

**THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF BEHAVIOURAL
DEVELOPMENT (ISSBD)**

13TH AFRICAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

20-23 August, 2019

Venue – University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe

**Theme: Digitizing Behavioural Observation in Resource Limited Settings by Early- to
Mid-Career Scholars in Africa**

Interested individuals are invited to submit their applications to take part in the 13th ISSBD African Regional Workshop to be held from 20th to 23rd August, 2019 at The University of Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe.

Workshop Objectives

The aims of this workshop will be to provide a forum where junior scholars can meet and learn from senior scholars who have outstanding publishing backgrounds. Specifically, the objectives of the workshop will be to:

- Methods of research on behavioural observation in resource limited settings
- Interdisciplinary and Multicultural Approaches to behavioural observation in resource limited settings
- Developing digital and ICT based behavioural observation instruments/ techniques, procedures and processes in resource limited settings
- Use of social media, smart phones in behavioural observation and interventions
- Digitizing behavioural observation in resource limited settings
- Writing, publishing and dissemination of research findings
- Practicals on how to capture videos, simultaneously code, analyse multiple videos and integrate them in reports.
- Publishing and reviewing in academic outlets.
- Ways to communicate research through press releases, media interviews, conference presentations, manuscript submissions, and public policy.
- Provide an opportunity for learning about theoretical and methodological issues related to digitising behavioural observation through presentations from senior scholars
- Facilitate identification of gaps in research on digitised behavioural observation in resource limited settings and stimulate further research in this area by young scholars
- Provide a forum for training early career scholars on digitized research methods and procedures
- Provide early career scholars the opportunity to present some of their ongoing research projects and receive feedback and guidance
- Train early career scholars on how to prepare and present posters and papers for international conferences

- Train early career scholars on how to prepare research proposals for international funding
- Provide an opportunity for the scholars to network
- Provide an interactive forum for early career scholars via poster workshops, panel discussions and meet the scientist sessions
- Boost membership of the ISSBD

Participants

The expected participants are Early and Mid career scholars in human development—that is, individuals who are undertaking their graduate studies such as a PhD and individuals who received a masters or PhD research degree within the past seven years. In line with ISSBD, ECSs are scholars of human development who are either working towards a PhD or whose PhD has been awarded less than 7 years ago. Most early career scholars are undergraduate students, graduate/PhD students, postdocs, or junior faculty members. They are thus in the early stage of their careers.

Interested individuals are expected to apply to attend the workshop. Applicants are expected to provide:

- (a) A letter of intent to participate in the workshop
- (b) an abstract of 250 words describing their current or completed research work
- (c) a three (3) page curriculum vitae and
- (d) a reference letter from a senior scientist who is familiar with their research work.

Completed applications must be received by 15th July, 2019 and selected applicants will be notified by 31st July, 2019.

Successful applicants arriving from outside Zimbabwe will receive travel grants which will cover the costs of return air tickets from a major airport in their home country to Zimbabwe's Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport. Shuttle services from Robert Gabriel Mugabe International Airport to the workshop venue will be provided and meals and accommodation during the workshop will also be catered for. However, participants will be expected to pay for any travel costs to and from the airport in their home country. In addition, participants requiring visas will be expected to pay for the visas and obtain the visas from the relevant authorities.

Workshop Venue and Structure of the Workshop

The venue for the workshop is the Diamond Lecture Theatre Conference Centre which is located within University of Zimbabwe in Zimbabwe. The workshop will run for three days from 20th to 23rd August 2019 and will have formal presentations and interactive sessions. There will be presentations on research related to digitizing behavioural observation in resource limited settings and training workshops and meet-the-senior scientist sessions. In addition, the early career scholars will be expected to present a poster of some of their current or past research. Commendations by a panel of judges for the best posters presented will be awarded. Workshop themes include:

- Digitizing methods of research on behavioural observation in resource limited settings
- Writing, publishing and dissemination of research findings
- Practical applications of research

There will be no registration fee for the workshop but all the workshop participants will be expected to renew their annual ISSBD subscription. Non-ISSBD members will be encouraged

to join the ISSBD and requested to pay an equivalent of \$5 which will be submitted to the ISSBD as their membership fee.

Interested individuals should send their complete applications as email attachments to the following email address:

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Contact Address

Dr. Gwatirera Javangwe, Department of Psychology, University of Zimbabwe

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Mr. Samson Mhizha Department of Psychology, University of Zimbabwe

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Please submit the following required documents:

- (i) A completed application form;
- (ii) A completed abstract submission form (optional);
- (iii) A two-page curriculum vitae
- (iv) reference letter from a senior scholar familiar your work

Please send your abstract submission form together with other application materials as a single PDF file. If that is not possible, use MS Word and name each document using your last name as the first word of the file name (Example: Shavira-Application-Form.doc; Shavira-Abstract-Form.doc; Shavira-CV.doc)

Please e-mail your application materials to:

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Workshop Co-hosts

Dr. Gwatirera Javangwe

Mr Samson Mhizha

Sub-Committees

- ***Scientific and Programme Committee (Including Abstract Review Committee)***

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