

# 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE GRASSLAND SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Incorporating the Fifth Research Skills Workshop  
and a Short Course on Fire Management in  
South Africa – Policy and Practice with a  
Practical Field Demonstration

14h00 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014 until  
17h00 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Phillip Sanders Resort and Conference Centre  
Verkeerdevlei Road, Bloemfontein, Free State Province, South Africa

## SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT & PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Prof Jonathan Jansen, Vice-Chancellor, University of the Free State will be delivering the Keynote Address at the Opening of the Congress on the evening of Monday 21 July 2014, following the Presidential Address by Dr Igshaan Samuels, Agricultural Research Council – Animal Production Institute. The Congress will incorporate the highly acclaimed **Research Skills Workshop to be held from 20 to 21 July 2014** as well as the extremely popular short course on **Fire Management in South Africa – Policy and Practice on Friday 25 July 2014**.

### TUES 22 JULY

**Keynote Addresses:** A new vegetation map for the Free State: A tool for better biodiversity management, Prof Johann du Preez, University of the Free State, Strategic institutional review of the wildlife ranching industry, Dr Gert Dry, Wildlife Ranching South Africa and Developing and delivering a range science and management curriculum to meet stakeholder needs, Dr John Taylor, Australian Rangeland Society & Primary Industries Education Foundation, Australia  
**General Sessions:** Rangeland Monitoring and Management and Wildlife  
**Interactive Feedback Session:** Research Proposal Posters  
**Workshops:** Curriculum Development in Grassland Science and Policy Debate Forum: Enablers and Barriers to Implementing Communal Rangeland Policy  
**Annual General Meeting** of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa  
**DINNER** with Stargazing at Boyden Observatory

### WED 23 JULY

**Keynote Addresses:** Alien invasives in rangelands, Dr Colleen Seymour, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and At Your Fingertips! Worldwide Rangelands Information from the Rangelands Partnership, Dr Barbara Hutchinson, University of Arizona, USA  
**General Sessions:** Bush Encroachment and Invasives and Animal Nutrition  
**Cultivated Pastures Tour** to Umpukane, Clocolan  
**Mid-Congress Tours:** Cactus Pear (Opuntia) Trials at Waterkloof, Amanzi Private Game Reserve, Free State National Botanical Garden and Kwaggafontein: ecology of the endangered Bloemfontein Dry Grassland, Central Free State  
**DINNER:** Cheese & Wine Function: Launch of the Special Issue of the AJRFS: Bush Encroachment - changes, causes, consequences and cures

### THURS 24 JULY

**Keynote Addresses:** Mainstreaming biodiversity in the grasslands biome – smoke and mirrors or gains at scale?, Ms Anthea Stephens and Mr Mahlodi Tau, South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and Soil organic matter accumulation, composition and function under intensive pastures and crops in KwaZulu-Natal, Dr Neil Miles, South African Sugarcane Research Institute (SASRI)  
**General Sessions:** Rangeland Monitoring and Management, Ecological Processes, Climate Change, Remote Sensing, Pasture Systems, Management and Animal Nutrition and Production Potential of Planted Pastures  
**Special Session:** Soil Carbon for Sustainable Pasture Production  
**Industry Liaison Workshop:** Pastures, Seed and Fertilisers  
**GALA DINNER**

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

ABSTRACTS (Research Proposal Posters)	12 MAY 2014	FIRE COURSE REG & PAYMENT CLOSES	18 JUL 2014
C49 & RSW2014 PAYMENTS	11 JUL 2014	LATE PAYMENTS	22 AUG 2014
C49 & RSW2014 REGISTRATION CLOSSES	11 JUL 2014		

REGISTRATION COSTS (including VAT)	FULL-TIME STUDENTS	OTHER DELEGATES
<b>Research Skills Workshop</b> <i>(includes accommodation and all meals from Sunday lunch until Monday afternoon tea, plus workshop materials)</i>	R 2 200.00	R 2 860.00
<b>Research Skills Workshop Day Delegate</b> <i>(Sunday lunch and afternoon tea, Monday lunch and two teas, plus workshop materials, NO accommodation)</i>	R 1 500.00	R 2 160.00
<b>Congress 49 Registration: Members</b> <i>(includes accommodation and all meals from Monday supper until Friday breakfast, congress attendance, mid-Congress tour and primary membership of the Society for 2015; members with ANY outstanding fees will be required to register at the non-member rate)</i>	R 5 600.00	R 6 490.00
<b>Congress 49 Registration: Non-Members</b> <i>(includes accommodation and all meals from Monday supper until Friday breakfast, congress attendance, mid-Congress tour and primary membership of the Society for 2015, if desired)</i>	N/A	R 7 095.00
<b>Short Course: Fire Management in South Africa – Legislation, Policy and Practice</b> <i>(includes pre-course refreshments, morning tea and lunch, plus course materials )</i>	R 400.00	R 500.00
<b>Single Accommodation Surcharge</b> <i>(this surcharge guarantees that you will not share a room but may share a bathroom with no more than one other delegate)</i>	N/A	R 1 750.00
<b>Day Delegate</b> <i>(includes teas, lunch and supper on day of attendance; daily rate)</i>	N/A	R 1250.00
<b>Accompanying Persons</b> <i>(includes accommodation and all meals as for delegates)</i>	N/A	R 3025.00
<b>Airport Shuttle</b> <i>(from Bram Fischer to Phillip Sanders return) (VAT exempt)</i>	N/A	R 350.00

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