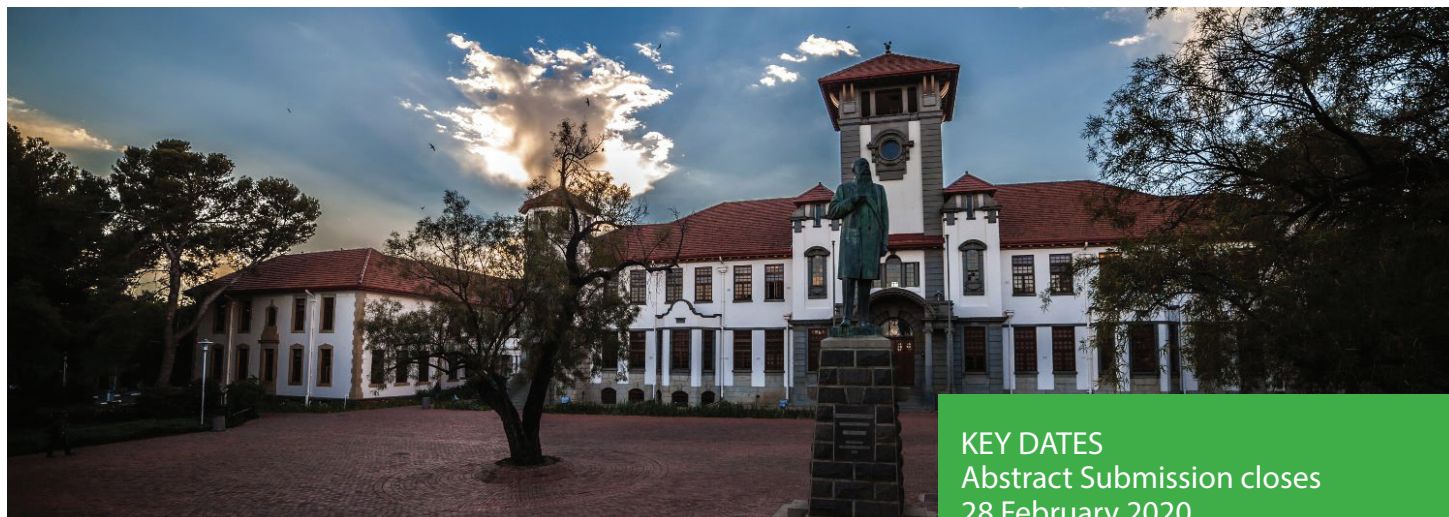


# SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The 21st Biennial Conference of the South African Society for Microbiology will be held at the Economic Management Science Building on the Bloemfontein campus of the University of the Free State from 20-23 September 2020. The overarching theme of the conference will be “The Interacting Microbe”, exploring interactions between microbes, microbes and their environment as well as their hosts. We look forward to start interacting with you on the evening of Sunday 20 September 2020.



## ABSTRACTS

To encourage collaboration and broaden our perspectives on microbial interactions, abstracts are invited in the following fields:

- Microbes interacting with humans and other animals
- Microbes interacting with plants
- Microbes interacting with each other
- Microbes interacting with the built and natural environment
- Microbes interacting with food and beverages
- Microbes interacting with chemicals

Abstracts can be submitted online via the conference website [www.sasm2020.co.za/abstracts](http://www.sasm2020.co.za/abstracts) until 28 February 2020, should not exceed 500 words and should comply to the template and guidelines provided.

### KEY DATES

Abstract Submission closes  
28 February 2020

Outcome of abstract submission  
31 March 2020

Provisional Programme available  
20 April 2020

Online Registration opens  
1 April 2020

Early bird registration closes  
15 July 2020

Normal Registration fee applies from  
16 July 2020

Late registration fee applies from  
1 September 2020

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