

# **GF SUMMER SCHOOL 2018 BID STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA**

## **Unisa and University of Stellenbosch**

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### **1. The time options (year, month, week)**

Weeks 2 and 3 of January 2018 (**8-19 January 2018**) since this period falls within the university summer holiday, so conference venues are not used for lecturing and other university activities.

**NOTE:** We definitely prefer January 2018

### **2. The estimated cost per participant**

**NOTE:** Local prices are quoted in ZAR (South African Rand). The current exchange rate is approximately 1 Euro ~ R 16.17.

#### **2.1 Getting to Stellenbosch**

Fly to Cape Town and then use one of various modes of transport to Stellenbosch, for example, shuttles and taxis at

R300 one way (<http://capetowntaxi.co.za/rates/>)

R380 one way (<http://www.shuttleup.co.za/index.php/site/pricing>).

##### **2.1.1 Flying directly to Cape Town**

Many of the main airlines operate direct flights to Cape Town, see for example [http://www.capetownmagazine.com/holiday/cheap-direct-flights-to-cape-town/120\\_22\\_18894](http://www.capetownmagazine.com/holiday/cheap-direct-flights-to-cape-town/120_22_18894). For specific airlines and specific flights one should compare the direct flight options to the option of flying to Johannesburg and then to Cape Town, using a domestic carrier (see section 2.1.2).

##### **2.1.2 Flying to Johannesburg and then using a domestic airline to Cape Town**

There are many budget airlines that operate between Johannesburg and Cape Town. Today's quotes for a return ticket for the first week in January 2017, for example, range from R 2000 to R5000, not considering special offers.

### *2.1.3 Summary of approximate prices*

- In general, the price differences between **direct international flights to Cape Town** and **international flights to Johannesburg + domestic flights to Cape Town** seem negligible.
- Our general impression is that flight prices from Europe, India and China all range between Euro 850 and Euro 1000, depending on the day of the week, the city of departure and availability.
- By way of example and comparison these prices are based on flights departing on 6 January 2017 and returning on 21 January 2017.

## **2.2 Accommodation (rooms)**

**NOTE: It is the summer holiday season, so participants will have to book way in advance**

A wide range of good accommodation types and prices are available, costing anything from R300 to R825 per person per night. For luxury and boutique hotels prices are much higher (R1600 - R3000 per person per night).

### *2.2.1 University residences*

Probably not a good plan. But if someone insists, here are the prices:

R145 per day (p/d), breakfast R13.25 p/d, main meal R23.66, light supper R17.98.

Linen extra at R50.00 per night per set for the first 3 nights, and R40 per night after that.

We must stress that this is not something we would ever recommend to a visitor -- it is beyond basic.

### *2.2.2 Self-catering apartments, B&Bs and hotels*

We could share a list of possible hotels and B&B's, which we could distribute once participants start booking. As mentioned above, current prices for good accommodation range between R300 - R825 per person per night.

## **2.3 Meals**

Stellenbosch has every conceivable cuisine in every conceivable location – it is often considered the Wine and Food Capital of South Africa. Many of these restaurants are within walking distance of the conference venue.

Prices vary widely, but to get an impression of restaurant prices, please visit [http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country\\_result.jsp?country=South+Africa](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/country_result.jsp?country=South+Africa) and

[http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city\\_result.jsp?country=South+Africa&city=Stellenbosch](http://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/city_result.jsp?country=South+Africa&city=Stellenbosch).

Copied from this website:

**Restaurants (item avg range)**

Meal, Inexpensive restaurant	R100.00	R75.00-150.00
Meal for 2 People, mid-range restaurant, three-course	R400.00	R300.00-500.00
McMeal at McDonalds (or Equivalent Combo Meal)	R50.00	R45.00-60.00
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught)	R20.00	R20.00-25.00
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	R30.00	R24.00-35.00
Cappuccino (regular)	R18.50	R15.00-24.00
Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle)	R9.67	R8.00-12.00
Water (0.33 liter bottle)	R8.40	R7.50-11.00

**3. Conference facilities**

Excellent, modern lecture hall facility, seating 100 persons comfortably, with reliable WiFi. R7500 + coffee arrangements at small extra cost

**4. Sponsorship (sources and likelihood)**

**4.1 Conference facilities**

Laurette's project to sponsor

**4.2 Travel grant possibilities:**

Laurette will explore NRF possibilities (in collaboration with Lynette?)

Any other ideas?

This is one of the reasons why 2018 is better for us – it allows sufficient time to acquire additional funding/sponsorships.

**5. Contact persons**

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## 6. Some pictures and description of the venue and places around

Stellenbosch is one of the most beautiful towns in South Africa and even in the world! It is a university town and tourist destination. It is particularly well-known for its wine, hiking, culture and university. It is close to Cape Town, one of the capital cities of South Africa – a city which is often ranked amongst the top ten best cities in the world for tourism.

The official site of the Stellenbosch Tourism and Information Bureau is at <http://www.stellenbosch.travel/>.



Map of the Western Cape Province







