



GRASSLAND SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

PUBLICATION OF SPECIAL SESSIONS AND SYMPOSIA IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE AFRICAN JOURNAL OF RANGE AND FORAGE SCIENCE

The Grassland Society of Southern Africa (GSSA) invites organisers of special sessions or symposia at the GSSA Annual Congress to publish contributions in a special issue of African Journal of Range and Forage Science (AJRFS). Organisers of such sessions should contact the Editor-in-Chief of AJRFS once the theme and format of their session or symposium have been discussed with the Congress Organising Committee. The symposium organiser should be the Guest Editor for the issue, whose task will be to oversee the normal peer-review process.

To ensure a full special issue which is published on time, it is important that symposium organisers who wish to have contributions published in a special issue of AJRFS agree to the following:

1. The symposium organiser will provide to the Congress Organiser and Editor-in-Chief written commitments (by e-mail) from all contributors before 28 February 2010, which state 1) the provisional titles of their papers, and 2) that the authors agree to submit their papers to the Guest Editor for peer-review no later than 30 April 2010, and to submit the revised papers to the Guest Editor for acceptance no later than 30 September 2010. A full special issue requires commitment from at least 8 authors. Special sessions (typically with around 6 - 8 papers) could contribute a section to a special issue, which can be combined with another themed section. Special sections may also be included in a general issue with other research papers.
2. The symposium organiser undertakes to be the Guest Editor of the special issue or section, which will be published no later than 1 year after the Congress. The Guest Editor must receive all manuscripts before 30 April 2010 and distribute them as soon as possible to two referees, at least one of whom should be outside South Africa (editorial advisory panel members may be approached for recommendations). All manuscripts should have been reviewed by the time of the Congress, so that authors can make the necessary corrections in time, and the Editor-in-Chief knows what papers will be included in the special issue. The final revised manuscripts should reach the Editor-in-Chief no later than 30 September 2010.

The full editorial guidelines are available from the GSSA website (under Publications), the Editor-in-Chief or the Organising Committee.

We look forward to your contributions!

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