditional Wear

Shuttle Transport: Complimentary shuttles will depart from the **Baxter Theatre Complex at 18:30** for the Congress Dinner. Delegates making use of the shuttle service are kindly requested to arrive at the departure point in good time.

Please note: Attendance at social functions is subject to your confirmed registration and bookings. Kindly refer to your personalised registration details below to confirm your entitlements.

Wi-Fi

Complimentary Wi-Fi will be available at the congress venues. Connection details will be provided on-site.

Parking

Parking is available at the Baxter Theatre Complex and surrounding university properties. Signage will be provided to direct delegates to designated parking areas.

Tea Breaks, Lunches & Dietary Requirements

Morning and afternoon tea breaks, as scheduled in the programme, and lunches are included in your congress registration fee.

All congress catering is **halal**, and special dietary requirements will be identified through appropriate signage at the catering stations.

Delegates with specific dietary requirements are requested to follow the signage or speak to the catering staff for assistance.

Accessibility

Please note that accessibility arrangements are limited in certain areas of the congress venues.

Delegates requiring wheelchair access, mobility assistance or other special arrangements are kindly requested to contact the Congress Secretariat in advance so that suitable arrangements can be investigated.

The Neville Alexander Building, where parallel sessions will take place, is approximately a three-minute walk from the Baxter Theatre Complex.

Congress App

The congress app will provide convenient access to the scientific programme, abstracts, session information and important congress announcements.

Delegates are encouraged to use the app throughout the congress to stay informed of programme updates. Access details will be communicated separately.

Congress Secretariat & Assistance

For registration enquiries or assistance before or during the congress, please contact:Email: **IPC7@allevents.co.za**
Telephone: **+27 21 910 1913**

Our on-site registration team will also be available to assist you throughout the congress.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town for an exciting and memorable **7th International Palaeontological Congress!**

ANY QUESTIONS: email 2026ipc7capetown@gmail.com, any abstract/attendance/registration queries: ipc7@allevents.co.za


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