



African Association for Lexicography



29th International Conference of the African Association for Lexicography
2 – 5 July 2025, Cape Town, South Africa

FIRST CIRCULAR

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Dear AFRILEX member/friend

You are cordially invited to the **29th International Conference of the African Association for Lexicography** (AFRILEX 2025) to be held at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa, and jointly hosted by the Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society (CASAS) and the Centre for Multilingualism and Diversities Research (CMDR). Detailed information about the conference and the call for papers are contained below in this circular.

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1. CONFERENCE DETAILS

Date: 2 – 5 July 2025

Host: University of the Western Cape

Venue: Bellville, University of the Western Cape
Robert Sobukwe Road, Bellville
Venue: New Life Science Building

Cost: Early bird (before 4 May 2025): R3 500 (members); R3 900 (non-members)
Late registration (after 4 May 2025): R3 900 (members); R4 300 (non-members)
The conference fee includes the conference bag and stationeries, tea breaks, lunches, welcoming cocktail and the conference gala dinner.

AFRILEX membership fee: R200 (individual), R800 (corporate)

2. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

International speaker: Prof Iztok Kosem, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana; Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia.



Topic: TBA

Short Biography

Iztok Kosem is a Senior Researcher at the University of Ljubljana having moved from the Faculty of Computer and Information Science to the Faculty of Arts and to the Jožef Stefan Institute in Ljubljana, Slovenia, where he has since been leading two research projects on the Comprehensive Slovenian-Hungarian dictionary and the Collocations dictionary of Modern Slovene. Previously, he was affiliated with the Trojina Institute in Ljubljana where he was successively the Director of the Institute for Applied Slovene Studies and the Head of the Centre for Applied Linguistics. His research interest encompasses domains of dictionary compilation, automatic data extraction for lexicographic purposes, crowdsourcing, and user-friendly language tools.

Africa speaker: Prof Theo Bothma, Department of Information Science, University of Pretoria, South Africa



Topic: TBA

Short Biography

Prof Bothma is professor emeritus in the Department of Information Science. He joined the University of Pretoria in 1991 and was Head of Department from 1 October 1995 - 30 June 2016, when he retired. He was appointed as chairperson of the School of Information Technology on 1 September 2008 and served two terms, until his retirement. He currently holds a B3 rating from the National Research Foundation. In 2009 he was recognised by the University of Pretoria as an exceptional academic achiever, a three-year award (2010 - 2012), and again in 2012 (2013 - 2015).

His current research focuses on information organization and retrieval in the e-environment, information literacy, e-lexicography, digital humanities, usability studies, HCI and ethical design, and curriculum development. He is joint editor-in-chief of Libri: International Journal of Libraries and Information Studies. He was a member of the SeLA research initiative, initiated by Prof Ulrich Heid of the Institut für Informationswissenschaft und Sprachtechnologie at the University of Hildesheim in Germany (funded by DAAD, 2011-2015), as well as a collaborator of CentLex at Aarhus University in Denmark, specifically with Professors Henning Bergenholtz and Sven Tarp.

3. PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

Date: Wednesday 2 July 2025, time to be confirmed

Venue: New Life Science Building

Cost: Free

Topic: to be confirmed

Presenter(s): to be confirmed

4. WELCOMING COCKTAIL

Date: Wednesday 2 July 2025, 18:30

Venue: New Education Building

R300 per person for guests, i.e. partners of delegates

5. CONFERENCE DINNER

Conference delegates are invited to attend the conference dinner. Confirmation of attendance must be **before 4 May 2025**.

Date: Thursday 3 July 2025, 18:30

Venue: to be confirmed

R500 per person for guests, i.e. partners of delegates

Menu: Three-course meal, wine and juice.

6. CONFERENCE EXCURSION

Date: Saturday 5 July 2025, 09:00 (Meeting point to be announced)

Cost: R850

Note: The conference excursion is only available to participants who register and pay for the conference and excursion **before 4 May 2025**.

Details (including lunch): to be confirmed.

7. ACCOMMODATION

In principle, conference delegates are responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

A list of recommended guesthouses and hotels in Cape Town will soon be distributed. Delegates will need to drive to get to campus. Transport costs through Uber are quite affordable from these accommodation facilities to the conference venue.

For your safety, guesthouses and B&Bs in the vicinity of the UWC Bellville campus (at walking distance of the venue) are NOT advisable.

8. TRANSPORT & VENUE LOCATION

8.1. Airport transfers

There will be NO shuttle services offered from and to the Cape Town International Airport.

Delegates should make their own arrangements for pick-ups and drop-offs at the airport.

All major car rental companies (local and international) have branches at the Cape Town International Airport. Please check Google the specific company branch for details.

Taxi and Uber services are also available from the Cape Town International Airport.

8.2. Transport between places of accommodation and the conference venue

In principle, the conference organisers can unfortunately not provide transport between places of accommodation and the conference venue. We recommend that you Uber, call a cab or hire a car from any of the car rental companies.

Kombi taxis are not so recommendable for foreign visitors.

There is a Metrorail line to the UWC campus. The Metrorail station on campus is called UNIBELL. For more information, please visit and download the App: www.gometro.co.za

Cape Town Trains (CTTRAINS) also serves the UNIBELL train station. For details and train timetable, please visit: <http://cttrains.co.za/>

Please note that for both Metrorail and CTTRAINS, the Unibell train station is part of the Central Line region.

From the UNIBELL train station, you will just have to walk straight to University Avenue. Turn left and continue on University Avenue. The New Life Science Building will be on your left at approximately 400 metres.

8.3. Conference venue location

All the conference activities (cocktail reception, workshop, sessions, tea-breaks, lunch and dinner) will take place in the New Education Building. Please refer to Addendum C for the UWC Campus Map.

9. PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

Any person entering South Africa must hold a valid passport. Please consult your travel agent or local South African representative in good time regarding possible visa or entry permit requirements.

The local conference organisers will gladly provide an official conference invitation upon request to any participant who has registered and fully paid for the conference, for use to apply for a visa/permit as may be required. Unfortunately, no invitation can be issued to a prospective participant who has not registered and paid the full conference fees.

Please note that the local organisers are not in a position to apply for visas/permits on behalf of any conference participant. Travellers are responsible for ensuring that their documents are in order before they travel.

10. CURRENCY

South African currency is the South African Rand (ZAR, indicated by R).

11. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

Delegates can register online by clicking on “Register Here” on the conference homepage: <https://www.afrilex.co.za/conferences>. Proof of payment must please be e-mailed to the treasurer, Prof Elsabé Taljard, elsabe.taljard@up.ac.za.

For all queries regarding overseas payments, delegates can also contact the treasurer.

Delegates who require an invoice should please fill in the online registration form and send the request to elsabe.taljard@up.ac.za. An invoice will be generated according to the information on the registration form.

Presenters of papers and special sessions must register before **4 May 2025**.

12. CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

For enquiries regarding payment, please contact the AFRILEX treasurer: **Prof Elsabé Taljard**
E-mail: elsabe.taljard@up.ac.za

For administrative enquiries and any other enquiries, please contact the local organising committee: afrilex2025@uwc.ac.za

Postal address of **Dr Steve Ndinga-Koumba-Binza**: Centre for Advanced Studies of African Society (CASAS), 7 Nursery Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town 7700, South Africa.

Postal address of **Prof Quentin Williams**: Centre for Multilingualism and Diversities Research (CMDR), Private Bag X17, Bellville, Cape Town 7535, South Africa.

The local organizing committee of AFRILEX 2025 is made of the following members:

- Chair & local organizer: Dr H Steve Ndinga-Koumba-Binza
- Co-chair: Prof Quentin Williams
- Members:
 - Prof Mantoa Motinyane
 - Dr Blanche N. Assam
 - Dr Sebolelo Mokapela
 - Dr Laurian Lesch
 - Dr Khanyiso Mwanda-Jonas
 - Ms Glenda J. Davids
 - Ms Babalwayashe Molate
 - Ms Zoleka Bhotha
 - Mr Jason Richardson

We look forward to welcoming you to Cape Town.

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: *The Role of Artificial Intelligence and Digitalisation in the Future of Lexicography*

INVITED

- Abstracts on any aspect of dictionary research, practical lexicography or terminology.
- Abstracts from disciplines related to practical or theoretical lexicography/terminology are also invited, but they should have a demonstrable lexicographic focus.
- Abstracts from computational linguistics, and digital humanities, again, with a lexicographic focus
- Proposals for special sessions
- Proposals for workshops

IMPORTANT

- All submissions will be adjudicated.
- The conference language is English.
- Format of the conference: The conference is expected to be held live (in-person).

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT AND PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Prospective presenters are to submit abstracts or session proposals to reach AFRILEX before **31 March 2025**.

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Abstracts should be formatted according to the template (see below). Abstracts must be between 600 and 800 words long for adjudicators to make informed judgements on the central argument of the paper, especially given that conference proceedings are not published. Abstracts should contain the following elements: a central argument, methodology, and some (preliminary) conclusions. All citations should be accounted for in a list of references. Submissions that do not comply with these requirements will unfortunately be rejected.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Abstracts should be sent by e-mail to afrilexabstracts@gmail.com

PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Receipt of abstracts will be acknowledged and feedback will be given to authors as soon as the abstracts are received back from the adjudicators. Abstracts of accepted papers will be distributed during the conference. MS PowerPoint Presentation facilities will be available. As a backup, presenters are invited to e-mail their presentation to the organiser ahead of the conference.

PRESENTERS PLEASE NOTE

Presenters of papers and special sessions must register before 4 May 2025.

ABSTRACT PROCESSING COMMITTEE

Prof. Sonja Bosch, Dr Lorna Morris and Mr André du Plessis.

13. ABSTRACT TEMPLATE

Abstract submission format according to the template:

Full title of the paper

First name(s) SURNAME ([e-mail address](#))

Affiliation: Department/Institute, University, Place, Country

First name (s) SURNAME ([e-mail address](#)), in case of second author etc.

Affiliation Department/Institute, University, Place, Country

Write your abstract in block style in Palatino Linotype 12. The line spacing should be single. Cite single authors as surname (year:page) or (surname year:page). If you cite a publication with two authors, please do it as follows: surname1 & surname2 (year:page) or (surname1 & surname2 year:page). More than two authors are cited as surname1 et al. (year:page) or (surname1 et al. year:page). When referring to the publication as such, you can leave out the page numbers. When referring to several page numbers, you can use “page-page”.

In your Afrilex abstract, the first line of every paragraph after the first paragraph should be written with a left indent of 1 cm. Tables and figures should be centered. Enumerated lists do not need to be indented.

If you list linguistic examples of languages other than English, please provide English translations.

Paragraphs after figures or tables should not be indented. Please limit screenshots (for space reasons) and keep the number of figures to a minimum. However, do not minimize figures too much: Remember that while you write this on A4-pages, the book of abstracts will be printed on A5. If you are unsure about the instructions, you may consult the [Afrilex abstract booklet](#) of 2024 as an example or contact ahdp@sun.ac.za.

Lastly, your abstract should be between 600 - 800 words (MS word count), everything included - also the “References” section, see an example below. Please do not use footnotes, if unavoidable, you may use endnotes instead. Endnotes should be font size 10.

References

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