

Third International Penguin Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, 2-6 September 1996: first announcement

Following on the successful First and Second International Penguin Conferences held in Dunedin, New Zealand, and Phillip Island, Australia, in 1988 and 1992, respectively, the Third International Penguin Conference will be held at the Breakwater Lodge, Cape Town, South Africa, during 2-6 September 1996. The conference is being organised by the African Seabird Group, with the support of local organisations and societies, under the broad theme of '*Penguins: science and management*'. It is intended that there will be four days of formal talks and poster sessions, all in plenary, broken in the middle by an excursion to historic Robben Island in Table Bay, home of an expanding population of Jackass or African Penguins *Spheniscus de-*

mersus. Pre- and post-conference excursions are planned to seabird colonies in the West Coast National Park and to a mainland penguin colony on the Cape Peninsula. The proceedings of the conference will be published as a special issue of the African Seabird Group's journal *Marine Ornithology*.

Persons interested in attending should write to the Organising Committee, Third International Penguin Conference, African Seabird Group, P.O. Box 34113, Rhodes Gift 7707, South Africa, to be placed on the mailing list for the second circular, which is planned to mail in mid-1995. The second circular will give full details of registration fee, accomodation, excursions, publication plans, etc. It would be helpful if the organisers could be informed of their intent to make a presentation when replying to the first circular. Please also include full postal and electronic mail addresses and an international fax number. Further information may be obtained from John Cooper, Chairperson of the Organising Committee, at the above address, or by electronic mail (jcooper@botzoo.uct.ac.za), fax (+27-21-650-3295) or phone (+27-21-650-3294).

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