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**RE: Invitation to participate in the 7<sup>th</sup> International Barcode of Life Conference, South Africa**

Dear Prof Xin Zhou,

The African Centre for DNA Barcoding, on behalf of the International Scientific Steering Committee cordially invites you to participate as a speaker at the upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> International Barcode of Life Conference ([dnabarcodes2017.org](http://dnabarcodes2017.org)), 20 – 24 November 2017. The venue for the hosting of this prestigious event will be the Nombolo Mdhluli Conference Centre, Skukuza, located within the Kruger National Park, South Africa.

A series of International Barcode of Life Conferences have been held every other year since 2005. Prior meetings have been hosted by cities spanning five continents, however this is the first time this event will be held on the African continent. We expect attendance to be the highest ever; in the area of 600 delegates and 500 speakers. The major theme of the conference is exploring mega-diverse biotas with DNA barcodes. A series of presentations and workshops will focus on the use of DNA to understand diversity patterns and ecological processes in species-rich and complicated ecosystems. The conference also provides a general forum for presentations, posters and discussion on the wider field of DNA barcoding.

Please also note that abstract submission has been extended to the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2017. Furthermore, I also would like to request your assistance in spreading the word through your institutional, professional, and national networks of colleagues that abstract submissions have been extended.

We look forward to your participation in the conference and sincerely hope that you enjoy your visit to South Africa.

Best wishes,



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