



*Fifth International Conference of
the Pan African Fish and Fisheries Association (PAFFA5)
African Fish and Fisheries: Diversity, Conservation and Sustainable Management
Bujumbura, Burundi, 16-20 September 2013*

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Introduction

The International and local organizing committee members would like to thank all those who responded to our call for participation in this fifth PAFFA conference. We have received very encouraging responses from five of the six continents; we have received 182 abstracts to be presented by 142 contributors from 34 different countries.

These abstracts will be presented in either oral or poster form and 6 plenary lectures are expected to be delivered. The number of abstracts of the papers to be presented to under each theme is presented in a table. We have also prepared a preliminary program of the meeting.

The time allocated for each plenary lecture is 40 minutes (30-35 minutes for presentation and 5-10 minutes for discussion) while 20 minutes is available for oral presentation (15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion). Please note that if your oral presentation is in French, the written power point should be in English.

There are sessions allotted for poster presentation and authors need to be around their posters during these periods. Posters need to be in place at the Royal Palace Hotel on the afternoon of Sunday, 15 September 2013. Poster sizes should not be more than 1.20 m (height) and 0.90 m (width).

During the registration, an identification tag that allows access to the conference services and a kit containing the booklet of abstracts and stationery will be made available upon presentation of registration fees payment proof.

For more detailed information about conference themes or any other matter related to the conference, you may refer to the second announcement. We can resend the second announcement upon request.

Table 1: Number of abstracts to be presented

	Oral	Posters	Total
Theme 1: Fish systematic, biodiversity research and data management	40	26	66
Theme 2: Biology, ecology and behavior	23	5	28
Theme 3: Aquatic conservation and management	22	9	31
Theme 4: Fish and food security in the 21-st century in Africa	23	16	39
Tanganyika session	13	5	17
Total	121	61	182



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Program Overview:

Friday , September 13th, 2013

Saturday, September, 14th, 2013

Receiving participants at Bujumbura International Airport

Sunday, September 15th, 2013

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Monday, September 16th, 2013

8:15-9:00 am	Registration Chairpersons' session meeting (Bus leaves hotels at 8:00 am)
9:00-10:30 am	Opening ceremony
10:30-11:00 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-11:40 am	Plenary lecture I (African Fish and Fisheries: PARADI to PAFFA, the last 25 years, M.L.J. Stiassny)
11:40 am-12:20 pm	Plenary lecture II (African ichthyology: lessons learned, challenges accepted Prof. Jos Snoeks & Dr. Emmanuel Vreven)
12:30-1:50 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00-4:00 pm	Parallel sessions
4:00-4:30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:30-5:30 pm	Poster session
6:00-8:00 pm	Official reception Cocktail (Royal Palace Hotel, Bus leaves hotel at 8:15 pm)

Tuesday, September 17th, 2013

8:15-8:30 am	Chair persons' session meeting (Bus leaves hotel at 8:00 am)
8:30-9:10 am	Plenary lecture III (Poissons d'Afrique et peuples de l'eau -l'importance symbolique des poissons dans les sociétés africaines— Dr. Christian Lévêque)
9:20-10:00 am	Parallel sessions
10:00-10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 am-13:00 pm	Parallel sessions
1:00 – 2:20 pm	<i>Lunch</i>



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2:20-4:00 pm Parallel sessions
4:00-4:30 pm *Coffee break*
4:30-5:30 pm Poster session
(Bus leaves hotel at 6:00 pm)

Wednesday, September 18th, 2013

8:30—9:10 am Plenary lecture IV (Lake Tanganyika biodiversity, threats on it, and
current conservation strategies, G. Ntakimazi & M. Van der Knaap)
9:20-10:00 am Parallel sessions
10:00-10:30 am Coffee break and Group Photo in front of the Royal Palace
Hotel
10:30 am-1:00 pm Trip to Nyanza Lac, Lake Tanganyika southern shore in Burundi
1:00-1:30 pm Visit of the lakes
1:00-2:30 pm *Lunch at East African Hotel at Nyanza Lac*
3:00 pm Return trip to Bujumbura

Thursday, September 19th, 2013

8:15-8:30 am Chair persons' session meeting
(Bus leaves hotel at 8:00 am)
8:30-9:10 am Plenary lecture V (Hyperdiverse freshwater ichthyofaunas in Africa and
the Neotropics; overview and comparisons. RP Vari)
9:20-10:00 am Parallel sessions
10:00-10:30 am *Coffee break*
10:30 am-1:00 pm Parallel sessions
1:00 – 2:20 pm *Lunch*
2:20-4:00 pm Parallel sessions
4:00-4:30 pm *Coffee break*
4:30-5:30 pm Poster session
(Bus leaves the Royal Palace Hotel at 6:00 pm)
(Bus leaves hotel at 7:00 pm)
7:30 pm-10:00 *Conference Banquet* (place to be confirmed)
(Bus leaves banquet place at 10:15 pm)

Friday, September 20th, 2013

8:15-8:30 am Chair persons' session meeting
(Bus leaves hotel at 8:00 am)



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8:30-9:10 am	Plenary lecture VI (The role of multi-disciplinary aquatic research in enhancing conservation and co-management of aquatic ecosystems in East Africa, Wanja Dorothy)
9:20-10:00 am	Parallel sessions
10:00-10:30 am	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 am-1:00 pm	Parallel sessions
1:00 – 2:20 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
2:20-4:00 pm	PAFFA general meeting and closing
4:00-4:30 pm	<i>Coffee break</i>
4:30 pm	Departure

Saturday, September 21st, 2013 All Day Departure

Sunday, September 22nd, 2013 All Day Departure

Detailed programs with titles of abstracts and names of presenters will follow soon.

Travel and reception:

There will be transport facility to receive and take every one of you to your hotel from the airport at any time provided that you have indicated your travel details. For any problem at the airport you may call: Sibomana Claver (75902856), Niyonkuru Charles (71600644)

Visa

Delegates are responsible for their own Visa arrangements. Please check with your local travel agent to see if a Visa is required to enter Burundi. For those who have sent their passport details to the local organizing committee to obtain a temporary entry, a response will be sent soon; in this case you may receive visa at the international airport in Bujumbura.

Climate and clothes

The weather will be fine during the Conference. Temperatures will range between 23 and 28°C.

Health

It is recommended that you take yellow fever, hepatitis and meningitis vaccinations and bring malaria prophylaxis. Bujumbura is located at relatively low altitude (800 m above sea level) and there is a risk of tropical diseases.



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Registration

Those of you who haven't registered could register with late registration fees on Sunday afternoon at the Royal Palace Hotel (recommended) and Monday morning at the same place. Registration ticket will be requested to have a swipe in card for the conference rooms.

Accommodation

Delegates are responsible to arrange their own accommodation by contacting the Hotels directly. The list of hotels is, again, attached to this announcement. When that is difficult you may contact the local organizing committee to do the arrangement for you.

About cash money

Credit cards are accepted only in some banks in Burundi. So, bringing cash in dollars is a recommendation to avoid financial problems during the meeting.

Pre and post conference excursion

Pre and Post-conference excursions can be organized by contacting the local organizing committee or any local travel agency.