

Stellenbosch, 2 May 2017

To IntACT management team,

**RE: ICTMS2019 Stellenbosch**

We would like to bid for hosting the ICTMS2019 conference in Stellenbosch, South Africa. So first of all we start with some images of Stellenbosch and Cape Town, these are the main reasons you should consider us:



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When we present our bid personally at ICTMS2017, there will be more pictures to persuade you. For now we make the formal application below:

As Stellenbosch is a university town only 60 km from Cape Town, it is ideally suited to hosting an international conference of the stature of ICTMS. Not only do visitors benefit from the small-town academic setting but Stellenbosch is also famous for its wine farms and beautiful surroundings. Nearby is Cape Town with Table Mountain being one of the seven wonders of the world. Many other tourist attractions make Cape Town and the surrounding areas an excellent tourist destination. Cape Town was recently voted best city in the world in the Telegraph annual awards: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/news/telegraph-travel-awards-2015-16-winners/>

Making use of conference facilities existing at Stellenbosch University will enable simplicity in organizing the conference (see [http://stias.ac.za/catering\\_unlimited/venues\\_CU.html](http://stias.ac.za/catering_unlimited/venues_CU.html)). We hosted a national CT conference here successfully in 2015 – the IMGRAD (Imaging with Radiation conference). Transport from the airport can be provided by shuttle services, or delegates can rent their own cars. Ample excellent accommodation options exist in Stellenbosch. The conference budget will be identical to the Lund conference and we will seek sponsorships to enable a high quality conference dinner event, interactive poster session with drinks and possibly a trip onto Table Mountain by Cableway. Imagine the conference photo on Table Mountain !

Due to the distance I would imagine less attendance than the Lund conference, but there is a significant and growing research community in South Africa in X-ray tomography, and this conference would allow more local researchers to attend than otherwise possible, including students in many diverse research areas. Local organising committee would be including

Dr Anton du Plessis  
Mr Stephan Le Roux  
Dr Chris Broeckhoven (Biology)  
Prof Marena Manley (Food Science)  
Prof Igor Yadroitsev (Mechanical Engineering)  
Prof Linus Opara (Post-harvest technology)  
Prof Abraham Rozendaal (Geology)  
Dr Elke Crouch (Horticulture)  
Prof Danie Hattingh (Mechanical Engineering)  
Mr Frikkie de Beer (NECSA)

Yours Faithfully,



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