



**EMBRACING THE FUTURE OF HERITAGE PRESERVATION
IN SOUTH AFRICA SYMPOSIUM 22 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2008**

The South African Preservation and Conservation Group (SAPCON) is organising a strategic symposium to guide the group's positioning in the heritage sector as a contributor to the preservation of the national heritage of South Africa. The Symposium will be followed by the Conservation Excursion to Pilgrims Rest where members will be undertaking professional conservation and preservation work on the museum's collections.

SAPCON is a group of professionals who are practitioners in various disciplines of heritage preservation and conservation and would like to see the group playing a more participative role and move away from the traditional interested parties approach it had since the 1980s.

The purpose for the symposium is to get guidance from the heritage sector as to how the group can move forward and play a more meaningful role to fulfil the needs of the sector. Speakers at the Symposium will range from heritage managers and practitioners, conservators and founder members of SAPCON.

The symposium will start on the 22nd of September and will continue on the morning of the 23rd, followed by the group's annual general meeting in the afternoon. Participants interested in the Conservation excursion will then leave for Pilgrims Rest on the morning of the 24th to come back on the 26th.

The excursion to Pilgrims Rest will be a working one and participants will be working at the museum and archive collections of the Pilgrims Rest Museum under the guidance of professional conservators and heritage experts. A separate registration will be required for the Conservation Excursion.