



**Anatomical Society of Southern Africa**

Email: [Beverley.kramer@wits.ac.za](mailto:Beverley.kramer@wits.ac.za)

December 9, 2008

The President  
Veterinary Anatomists and Histologists  
c/o Professor WC Cash

Dear Professor,

**Re: The 17<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA) 2009: South Africa.....”Into Africa”**

The International Federation of Associations of Anatomists which is “home” to over 60 Anatomical Societies from around the world is holding its Congress in 2009. For the first time ever, this Congress will be hosted in Africa, and in South Africa in particular, by the Anatomical Society of Southern Africa in August, 2009. I would like to especially invite you and the members of your Society to participate in this Congress which is an important event in the IFAA’s calendar of activities.

We are expecting delegates from Japan, China, North America, the United Kingdom and Europe, particularly eastern Europe, South America and other areas of the world. We would specifically like to draw the anatomists of Africa to this Congress, as it presents a wonderful opportunity for them to interact with anatomists from the far-flung corners of the globe.

I see this Congress as being of particular importance for the young people of South Africa and Africa. At this Congress they will be able to listen to, and to meet, important scientists in their areas of research from abroad. I can think of no more worthwhile an opportunity for young scientists than having so many top quality scientists in one arena at the same time.

The Congress will cover such aspects as neurosciences, cell and developmental biology, morphological anatomy, clinical anatomy, orofacial biology, physical anthropology, palaeoanthropology and the teaching of the anatomical sciences. It will comprise of a number of subject symposia, free papers and poster sessions.

The Congress will be held at the Cape Town Convention Centre from August 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Website for the Congress can be found at: [http://www.ifaa2009conf.uct.ac.za/ASSA\\_IFAA\\_Conf.htm](http://www.ifaa2009conf.uct.ac.za/ASSA_IFAA_Conf.htm).

Some brief but important information about the Congress:

- Early bird registration: until **1 June, 2009**.
- Standard registration (full fee): from **1 June, 2009** until the conference begins.
- Deadline for submission of abstracts: **1 March, 2009**.

Should further information on registration fees, accommodation and tours be required, please contact Ms Tania Davids (Paragon Conventions) at Tania Davids: [tdavids@paragon-conventions.com](mailto:tdavids@paragon-conventions.com)

I would like to ask that you circulate this information to all the members of your Society. I attach a flyer with the necessary information. We look forward to hosting you in our beautiful and beloved country.

With warm anatomical greetings.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Beverley Kramer  
President, Federative International Congress 2009