

May 2019

## Dear Delegate

Below please find essential information related to your visit to Cape Town.

# **Accommodation and Safety**

Delegates to the Clinic on the Meaningful Modelling of Epidemiological Data will be accommodated at Surfers Corner and Whale Watchers apartments, Empire Building, Beach Road, Muizenberg, which is within walking distance to and from AIMS. Single and shared accommodation will be provided.

All delegates will be required to show proof of ID/passport when checking in at the accommodation security. All delegates will be finger printed for access to the building and you will receive a room key. Surfers Corner can only be accessed via the front main entrance at security. No walking through the parking garage is allowed.

As in any foreign country, visitors are advised to be aware and alert when travelling to avoid falling prey to petty theft and crime. Most areas and attractions of South Africa can be safely visited but for your own safety it it important that you do not walk around late at night. Always be discreet with expensive camera equipment and jewellery and be aware of your surroundings

**Wifi** at the accommodation comes at a cost. Guests are more than welcome to purchase online vouchers. Information about this will be in your accommodation booklet.

### Meals:

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided at AIMS for the duration of the workshop. Tea will also be provided. Kindly confirm your dietary requirements either prior to the workshop.

### Meal Times are as follows:

Breakfast: 07h45 – 08h30 Lunch: 12h30 – 13h00 Dinner: 18h00 - 18h30

## Foreign Exchange

The currency used in South Africa is ZAR Rands. Please ensure that you exchange foreign currency at the airport as these facilities are not available in Muizenberg. Cape Town International Airport has a 24-hour foreign exchange service, as well as various cash machines.



### IT

Please note that we use a Linux operating system for all our computers at AIMS. If you have any questions concerning this, please email our IT Officer, Mr Jan Groenewald at <a href="mailto:jan@aims.ac.za">jan@aims.ac.za</a>. Please remember to bring your own plug converters as AIMS is unable to provide them for you. Please note that South Africa uses a voltage of 220/230. US-made appliances may need a transformer.

# **Transportation from Cape Town Airport to AIMS**

You will be met at Cape Town International Airport upon arrival by an AIMS official and taken to your accommodation. Should you make use of the metered taxis/cabs at the airport, this will be for your own expense.

Please contact Rene January on 079 7662473 / workshops@aims.ac.za for any arrival delays or flight changes. Only contact the Facilities Manager, Igsaan on 072 216 5628 if and when there is a flight delay.

# Airport transfer

Due to the large group of arrivals, airport transfer is scheduled at specific times only. Please pay close attention to the group pick-up schedule for the allocated time. No pick-ups will be done outside of the allocated time.

Delegates who miss their scheduled pick-up due to flight delays or changes, should join the next available shuttle.

- Domestic arrivals should wait at ABSA Bank. Central Terminal. Domestic arrivals.
- International arrivals should wait within the International arrivals terminal

You will be met here by an AIMS representative. Please watch out for the AIMS signage board.

## Climate

Muizenberg has a typically Mediterranean climate and can be quite cool and often windy. During **May and June**, you can expect an **average temperature** of 16°C (61°F). The days are cool and often overcast. The average high **temperature** reaches 21°C (70°F). Please bring suitable clothing to ensure a pleasant stay.

If you have have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact us.