

**CRIMSA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE:
16 – 18 AUGUST 2023**

THEME: “*Crime and victim studies: Post-pandemic developments*”

**VENUE: Misty Hills Country Hotel, Conference Centre & Spa, Muldersdrift,
Johannesburg, South Africa**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINE

The 2023 CRIMSA Biennial Conference aims to provide a crime and applied criminal justice research forum for the broad criminological sciences, victimology and applied criminal justice studies where academics, practitioners and researchers from the many disciplines that interact with the broader criminal justice system (such as police, courts, prison officials, private security officers, victims of crime/trauma counsellors, social workers, probationers, lawyers, prosecutors and all other allied practitioners) can present, discuss and share knowledge, research findings, works-in-progress, practical work experiences and theorise about issues concerning crime and all other related aspects (a multidisciplinary approach is welcomed). Come and share your knowledge and experiences with a wider audience and use this opportunity to meet and network with people from other specialist criminal justice and criminology fields and research focus areas. Students are encouraged to submit paper abstracts drawn from their postgraduate studies. Group presentations are also encouraged. Like the 2019 conference, there will be a pre-conference colloquium for emerging scholars on 15 August 2023. More details on this will follow.

SUB-THEMES

- Victimology and victim support
- Crime in the digital age/cybercrime
- Corruption crisis in Africa
- Teaching of criminology
- Pandemics and crime
- Environmental crises
- Gender-based violence
- Community Safety and Security

ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

You are invited to submit an abstract of your intended paper presentation. As soon as your abstract has been received it will be submitted to the CRIMSA Biennial Conference 2023 Scientific Committee for review and you will be notified of its acceptance/non-acceptance in due course (normally within three (3) weeks by e-mail).

Your abstract (in the abstract form) of at least 300 words (text body) (in MSWord) can be e-mailed to the CRIMSA conference email: crimsaconference@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES

Submission of abstract: **15 May 2023**.

Final abstract acceptance notification: **02 June 2023**.

Conference registration deadline: **15 July 2023**. Register **online ONLY** at:

<https://forms.office.com/r/2LEEb75aGu>

PRESENTATION TYPES

You have a choice to either submit an abstract for an oral presentation (i.e., PowerPoint), poster presentation or both. Oral presentations will be allocated 20 minutes (15min for the presentation and 5min for questions and answers). Posters will not be allocated time for presentation, there will be a separate exhibition for posters.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

In addition to the abstract, please provide the Conference Scientific Committee with the following information:

- A) Insert a recent photo. Title of paper (should clearly and succinctly reflect the paper's content); presenting author's title and full name and surname; institutional/organisational affiliation; department and position or whether a student; Tel/cell no; e-mail address. Any co-author's name/s with same information as required above. (See Abstract Form on website). Provide an abstract (in MSWord) of at least 300 words (text only excluding title and author information).
- B) The abstract should begin on a separate page (next page) following the author (s) details.
- C) The abstract should not merely be an introduction.
 - Empirically driven abstracts should clearly outline the research objectives/aim, theoretical foregrounding, methods employed, main findings, conclusions and value of study to research and practice. (Please do not include any detailed graphs or tables in the abstract).
 - Position or non-empirically driven abstracts should clearly outline the main aim, key issues argued, conclusion and value of discourse to research and practice.
 - Practice/Experience reflective based abstracts should outline the problem, impact, practical application of measures implemented, interventions etc.

Please indicate a maximum of **two** disciplines/sub-disciplines the paper generally falls into: (e.g. criminology; penology; victimology; policing; criminal justice; restorative justice; security, crime prevention; other (specify).

- D) If it is a work-in-progress or based on current post-graduate studies please indicate as such (please see information in point C above, but without the findings).

Authors may submit a maximum of **two** single or co-authored abstracts, but the organising committee reserves the right to accept only one of these if there are insufficient spaces available on the programme.



Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance of abstracts will be sent to respective authors by CRIMSA Scientific Committee within 3 weeks of abstract submission.

Authors of accepted abstracts are required to register for the conference and email PowerPoint presentations to crimsasouthafrica@gmail.com by **24 July 2023**. All communications with the scientific committee and submissions will be from and to abstract submitting author only, unless otherwise instructed.

POST CONFERENCE PUBLICATION

There is no need to send your full paper to the conference organisers before the actual conference, since there will be no Conference Special Edition of the Society's journal to be published based on submission and acceptance of abstracts of papers presented at the CRIMSA Conference 2023. Therefore, it is not mandatory to prepare a full paper before the conference. However, presenters of completed studies and discourses will be encouraged to submit their full papers for consideration for publication in the **General Editions** of *Acta Criminologica: African Journal of Criminology and Victimology*. We would encourage authors to submit their publications to *Acta Criminologica* within a month after the conference. Authors must adhere strictly to the editorial rules and author guidelines of the journal (available on the website at: [Acta Criminologica - CRIMSA](#)) and the submitted papers will undergo the standard peer review processes for a regular edition. The Editorial Team of *Acta Criminologica* will be present at the conference for any queries.