

**Preliminary Program for 2013 IWCS Meeting
Hebron Haven Hotel and Conference Centre
Horwick, South Africa
Monday 6 May —Saturday 11 May 2013**

Monday 6 May

Morning Arrival of delegates.
 Afternoon Registration and refreshments.
 5.00 pm Welcome and introduction to South Africa and the Midlands of Kwa Zulu - Natal.
 6.30 pm Braai (South African version of a BBQ).

Tuesday 7 May

8 am Historical and current use of indigenous wood in South Africa.
 8.30 am The Champion Tree Project in South Africa.
 9.00 am Demonstration – Topic and presenter to be confirmed.
 10.00 am Morning tea.
 10.30 am Working with indigenous South African wood.
 11.00 am Cultural and medicinal uses of indigenous trees and non-timber forest products in South Africa.
 11.30 am Woodturning Demonstration.
 12.30 pm Lunch.
 2.00 pm The informal craftwork industry in South Africa.
 2.30 pm Box making.
 3.00 pm Making musical instruments from indigenous South African wood.
 3.30 pm Afternoon tea.
 4.00 pm Treepreneur Programme and woodland rehabilitation – Wildlands Trust.
 4.30 pm Chainsaw sculpting.
 5.00 pm Free time.
 7.00 pm Dinner with the Fiddler.

Wednesday 8 May

8.00 am Identification of South African timber species (indigenous and exotic) .
 8.30 am Plant diversity in South Africa.
 9.00 am Demonstration – Topic and presenter to be confirmed.
 10.00 am Morning tea.
 10.30 am Distribution of indigenous forests in South Africa.
 11.00 am Commercial forestry in South Africa.
 11.30 am Demonstration.
 12.30 pm Lunch.
 2.00 pm Auction.
 7.00 pm Banquet.

Thursday 9 May

8.00 am Visit to Benvie Arboretum in Karkloof, site of some of South Africa's "Champion Trees".
 12.30 pm Lunch.
 2.00 pm Guided walk in a Mistbelt forest in the Dargle Conservancy.
 6.30 pm Slide show: Harvesting indigenous wood.
 7.00 pm Dinner.

Friday 10 May

8 am Visit to Baynesfield Estate (Champion Tree site) and then on to Tala Game Reserve for lunch and an afternoon game/tree drive.
 7.00 pm Dinner.

Saturday 11 May

8.00 am Midlands Wood Festival. Invite local craftsmen to display their wares and open to the public.
 7.00 pm Dinner.

Comments/questions on this proposed program.

1. How many presentations/demos can we expect from overseas members?
2. Are all of our proposed South African talks relevant and of interest to members?
3. Do we need to add an extra day and rather start on the Monday?
4. To what extent are we going to include organisations such as the Woodturners Association of South Africa and other woodworking guilds?
5. We need guidance on the time allocation for the auction – we have allocated a full afternoon. Presumably people will not be bringing vast quantities of wood or crafts with them. There will be local wood and crafts put on the auction, but we are not sure how much people will want to ship back to their countries of origin.

Pre and Post Conference Tours

There are also five recommended pre and post conference tours that participants may wish to take. Details for these will be shown on the IWCS website

