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**6<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
ETHICS EDUCATION**  
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International Association for  
Education in Ethics

# 1. INTRODUCTION

The International Conference on Ethics Education is organized under the auspices of the International Association for Education in Ethics (<https://www.ethicsassociation.org/>). Its main goals are to exchange experiences with the teaching of ethics in various educational settings, to promote the development of knowledge and methods of ethics education, to promote contact between educators from countries around the world and expand the teaching of ethics at national, regional and international levels (Ten Have, 2016:6).

Since 2012, the International Conference on Ethics Education has been or will be hosted in North America (USA, **2013**), Middle East (Turkey, **2014**), South America (Brazil, **2015**), Europe (Spain, **2016**) and Asia (India, **2017**); the next significant region being Africa. In the last 10 to 15 years, South Africa has been very actively involved in offering a wide array of *medical ethics* and *research ethics* training courses on undergraduate and postgraduate levels, as well as various continuous professional development programmes for health professionals. In addition, there is a growing number of community leaders, politicians, Constitutional Court judges and academics from a wide variety of disciplines (e.g. Arts, Humanities, Management Sciences, Education, ICT and Engineering) that recognise the importance of fostering *ethics education skills* amongst school teachers and university lecturers in order to facilitate ethics awareness, ethics development and ethics reasoning at all educational levels, particularly tertiary level. As such, South Africa is proud and excited to host the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethics Education in Stellenbosch on 3-5 Oct 2018.

The Organizing Committee (see Section 2 below) has made a firm commitment to implement the principle of *community development and sustainability*, inclusive of protection of the environment and socio-economic development) in all aspects of the conference arrangements. This is in line with the 2013 “*Future Vision of UNESCO’s Bioethics Programme*” (<http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0022/002211/221197E.pdf>) which indicates in Section 4 that “... *sustainable development of a country needs to be accompanied by the establishment of a functional bioethics infrastructure that **promotes education**, provides guidance, and fosters public awareness of and engagement in various ethical issues confronting society ... Bioethics is a critical component that ensures sustainable development through maximizing the benefits of scientific and technological innovation and laying the ethical foundation for creation of knowledge-based economies and societies ... seeking ways to accelerate sustainable social and economic development, building the national capacity to address bioethical issues is a must*” (emphasis in bold added). The principles of *community development and sustainability* inter alia guided the decision of the conference venue. The Spier Conference Centre is located close to Stellenbosch in the Western Cape Winelands. Spier is well known for their labour-sensitive practices, walking tours, organic waste recycling and environmental-friendly wastewater plant.

In terms of conscious conferencing, Spier provides the following: mineral water in recyclable bottles; stationery baskets for delegates to donate their Spier conference pens and notepads (after the conference) to be distributed to local schools and communities; etc. In addition, the conference bags and lanyards will be exclusively produced by community-based craft producers, while local musicians/artists from the Winelands Region will be contracted to provide soulful African entertainment during the two social functions (i.e. Cocktail function and Conference dinner).

## 2. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

NAME	INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION
Prof Braam Hoffmann (Chair)	Tshwane University of Technology (TUT), Pretoria, South Africa
Ms Tanya Coetzee	Research Ethics Association of South Africa (REASA); Independent Bioethicist, Pretoria, South Africa
Prof Nico Nortjé	Independent Bioethicist, Stellenbosch, South Africa
Dr Retha Visagie	University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa
Ms Fikile Mnisi	PhD-student, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits), Johannesburg, South Africa

## 3. VENUE

### SPIER CONFERENCE CENTRE, STELLENBOSCH

<http://www.spier.co.za/conference/home/>

- **Location:** In the Cape Winelands, approximately 50 km from Cape Town
- **Accommodation:** 155 room hotel at the conference venue; several guesthouses on neighbouring farms (within a 5-10 km radius); hotels in Stellenbosch (17 km)
- **Conference Facilities:** An auditorium that seats 430 people and three breakaway rooms, which can be used separately, or combined, to seat 250 people. Conference rooms are adjacent to the Eerste River and have views of the Helderberg Mountains.
- See the following YouTube video for a quick overview of the conference centre context: <https://youtu.be/F33zAaTuESU>

## 4. DATE

**Wednesday, 3 Oct to Friday, 5 Oct 2018** for the Main Conference, with the possibility of adding one day prior to the Main event on Tues, 2 Oct 2018 for Pre-Conference Workshops.

## 5. FUNDING MODEL & SOURCES

The conference expenses (see Annexure A for specific Budget items and costs) are envisaged to be covered from the following two primary sources: 1) delegate registration fees, and 2) dedicated conference grant/s from national / international funding agencies. The delegate registration fees will kept to a level that is especially reasonable and affordable for delegates from Southern Africa and the African continent in order to encourage participation from individuals coming from these countries. In addition, special student registration fees will be charged for all registered students. Corporate companies will be approached to offer special scholarships to deserving delegates from Southern Africa that meet certain criteria.

The following national / international funding agencies will be approached in due course (i.e. depending on application dates and/or financial year period) for submission of formal funding application:

- National Research Foundation (NRF) – Department of Science and Technology (DST) & - NRF Conference Fund 2018 (The call for 2018 applications is expected to open around May 2017).
- Medical Research Council (South Africa)
- Human Sciences Research Council (South Africa)
- Financial / material / infrastructure support from each of the two universities who will co-host the conference, namely TUT & UNISA;
- European Commission, Research & Innovation; and
- Corporate companies in South Africa.

## 6. MARKETING STRATEGY

The following forums / strategies have been identified as the primary targets to market the conference:

- IAEE website (<https://www.ethicsassociation.org/>)
- Dedicated IAEE 2018 Conference website & Facebook page

- Upcoming IAEE Conference in Nov 2017 (India) – Pamphlets, information table, presentations and video
- International Consortium for Educational Development (ICED) Conference, Cape Town, 23-25 Nov 2016
- International Centre for Academic Integrity (<http://www.academicintegrity.org/>)
- Local conferences / seminars / workshops in Southern Africa – Pamphlets and electronic invitations [e.g. ARESA Ethics Seminar (Stellenbosch University), Unisa Annual Research and Innovation Week), SARIMA Annual Conference].

## 7. PROGRAMME & CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

**Conference theme:** *“A long walk to ethics education”*. The conference theme links with the title of Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela’s autobiography *“A long walk to freedom”*; it suggests that ethics education is a complex and dynamic process characterised by life-long perseverance, courage and integrity. This theme lends itself to the submission of abstracts for a wide variety of conference topics from ethics educators, researchers and students across the developed and developing world, but especially for delegates from the African continent.

The **conference programme** will consist of the following elements:

- Two **key note addresses** (40-60 minutes) at the start of each conference day (Main Auditorium) – The expenses of the six key note speakers will be covered from the Conference budget. Three keynote speakers will be from the Southern African region, while three keynote speakers from abroad will be invited.
- Four parallel sessions per day for **oral presentations** (15 minutes presentation + 5 minutes questions). Each session will start with a **primary paper** of 30 minutes as selected from the submitted abstracts by the scientific committee. However, these presenters will not be regarded as keynote speakers and will be treated as all the other presenters in terms of being required to cover their own conference expenses. The main themes of the parallel session will potentially include the following areas: bioethics education, business ethics education, engineering ethics education, environmental ethics education, law and ethics education, medical ethics education, nursing ethics education, science ethics education and social science ethics education.
- Two to three dedicated **symposiums / workshops / round-tables**:
  - Time allocation: One full session (approximately 2 hours)
  - Format: A symposium / workshop / round-table focuses on a specific theoretical or practical theme; it should ideally be facilitated by the person who proposed / submitted the theme during the “Call for Abstracts”. These sessions will be open to all delegates without any additional costs. However, specific sponsorships

might be considered for workshop/s that deal with specific topics (e.g. a “business ethics” session might be sponsored by a corporate company).

- An **art session** on Day 1 and 2. The Call for Abstracts will invite submission of the “intention to display an art work” at the conference; the art works must be in the form of paintings, drawings, photos, collages, etc. The art session (i.e. artist present at his/her art work) will start 30-45 minutes prior to teatime/lunch and conclude at the end of lunch. A prize will be awarded for the “art work that best captures/displays the conference theme” at the Conference Dinner.
- A **poster session** on Day 1 and 2. The poster session (i.e. presenter present at his/her poster on Day 1) will start 30-45 minutes prior to teatime/lunch and conclude at the end of lunch. A prize will be awarded for the “best poster” at the Conference Dinner.

A **Scientific Committee** consisting of international experts in the field of ethics education will be appointed in July 2017 to review all abstracts for oral presentations, poster presentations and symposiums / workshops / round-tables. The Call for Abstracts will open at the conclusion of the 5<sup>th</sup> IAEE Conference in Mangalore India during Nov 2017. Full papers of accepted oral / poster presentations will be given the opportunity to submit it for publication in a “special / dedicated edition” of the *International Journal for Ethics Education* (Springer Publishers).

## 8. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The social functions (costs included in the conference registration fee) will be held at the conference venue on the Spier Wine Estate. It includes the following:

- **Cocktail Reception** (late afternoon and early evening, Day 1). The focus will be on social interaction and networking between delegates. Local musicians from the Winelands Region will be contracted to provide soulful African instrumental music during this function.
- **Conference Dinner** (evening, Day 2). The focus will be to let delegates experience the unique cuisine of the Western Cape in an unforgettable location that reflects the cultural diversity and richness of the region. Local artists (in a different genre than the group performing at the Cocktail Reception) from the Winelands Region will be contracted to provide soulful African entertainment during this function.

One of the following **conference tours** (afternoon, Day 3) will be offered at additional costs for interested delegates. The tour reservations can be done prior to the conference, as well as at the conference registration desk during the conference:

- Visit to **Robben Island** where Dr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was incarcerated for most of his 27 years in prison; it includes a boat ride to the island and a guided tour.

- Visit to **Cape Point** and the **Table Mountain** Cable Car for magnificent ocean, coastal and city panoramic views around the Cape Peninsula.

The following **1-day post-conference tour options** for Saturday, 6 Oct 2018, at additional costs for interested delegates will be offered by the dedicated conference tour agency:

- Visit to **West Coast National Park** and Darling (approximately 130 km north of Cape Town);
- Visit to **Hermanus** for an inshore whale watching experience (approximately 120 km east of Cape Town); or
- Visit to Stellenbosch / Paarl / Franschhoek **Wine Routes** (approximately 50 km north-west of Cape Town).

## **9. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

A reception table/area (“Conference Table/Area”) will be arranged at the Cape Town International Airport to provide information and to receive international and local delegates arriving by plane. The service will include a shuttle service to transfer delegates to their respective hotels. A similar arrangement will be in place for transfers to the airport at the end of the conference. Transport costs will be additional to the conference fees and must be booked and paid for in advance.

## **10. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Spier offers a 155 room hotel. Also, several guesthouses on neighbouring farms (within a 5-10 km radius) and hotels in Stellenbosch (17 km) can be utilized to accommodate delegates. Hotel accommodation booking options will be provided on the conference website.

## **11. CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

A conference administration office will be established by *Conferences Et Al* who have been contracted to formally co-ordinate all conference-related administration activities, including marketing, abstract administration, conference registration, conference venue arrangements, oral presenter support, and conference information services (prior to and during the conference).

## **12. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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## **13. REFERENCES**

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