



13th ISSI 2011 Conference Announcement, Durban, South Africa, July 4-8.

The Conference Organizing Committee would like to invite participants to attend the 13th International Society of Scientometrics and Informetrics Conference 2011 in Durban, South Africa (<http://www.issi2011.uzulu.ac.za/>).

Scope

Although the generic term informetrics has become increasingly popular, scientometrics, bibliometrics and webometrics are all closely related or interlinked sub-disciplines. They belong to the general field of Information Science and are all employed for the quantitative analysis or measurement of all forms of recorded information by studying their distribution, circulation and use pattern largely within or among individuals, disciplines, organisations or countries. The informetric disciplines thus contribute to evidence-based and informed knowledge about scientific research and provide input to research and innovation policy making worldwide.

Evidently, a conference of this magnitude always encourages the growth of research and increased national and international collaboration. We are convinced that by organising the conference on African soil, we will be able to popularise research in the areas of informetrics, scientometrics and webometrics within the country and on the continent.

The ISSI 2011 Conference will provide an international open forum for scientists, research managers and authorities, information and communication related professionals to debate the current status and advancements of informetric and scientometric theory and applications, with emphasis on the progress of scientometrics and science in developing countries. The conference is organized under the auspices of ISSI – the International Society for Informetrics and Scientometrics (<http://www.issi-society.info/>). The conference language is English.

Location

The choice of Durban to be the conference city is significant. Durban (<http://www.world66.com/africa/southafrica/durban/lib/gallery>) is considered to be Africa's leading conference destination; is a vibrant city with a harmonious blend of African, Asian and European culture, and is located in the historical Kingdom of the Zulu nation in the KwaZulu-Natal province that is a gateway to African culture in South Africa. Durban is also South Africa's only destination of tropical summers, with 320 sunny days a year. Durban University of Technology, the conference venue that is located close to the city Central Business District (CBD), is one of the 23 public universities in South Africa that focuses on technology oriented vocational and professional higher education with 23,000 students enrolment. The University has allocated its conference facility for the ISSI conference.

Invitation to submit contributions to ISSI 2011

We invite researchers worldwide to submit original full research papers, research-in-progress papers or posters within the broad area of informetrics. Major conference themes are listed below. For the different forms of submissions, see information on the conference website: <http://www.issi2011.uzulu.ac.za/>. A Doctoral Forum and dedicated tutorials will be held the day prior to the start of the main conference.

Topics of interest include, but not limited to:

- Theory
- Methods and techniques
- Citation and co-citation analysis
- Indicators
- Webometrics
- Mapping & visualization
- Research policy
- Productivity & publications
- Journals, databases and electronic publications
- Collaboration
- Country level studies
- Patent analysis

Important Dates:

Full Papers, Research-in-Progress and Workshop/Tutorial paper submission deadline	15-01-2011
Paper/Workshop/Tutorial notification of acceptance/rejection	15-02-2011
Poster submission deadline	18-02-2011
Doctoral Forum submission deadline	01-03-2011
Poster notification of acceptance/rejection	14-03-2011
Paper in camera ready form sent to system (at least one author must register)	17-03-2011
Doctoral Forum result announcement	01-04-2011
Early Bird registration	15-04-2011

Organizing Committee

The I3th ISSI conference in South Africa is organised by the ISSI 2011 Conference Local Organising Committee with the participation of six Universities and Research Centres: Durban University of Technology (the conference venue - <http://www.dut.ac.za/site/default.asp>), University of Cape Town (<http://www.uct.ac.za>), University of KwaZulu Natal (<http://www.ukzn.ac.za>), National Research Foundation (<http://www.nrf.ac.za>), University of South Africa (<http://www.unisa.ac.za>), University of Pretoria (<http://www.up.ac.za>) and University of Zululand (<http://www.uz.ac.za>).