

EDITORIAL



This year's News Bulletin has grown into a much thicker volume than originally anticipated! Although the main aim of this publication is to publish the formal reports of the SAWMA council and the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, there are many more to read, thanks to the contributions received from a number of members and some personal efforts to try and make the bulletin more interesting.

This electronic bulletin is still developing into a format which I am trying to improve every year. As usual there is an update on members, some general information and new developments regarding the South African Journal of Wildlife Research and upcoming events. There are also feedback on the 2008 symposium and the first announcement of the 2009 symposium. We hope that the event will attract as many or more participants than last year.

The closing address at the 2008 symposium by Rudi van Aarde with all the photographs used in his slideshow will be good reading, especially to members who could not attend the event. (Most of the other photographic images in this publication were kindly provided by Rudi.)

A new section on research projects has been added. I would like to expand this section in the next Bulletin and would appreciate contributions from members (managers and academics) in the form of a short summary of research projects conducted/planned. The purpose is to provide some exposure on research projects which are taking place in a variety of subject areas. Hopefully this will lead members/readers to research agencies/institutions that are doing work in their fields of interest. If you have a project that you would like to have listed, please send me the following information in a word document:

1. Title of research project
2. Institution/Unit and contact details
3. Location of study sites
4. a short description of project (one or two paragraphs)
5. photographs (optional)

Thank you to all the members who sent news snippets for inclusion in this publication. Please keep doing so! Also do not hesitate to send suggestions to improve the News Bulletin and continue to use this publication, as well as the regular electronic news, "SAWMA Matters", and the SAWMA FaceBook Group as a platform for networking/discussions with other members. Contributions for the next News Bulletin in 2010 can be sent, preferably in an electronic format to:



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