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Dear Partners

It is my pleasure to invite your students to the AC21 2019 International Graduate School at Stellenbosch University (SU), which is scheduled from 12 – 21 July 2019. The theme is:

"Invasion Science for society: hands-on experience of environmental, social and economic impacts of alien species"

The facilitators are members and associates of SU's Centre for Invasion Biology (C·I·B), a national centre of excellence funded by the Department of Science and Technology and the National Research Foundation – www.sun.ac.za/cib.

The seven-day programme will be conducted in a rural field camp and will include daily workshops, lectures and field excursions into the unique and invaded fynbos biome. It will be a fantastic opportunity to gain practical experience and unique understanding of invasions from world leaders in invasion science. The trans-disciplinary IGS will appeal to post-graduate students of environmental sciences or those interested in the social and economic impacts of invasive species.

For more information, please visit the AC21 website or contact me at rk@sun.ac.za. I will then refer you to the academics involved or the organisation team.

Please collect your application by **16 April 2019** and forward your 4 nominations to us by **26 April 2019** at shortprogrammes@sun.ac.za. We will select participants in collaboration with the C·I·B to bring together a group of 32 students for the programme.

Your students can read about the Fynbos Biome and the Cape Floral Kingdom, the smallest of the six Floral Kingdoms in the world (http://pza.sanbi.org/vegetation/fynbos-biome) or they can join the 2019 AC21 IGS and experience it first-hand! We welcome them to the Western Cape and South Africa!

Best regards,

Robert Kotzé
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