

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: SASA/ESARBICA CONFERENCE ON THE THEME “ARCHIVES & RECORDS: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW – CELEBRATION OF DIAMOND AND GOLDEN JUBILEES”, SOUTH AFRICA (PRETORIA), 1 – 5 JULY 2019

The South African Society of Archivists (SASA) will co-host its annual conference with the 25th biennial conference of Eastern and Southern African Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (ESARBICA) on the theme, “Archives & Records: yesterday, today and tomorrow – celebration of diamond and golden jubilees” on 1-5 July 2019 in Pretoria, Gauteng Province, South Africa.

In 2019, SASA and ESARBICA will be celebrating diamond and golden jubilees respectively. SASA was established in 1959 and will be turning 60 in 2019. ESARBICA was established in 1969 in Kenya and would be turning 50 in 2019. Both organisations are concerned with the creation, use, preservation and management of archives and records, regardless of their form or medium. Over the years of existence, the associations experienced trends, opportunities and challenges in their jurisdictions with regard to their own existence, as well as the management, preservation and use of records. This calls for the celebration of the two organisations as long serving archival associations in Africa, which have stood the test of time.

National, regional and international speakers will address the theme of the conference and answer questions such as: What have we learned from the past? Are we coping and relevant in the present? Are we prepared and ready for the future? Does the proliferation of technology herald new opportunities to archives and records management? What challenges and risks are we facing? Have we stood and can we stand the test of time? This is a unique opportunity to exchange experiences in an African context.

Papers on topics that address the theme of the conference and the following sub-themes will be considered for inclusion in the conference programme. Accepted papers will be considered for publication in the *Journal of South African Society of Archivists* and *ESARBICA Journal* provided the authors submit full papers.

Papers covering the following sub-themes will be considered:

- Trends
- Challenges and opportunities
- Celebrations
- Risks
- Technology
- Future
- Advocacy
- Archival associations
- Education
- Addressing ‘wicked problems’ through archives and records

- Africanisation

Practice-based papers are also encouraged.

Important Dates:

Submission of abstracts: 14 December 2018

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: 18 January 2019

Paper submission: 30 April 2019.

Abstracts of less than 300 words should be submitted on the link:
<http://www.saarchivist.co.za/publications/abstract-submissions>

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