



# South African Society of Archivists

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

Date: July 2023, Nelspruit, Mpumalanga Province, South Africa

### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

#### Theme:

*Information hygiene in archives and records management in the Fourth Industrial Revolution era*

Falsification of information is rife across different platforms including those created and kept through social media. The question is whether information managed in the offices of origin and archival repositories is free from this peril. What are the institutions doing to ensure hygiene of the information and records throughout the life cycle? Are there some processes, activities, or functions undertaken to ascertain, prevent, and rectify falsification in records from creation to disposal? Do the records housed in repositories reflect the reality or true story of what happened in the past? What do archives and records management practitioners do to point out some hygiene in the information they receive, manage and archive? Information with no appropriate hygiene may be misleading to users including researchers, historians, decision makers, and problem solvers. The lack of information hygiene may provide an untruthful memory and mislead future generations about their heritage. Information hygiene is characterised by information completeness, accuracy, authenticity, truthfulness, and trustworthiness among others.

Papers on topics that address the theme of the conference, and the following sub-themes will be considered for inclusion in the conference programme. Accepted papers will be considered for publication in the Journal of South African Society of Archivists, provided the authors submit full papers.

#### Sub-themes:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution
- Advocacy
- COVID-19 pandemic
- Education and training
- Skills and experience
- Infrastructure
- Innovation
- Legislation
- Oral history
- Preservation & access
- Safety & Security
- Privacy & Confidentiality
- Social media records & archive
- Disaster management
- Technology
- Data curation & management
- Digitalization
  - Digital records forensics
  - Digital transformation
  - Disruptive technologies
  - Data science

Practice-based papers, panel discussions, and posters are encouraged. **NB:** candidate need to indicate in the abstract whether the submission is for full presentation, panel discussion or poster presentation.

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#### Abstract format

##### Title of abstract

Name and surname:

Affiliation:

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Abstract: (strictly not more than 300 words)

Type of presentation: *Full paper, panel discussion, or poster*

#### Due date 1 March 2023

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