



GRASSLAND SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
47TH ANNUAL CONGRESS
Club Mykonos, Langebaan, Western Cape
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (16-20 JULY 2012)

Advancing Rangeland Ecology and Pasture Management in Africa

| TIME | PROGRAMME EVENTS as at 25 August 2011 | |
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| Monday, 16 July 2012 | | |
| 08:30-12:30 | GSSA Council Meeting | BestFarmerSA Course: <i>Rangeland Management using the Principles of the Controlled Fodder Flow Grazing Strategy and Animal Behaviour, presented by Riaan Dames</i> |
| 12:30-13:30 | LUNCH | |
| 13:30-17:30 | Registration | BestFarmerSA Course (continues) |
| 18:00-19:30 | Opening Address: To be announced Presidential Address: Dr Wayne Truter, University of Pretoria Keynote Address: To be announced Discussion, Housekeeping, etc. | |
| 19:30 | MEET & GREET | |
| Tuesday, 17 July 2012 | | |
| 07:30-08:30 | Registration (continues) | |
| 08:30-15:00 | Sessions, Symposia, Workshops including but not limited to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous and Alien Invasive Vegetation: Description, Evaluation and Control • Climate Change: Consequences for Agriculture and Biodiversity • Planted Pastures and Other Rehabilitation and Restoration Approaches • Arid and Semi-Arid Rangelands: Dynamics and Desertification • Applying Remote Sensing to Rangeland and Pasture Management • Biodiversity Initiatives and Conservation Planning • Production from Planted Pastures • Past and Future Trends in Vegetation Change • Fracking in South Africa: Update on Implications for Rangelands • Rangelands and People, Policy and Practice • Payment for Ecosystem Services: Putting Rangelands into the Mix • Rangeland Fire Ecology • Plant-Herbivore Interactions on Natural Rangelands and Cultivated Pastures • Improving Pasture Production with Legumes and Minimum Till • Strategies for Animal Nutrition on Natural Rangelands and Cultivated Pastures | |
| 15:00-15:30 | TEA | |
| 15:30-17:30 | Annual General Meeting of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa | |
| 18:30 | DINNER | |
| Wednesday, 18 July 2012 | | |
| 08:00-08:30 | Registration (continues) | |
| 08:30-13:00 | Sessions, Symposia and Workshops | |
| 13:00-14:00 | LUNCH | |
| 14:00-17:00 | Mid-Congress Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combination Tour - Vula Environmental Services: A Scientific Approach to Environmental Rehabilitation at the West Coast Fossil Park: When the West Coast was WILD! • !Khwatla: A Celebration of the San Culture, Present and Past • Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve: Focus on Langebaan RAMSAR Site and Educating Future Generations • Buffelsfontein Game and Nature Reserve: A Novel Approach to Alien Control | |
| 17:00-18:30 | Sundowners on Langebaan Lagoon Boat Trip (for own account, R100 per person) | |
| 18:30 | DINNER | |
| Thursday, 19 July 2012 | | |
| 08:00-08:30 | Registration (continues) | |
| 08:30-17:00 | Sessions, Symposia and Workshops | |
| 18:30 | GALA DINNER | |
| Friday, 20 July 2012 | | |
| Times to be confirmed | Post-Congress Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uilenkraal Dairy Farm • Malgas Island & Verlorenvlei • Robben Island & Table Mountain • Darling/Riebeek Kasteel Wine Route <i>Delegates who are not on post-Congress tours can depart or can go on local self drive tours from tourism information pack.</i> | |
| Registration Fees and Other Costs (all amounts inclusive of VAT) | | |
| BestFarmerSA Course | | R 1 880.00 |
| with One Night Accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast) | | R 2 230.00 |
| with Two Nights Accommodation (dinner, bed and breakfast) | | R 2 630.00 |
| 47th Annual GSSA Congress: <i>includes accommodation and all meals from Monday supper until Friday breakfast, congress attendance, mid-Congress tour and primary membership of the Society for 2013.</i> | | BEFORE 2012/03/31 Members: R 4 700.00 Non-members: R 5 000.00 |
| NOTE: Accommodation is in spacious chalets with two bedrooms each with own bathroom – two out of three delegates will have to share a room. Please confirm with Freyni if you require other arrangements regarding accommodation. | | AFTER 2012/03/31 Members: R 5 100.00 Non-members: R 5 400.00 |
| Day Delegates: <i>includes teas, lunch and supper on day of attendance, and congress attendance</i> | | R 1 000.00 |
| Accompanying Persons: <i>includes accommodation and all meals as for delegates</i> | | R 2 000.00 |
| Post-Congress Tour: <i>includes transport, entrance fees and packed lunch</i> | | R 400.00 |
| Airport Shuttle: <i>from Cape Town to Langebaan return</i> | | R 550.00 |
| To register, email congress@grassland.org.za, visit www.grassland.org.za, or contact Freyni du Toit (049 842 4335 or 083 256 7202) | | |