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8 TH AUSTIN ROBERTS MEMORIAL LECTURE BY MARTIN PICKFORD, COLLÈGE DE FRANCE, PARIS AT DITSONG NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

DITSONG National Museum of Natural History will again host the Austing Roberts memorial lecture on 18 October 2011 at 18h30. The lecture will highlight the outstanding scientific research on mammals and /or birds by the late Dr Roberts.

The Austin Roberts Lecture series was inaugurated in 1983 to commemorate the memory of Dr Austin Roberts, who dedicated 38 years of his life to working at the Museum. The Lecture series has functioned to expose South African audiences to the best researchers undertaking work on African mammals and birds. As the largest Natural History Museum in Africa, the DITSONG National Museum of Natural History takes seriously its responsibility of show-casing the best zoological research on the continent and the institution is also proud of the fact that we are the only South African Museum to feature such an annual event.

WHEN: Tuesday, 18th October, 2011

WHERE: Main Auditorium, DITSONG National Museum of Natural History (ex-Transvaal Museum), Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria

TIME: 18h30 onwards

PARKING: Safe parking is available in the museum parking area (Minaar Street)

REFRESHMENTS: Drinks and light snacks will be served after the lecture

COST: Entry is free, but booking is required

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