



The Faculty of Education, University of Stellenbosch is hosting the
26TH SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR HISTORY
TEACHING
2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT
Erinvale Estate Hotel & Spa, Somerset West on
4-5 October 2012

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr Dan Sleigh

Title: The founding of the Dutch colony at the Cape and its relevance for history teaching in schools today.

Biographical info

Daniel (Dan) Sleigh was born on the farm Geelbeksfontein on the West Coast on November 3, 1938. He matriculated at Vredenburg High School and then joined the South African Navy. Until 1962, he studied at the Paarl Training College to become a Physical Education teacher, after which he taught in Namibia and Cape Town.

In 1996 he completed his BA Degree in History and English Literature at UNISA. He then completed a MA degree cum laude, followed by a Doctorate in History in 1987 at the University of Stellenbosch.

Dan Sleigh was Head of the Education Museum and then Provincial Co-ordinator of Conservation Education, Western Cape Education Department, from which he retired in 1996. A former editor in the transcription department of the Cape Archives he specialised in the first Dutch colonial period. As editor of the **TANAP project** he transcribed the VOC archives into a data base. (TANAP: Towards a New Age of Partnership; a Dutch/Asian/South-African programme of cooperation). His magisterial PhD publication, *VOC-buiteposte onder Kaapse beheer 1652-1795*, HAUM, Pretoria, 1993, are being consulted by researchers as far as Australia, the Netherlands, Russia, the USA and Norway.

Apart from academic and public lectures, Dan Sleigh took part in radio talks and TV programmes. Field of study: The Dutch Seaborne Empire (1602-1795)

Dan Sleigh was editor and translator for Van Riebeeck Society series in 2003 and is editor of the Castle Military Museum series Cape Military history.

He made his literary debut in 1974 with the volume of poetry entitled *Duif oor water*. This was followed by historical works for young people, like *Die buiteposte* and *Tussen twee vlae*.

In 2001 he won the Sanlam/Insig/Tafelberg Competition for his novel *Eilande*. This novel was later also awarded the WA Hofmeyr, RAU, M-Net and Helgaard Steyn Prizes.

Islands, André P. Brink's English translation of *Eilande*, was listed by The Seattle Times as one of the ten best books.

CONFERENCE THEME: Back to the Future? The Value of History Teaching for Tomorrow

This conference is a must for those academics, historians and educators concerned about sustaining the relevance of History teaching for today. Can History and an understanding of the past, still contribute towards making better decisions and creating a better future for our children? We often tend to be so future-oriented, that the impact of the past is ignored. Come and share your insights and innovative interpretations of how this can be done.

SUB-THEMES:

- Voices of the past: Historical research, new trends and findings and their value for teaching
- The current school curriculum and History (GET, FET levels)
- The current state of History as a school subject (attitudes; textbooks; teaching methods; examining; DoE and DBE involvement; assessing the 'value' of higher education research and quality control input).
- Learners' and teachers' attitudes, experiences and perceptions on the value of the past for the future
- Teacher education and relevant teacher training models for History teaching
- Effective teaching methods to enhance the value of History knowledge for today and tomorrow

- Ways of building hope by linking the past, the present and the future
- Any other relevant theme on historical research and history teaching that may fit into the main theme.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are calling upon both academic historians doing research on topics relating to the conference theme and history educators involved in the practical teaching of History in the modern classroom, to submit proposals for papers (20 minutes each) and workshops (45-60 minutes each) to be presented at the upcoming SASHT Conference.

Download the Abstract Submission Form. Fax through to **Karen Horn at (021) 808 2020** or e-mail to karenhorn@sun.ac.za for a copy.

An abstract of approximately 150 words (preferably in English) should be submitted as an e-mail attachment to Karen Horn at karenhorn@sun.ac.za. Abstracts can also be faxed to the following fax number: (021) 808 2020.

Abstracts for papers, workshops or/and posters must reach us no later than **17 June 2012 (deadline)**. The SASHT conference organisers will let prospective presenters know by 29 June whether or not their proposals were accepted. A preliminary conference programme will be posted on the SASHT website by 6 July.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

Paper, Workshop & Poster Abstract Guidelines:

- All authors interested in presenting a paper or poster are invited to submit an abstract on the provided form.
- Use MS-Word, Arial 11, 1.5 spacing.
- The maximum length is 300 words including keywords or phrases.
- Full contact details and institutional affiliation of authors must be given.

Paper Presentations:

- Presentations will be confined to 20 minutes plus a 10-minute question/discussion session.

Workshop Presentations:

- Presentations sessions will be confined to 45 minutes inclusive of question/discussion time.

Poster Presentations:

- 5 Minute per poster plus a 5 minute question time (You are welcome to request more time for a presentation when submitting your abstract).

RE ABSTRACTS – PLEASE NOTE:

Even if accepted, no abstract will be included in the Final Programme and Book of Abstracts if full payment for registration has not been received by **20 July 2012**.

Handouts and articles for possible publication

Presenters of papers or workshops will be required to distribute a short version handout of 1-5 pages in English at the conference. Papers (maximum 20 pages, double spacing in 11 pt Arial font) must also be electronically available at the conference to download for the purpose of peer reviewing and possible publication in the November 2012 edition of the SASHT accredited Journal *Yesterday&Today*. **When presenting an article, please study the reference guidelines in the most recent edition of the journal** which currently is either the *Yesterday&Today* 6, October 2011 edition or the July, 7 2012 edition upcoming. All *Yesterday&Today* editions up to October 2010 are available on the SASHT website at www.sashtw.org.za. Members normally receive the newest editions copies as they become available.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Educators, researchers and any other academics from the GET, FET and HET levels are invited to register for the conference.

SASHT MEMBERS Registration fee		Non-Members Registration fee	
Early Bird (March to 20 July)	R960	Early Bird (March to 20 July)	R1100
From 20 July to 7 September	R1300	From 20 July to 7 September	R1500
Day tariff (either 4 or 5 October)	R700	Day tariff (either 4 or 5 October)	R750

Registration fee INCLUDES:

- Use of conference facilities
- Conference folder, writing paper, pen, etc.
- Lunch on 4 and/or 5 October
- Morning and afternoon tea/coffee & refreshments
- Thursday Evening Dinner (cash bar available)
- Transport and visit to SOLMS-DELTA near Franschoek on Friday, 5 October after lunch. Refreshments will be provided.

Solms-Delta History, Archaeology and Wine tour

Delegates will enjoy a guided tour through the museum that tells the story of Delta farm starting from the very beginnings of human settlement, through pre-colonial pastoral usage of the land, the establishment of private ownership through colonial viticulture, the scars left by slavery and apartheid, and beyond, to the establishment of a democratic South Africa and our hopes for the future. The tour includes a look at the fascinating archaeological sites as well as some of the beautiful Cape buildings that are a lasting testament to the colonists and slaves who built them.

Please visit their website at www.solms-delta.co.za.

Registration fee EXCLUDES:

- Travelling fees
- Accommodation
- Arrangements and payment for accommodation must be done by yourself
- The number of nights you want to reserve is your choice
- Erinvale will reserve a number of single and double rooms for SASHT delegates until **15 August**, so book early to avoid disappointment.
- Airport transfers to and from Cape Town International Airport must be arranged with your venue of accommodation. Please arrange in advance when you make your booking for accommodation.

Payment of Registration:

Registration payments must be done as soon as possible in order to make use of the Early Bird Offer. All payments must be made into the SASHT's savings account.

Payment options:

Direct bank payment or electronic transfer:

A direct payment or an electronic transfer of money into the SASHT savings account is possible. Banking details are as follows:

Account Holder: SASHT

Bank: ABSA Bank (Potchefstroom Branch)

Type of Account: Savings Account

Account Number: 678209406

Please note:

- CLEARLY indicate your payment as **REGISTRATION SASHT OCT2012**. If you also pay a SASHT membership fee of R150 for individuals or R200 for institutions, clearly indicate whose membership it is.
- Please fax proof of payment together with your registration form to Sally Le Roux, fax number (021) 808 2020 or e-mail to mlr1@sun.ac.za.

Payment by cheque:

Send your registration form and cheque (made out to SASHT) to:

The SASHT, Prof. Elize S. van Eeden, School of Basic Sciences, Vaal Triangle Campus, PO Box 1174, North West University Vanderbijlpark 1900.

General queries (registration and SASHT membership):

Any inquiries with regard to SASHT membership can be sent to the SASHT secretariat Dr Susan Bester at sjbdok@telkomsa.net or 10618635@nwu.ac.za. If you experience any difficulties, please phone her on her cell: 082 293 8709. If you would like to become a SASHT member, please [click here](#) for the Membership form.

Any inquiries with regard to the conference can be sent to Sally Le Roux at mlr1@sun.ac.za.