

# IBSC Conference - Cape Town 2015



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## IBSC Conference 2015 7 - 10 July 2015 | Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA

Conference information pack:  
Everything you need to know to plan your conference trip



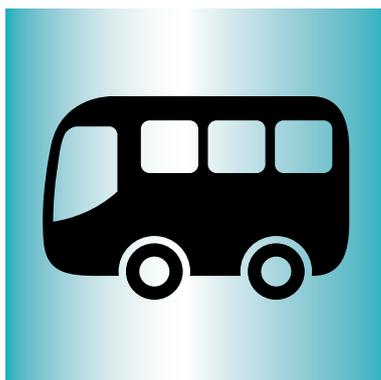
### Conference venue

The conference takes place at Diocesan College, or Bishops, as it is more commonly known.

Address:

Campground Road, Rondebosch, 7700, Cape Town, South Africa

GPS Coordinates: -33° 57' 43.60", +18° 28' 37.81"



### Travel and transfers

If you have booked an airport transfer, you will be met at the airport by a conference representative. Look out for the IBSC logo and/or banner.

If you have not booked an airport transfer, but you do require transfers, please send an email to [jacquib@millenniumtravel.co.za](mailto:jacquib@millenniumtravel.co.za)

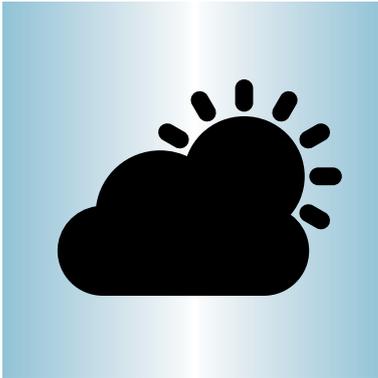
If you have booked accommodation through XL Millennium, at one of the hotels listed by XL Millennium, there will be transfers between the hotel and the conference venue.



## Dress code

The dress code for the conference, dinners included, is business-casual/ smart casual (slacks or skirts, blouses or shirts, and optional sweaters and blazers for women; and slacks, collared shirts and optional blazers or sweaters for men).

Remember that July is winter in Cape Town, so you will need warm clothing, especially if you are planning to venture outdoors, such as going to the top of Table Mountain. (See 'Weather'.)



## Weather

The Western Cape gets most of its rain in winter, with quite a few days of cloudy, rainy weather. However, these are often interspersed with wonderful sunny days. It is best, though, to bring warm clothes, especially if you will be outdoors. You may well experience a few showers during your stay. You will be provided with an umbrella on registration.

The month of July sees daily high temperatures around 17°C (63°F), seldom exceeding 23°C (73°F) or dropping below 14°C (57°F). Evenings cool down to around 7°C (44°F), so don't forget to bring a jacket.



## Safety and security

Like any other part of the world, be careful with personal possessions and travel documents in cities and other popular tourist destinations in South Africa.

- Luggage and other personal items left in unattended vehicles and identifiable hire cars may be targeted.
- Take particular care when walking at night in some of the bigger city centres such as Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town.
- Do not give your luggage to anyone at airports or hotels and do not leave it unattended.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Keep passports, tickets and large sums of cash in a safety deposit box or hotel safe. It's a good idea to travel with certified photocopies of your valuable documents, keeping the originals in a safe place.
- As elsewhere, fraudsters like to operate at international airports, hotels, bus and railway stations.
- Be vigilant at tourist attraction sites; local authorities recommend you travel in a group and take appropriate precautions.



## Health

While there are risks anywhere you travel, South Africa has high levels of hygiene, health care and water treatment which make it a pretty safe destination.

Medical facilities in cities and larger towns are world-class, and offer specialist services by highly skilled professionals. Pharmacies are well stocked, and equivalents to most international medicines are available. Pharmacists may not dispense drugs without a prescription, so if you are on chronic medication you should carry your own prescription.

In urban areas, tap water is of high quality and safe to drink, but bottled water is readily available if you prefer.



## Money, currency, forex, credit cards

### Currency

The currency unit is the Rand, which is divided into cents. The current rate is approximately US\$ 1 : R12.00

We recommend that you do your currency exchange into Rands before you leave the airport, or at a reputable bank or foreign exchange agency.

### How far will my money go?

A long way. With a favourable exchange rate against major international currencies, you'll find South Africa an inexpensive destination.

A standard coffee in a good café or restaurant will cost approximately R20.00 (US\$1.62).

### Credit cards

Credit cards are widely accepted. Visa and MasterCard are accepted almost everywhere; American Express and Diners Club are also accepted, but not as widely.

### Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs)

ATMs are widely used for the withdrawal of cash, and can be found almost everywhere across Cape Town, including the V&A Waterfront, major hotels, shopping centres and petrol stations.

Users of ATMs should be vigilant to ensure that their Personal Identification Numbers (PINs) are not observed by others when withdrawing money. Offers of assistance from bystanders should be refused.

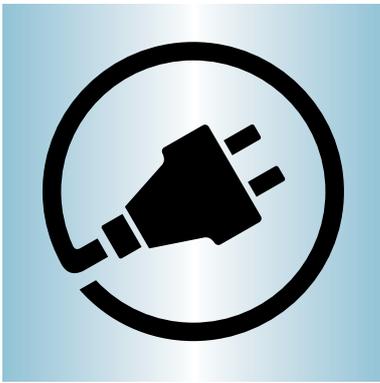
There are two ATMs within 100 metres of Bishops.

### Major Banks in South Africa

**Standard Bank** <http://www.standardbank.co.za/>

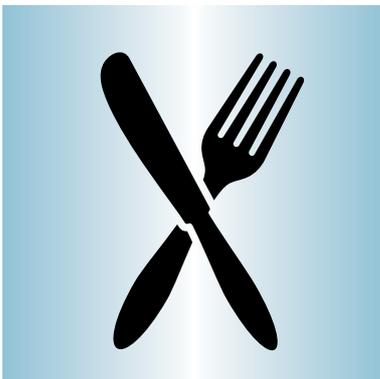
**First National Bank** <https://www.fnb.co.za/>

**ABSA** <http://www.absa.co.za/absacoza/>



## Electricity

The South African electricity supply is 220/230 volts AC 50 Hz. Plugs have either 3 large round pins, or two small round pins. Travel adapters are readily available for purchase.



## Restaurants

Cape Town is a culinary paradise, with an enormous range of eateries. High to outstanding standards of food, wine and service are the norm, at amazingly low prices by international standards. Cape Town city centre, the V&A Waterfront, the Cape Quarter and surrounding areas offer a wide range of excellent restaurant options.



## Tipping

As a rough guide, a 10% tip is around the norm in restaurants, but it is not obligatory. The tipping of other service providers, such as porters, house-keeping and taxi drivers is at your own discretion.



## Smoking

Smoking is banned in all enclosed public spaces; these include airports, restaurants, shopping centres and hotels. There are usually designated areas where people can smoke.



## **Staying connected**

Delegates are offered free wi-fi internet connection at most conference venues. There are also a number of tourist spots, cafés and restaurants offering wi-fi hotspots.

Many hotels offer wi-fi, but this may be at an additional cost. The following free wi-fi is offered to those staying at hotels booked through XL Millennium:

Breakwater Lodge - Unlimited

Portswood – 700mb per day

Commodore – 700mb per day

Southern Sun Waterfront – 500mb per day

Cullinan – 500mb per day

Table Bay – Unlimited

**For more information on visiting South Africa,  
take a look at the South Africa Info website:**

**<http://www.southafrica.info>**