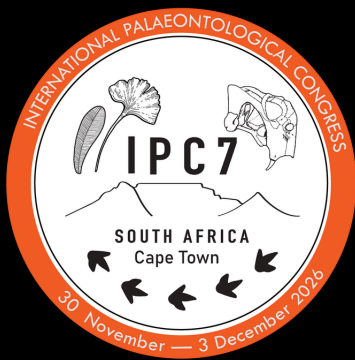




The 7th International Palaeontological Congress

6° C I R C U L A R

August 2026

Dear Colleagues,

We have had over 750 abstracts submitted, and despite a slight delay in the review process all abstracts have been vetted by our fabulous symposium organisers and members of the LOC. Since there was such a high demand for oral presentations this meant that some symposia have had to be creative in adjusting the presentation times of speakers (e.g., 15mins, 7.5 mins, 5 mins) so that more speakers could have platform time. Also, some “oral” requests have had to move to “posters”. These will all be clearly indicated in the detailed programme that we are currently working on.

If your abstract has been accepted, but for some reason you cannot come to IPC7 please let us know urgently by email (ipc7@allevents.co.za) since we are currently busy with scheduling the talks. You may also direct any other queries you may have regarding your abstract to this email address.

All IPC7 presenters need to please register by the 7 September 2026.

Printing A0 Posters

We have arranged with Copy Print in Rondebosch to print posters for delegates (so that you don't have to bother carrying your posters while traveling to Cape Town). Delegates will receive a **12% discount** on the cost of printing posters. If you wish to take up this offer, please send your poster as a PDF to Copy Print directly (email: ccsol@iafrica.com; subject line, **IPC7_name**). Please arrange payment and collection of your printed poster directly with Copy Print (a short walk from the Baxter venue). The cost of printing your A0 poster on 125gsm matt paper is R290.40.

Early Bird Registration

Given the slight delay with releasing the outcomes of the abstracts, we have extended the Early Bird registration to 7 September 2026. Registration costs are indicated in the Table below. Please register through the IPC7 website.

Field trips

Except for the Karoo transect, all other several day-long fieldtrips are fully booked. If you would like to participate in the Karoo fieldtrip, you need to sign up online (www.ipc7.site) and pay before the 15th September. Since the day-trip to the West Coast Fossil Park has proved to be very popular, we have hired a second bus and there are still a few places available.

Accommodation

Currently, All Africa House is fully booked. Fortunately, there are still plenty of rooms available in the UCT residences, which are very reasonably priced and are a short walk to the conference venue (but be aware that these have shared bathroom facilities). For those wanting more private accommodation, several bed and breakfast places are located close to the venue or a short drive away. There are also hotels a short distance away (one would need to Uber in to the venue). See website for more details.

Iziko SA Museum Collection Visits

The Karoo Palaeontology Collections are unable to accommodate any more visitors during IPC7.

The Cenozoic Palaeontology Collections are only able to accommodate visitors during 23 - 27 November 2026.

Airport Transfers

One can travel from the airport via Taxi or Uber. These are available from the exit area of the airport. If you decide to use Uber, we suggest that you use Uber Black.

We have also arranged with a shuttle service (Citi Hoppers) to transfer delegates from the airport. These are available for single or groups of individuals, and you may book in advance. Citi Hoppers are based at Cape Town International Airport at the domestic arrivals hall as you exit from the terminal, opposite Woolworths, under the escalator, as well as at the international arrivals.

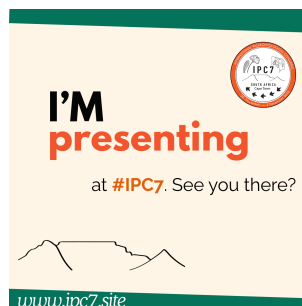
Please book and pay directly via email: bookings@citihopper.co.za, reference **IPC7**

The negotiated rates are as follows:

No. of people	Vehicle	Rates in Rand
1-3	SEDAN 1-3	400
4-7	7-SEATER	800
8-9	9-SEATER QUANTUM	900
10-13	13-SEATER QUANTUM	1,300.00
14-19	19-SEATER MERCEDES SPRINTER	1,900.00

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Registration

Registration costs are indicated below.

REGISTRATION FEES (Includes Catering and refreshments)	
Early Bird Fee (IPA Members)	R5,500.00
Early Bird Fee (Non-Members)	R6,500.00
Regular Standard Fee (IPA Members)	R8,000.00
Standard Fee (non-Members)	R9,000.00
Developing country Fee (Professionals)	R3,500.00
Developing country student Fee	R3,000.00
Foreign Student reduced fee	R4,500.00
Daily rate	R2500 for each day
For the list of developing countries with HDI ≤ 0.85 : https://hdr.undp.org/data-center/country-insights#/ranks	
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