

Dear All,

With the abstract submission deadline looming, it would be a good idea to also think about whether you would like to attend the pre-conference workshop and let us know. Please contact KimiChapelle if you are interested in attending. We need to know numbers in order to book the correct venue.

Kind Regards  
Jennifer

Details below:

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP ON R

The pre-conference workshop will be held on Tuesday 3rd July 2018 at 9:00am and will be conducted at the University of the FreeState. It will be presented by Professor Jonah Choiniere and Ms Kimberley Chapelle from the University of the Witwatersrand and will entail a short course on the statistical programming language R for quantitative palaeobiology.

Participants will learn the skills necessary to import and manage datasets, develop custom scripts to conduct evolutionary analysis and implement an array of useful optional packages for quantification of shape and form in a temporally calibrated, systematic framework.

See <https://www.r-project.org/about.html> for more.

**NB - PLEASE NOTE:** attendees will be required to **bring their own laptops** to the workshop. Organizers will provide a download package with all required software.

The workshop is free of charge.

Email [kimi.chapelle@gmail.com](mailto:kimi.chapelle@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.