



SOUTH AFRICAN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

Webinar : 28th of October 2020

Theme: “ *Interacting at a distance*”

FIRST CIRCULAR: CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Due to the COVID 19 crisis this years SAMA National Conference will be replaced by a one day Webinar, which will be held on the 28th of October 2020.

The last few months have challenged the way in which museums are able to perform their mandate, which includes educating and entertaining the public. Lock-down measures effectively removed the social interactions we have to come to take for granted, in that of being able to interact with each other on a person to person and object to person basis.

Since museums primarily rely on objects to convey information and utilise guides and educators to assist in this process, museums could simply not perform.

While virtual museums and walk- abouts are employed as interactive mechanisms by some museums, on the whole our museums in South Africa have tended to rely on face to face interactions.

The last few months have surely spurred museum workers into developing innovative ways to meet their objectives and the reopening of museums in the near future will pose new challenges.

This SAMA webinar seeks to share ideas on how the museums world can, in the face of a crisis such as the Covid 19 pandemic, **interact at a distance**.

Please submit an **abstract**, not exceeding 300 words that includes your name, a short biography, your institutional affiliation and your contact details.

The duration of each presentation may not exceed 20 (twenty) minutes and will be followed by discussion.

Submission of abstracts and proposals

Closing date: 15th of August 2020

Please submit all abstracts and proposals to Marianne Gertenbach , SAMA National office, at samuseums@gmail.com

Information regarding registration will follow in the second circular.

Conference fee :

The morning session, including the AGM, the Presidents address will be free of charge
Attending the keynote address and presentations will be charged with +/- R100.00 for SAMA members, and +/- R150.00 for non members

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