

PESTBIZ 2010 - GREENER, SAFER PEST CONTROL

The South African Pest Control Association (SAPCA) will be flying the green flag during this year's PestBiz Convention to be held in Bloemfontein on 18 and 19 August. This is in line with the industry's policy to provide quality pest management together with its responsibility to improve the environment and ensure a healthier population.

'Pesticides that should no longer be used' is the title of well-known local expert, Dr Gerrit Verdoorn's lecture. Other keynote speakers include Sharon Hughes, who will be discussing rodent management and Rob Fryatt, who will take a look at green initiatives and their impact on the environment.

Guest speaker Bob Rosenburg of the National Pest Management Association of America will introduce his South African audience to the Global Green programme. SAPCA was recently affiliated to this American association.

Representatives from the department of agriculture and the food safety and environmental industry will also be attending.

Pathogen and Environmental Solutions and Coopers Environmental Science will add to the attraction of the event with prizes for lucky participants. These include a 3 night cruise for two to Portuguese Island and a motorised sprayer worth R15 000.

The cost of the convention is as follows SAPCA members pay R1500 for early bird registrations and R1800 for late registrations. Non members pay R1800 for early bird registrations and R2100 for late registrations. Bookings for Pestbiz 2010 can be made by phoning the South African Pest Control Association on **086 111 4556** or by visiting their website: www.sapca.org.za.