



Joint 42nd Annual Congress of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa & 4th Annual Thicket Forum Meeting



CONGRESS PROGRAMME SUMMARY

TIME	PROGRAMME EVENTS	
Monday, 16 July 2007		
11:00-13:00	GSSA Council Meeting	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-15:30	Registration	GSSA Council Meeting (continues)
15:30-16:00	TEA	
16:00-17:30	Registration (continues)	GSSA Council Meeting (continues)
18:00	MEET & GREET BUFFET Host: Dr Susi Vetter (Grassland Society of SA), Rhodes University Presidential Address: Dr Mark B Hardy (Grassland Society of SA), Western Cape Dept Agric Entertainment: Marimba Band	
Tuesday, 17 July 2007		
07:00-08:30	Registration (continues)	
08:30-10:40	Opening of 42 nd Annual Congress of the GSSA Opening Address: Dr Saleem Badat , Vice-Chancellor, Rhodes University Keynote Addresses: Dr Richard Eckard , University of Melbourne (Australia): Greenhouse gas emissions from intensive grazing systems Dr Urs Kreuter , Texas A&M University, (USA): The human dimension of rangeland ecosystem management Dr Fred Provenza , Utah State University, (USA): Application of plant-herbivore theory to management of rangelands	
10:40-11:00	TEA	
11:00-12:40	SYMPOSIUM: Linking Plant-Herbivore Interactions Theory to Management of Rangelands	Rangeland Monitoring and Management I
12:40-13:40	LUNCH	GSSA Trust Meeting
13:40-14:00	NISC Presentation: African Journal of Range and Forage Science Online	
14:00-15:00	Savanna and Woodland Dynamics	Thicket Forum Registration
15:00-15:20	TEA in conjunction with	
15:20-16:00	Poster Session: Land Transformation and Rehabilitation	
16:00-17:20	Savanna and Woodland Dynamics	
18:00	DINNER: Eastern Cape Theme Evening Host: Ms Gillian K McGregor (Thicket Forum), Rhodes University Welcome: Dr Ted M Avis, Coastal & Environmental Services Featuring "Boet 'n Swaer"	
Wednesday, 18 July 2007		
07:00-08:30	Thicket Forum Registration (continues)	
08:30-09:30	Opening of the 4 th Annual Thicket Forum Meeting Opening Address: Mr Sam Mfenyana, Acting Head, Dept Economic Affairs, Environment & Tourism, Eastern Cape Keynote Address: Ms Leonie S Joubert , author of <i>scorched, South Africa's changing climate</i>	
09:30-10:30	Question and Answer Session & Announcements	Land Transformation and Rehabilitation
10:30-10:45	TEA	TEA in conjunction with
10:45-11:20	Livelihoods in the Thicket (Platform Presentations & Discussion)	Poster Session: Rangeland Ecology and Management
11:20-11:45		WORKSHOP: National Veld & Forage Working Group
11:45-13:00	Conservation, Rehabilitation and Stewardship of the Thicket (Platform Presentations & Discussion)	
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	National Rangeland Monitoring Programme Advisory Board Meeting
14:00-14:50	Current and Proposed Research in the Thicket	Poster Session: Animals and Forage
14:50-15:30		Browse Production and Quality
15:30-15:45	TEA in conjunction with	TEA

15:45-16:45	Thicket Forum Poster Session	Forage Quality and Utilisation		
17:00-18:30	GSSA Annual General Meeting	Thicket Forum Annual General Meeting		
18:30	FREE EVENING			
Thursday, 19 July 2007				
08:30-10:10	Planning and Implementation (Platform Presentations & Discussion)	Rangeland Monitoring and Management II	SYMPOSIUM: DAIRY AND PLANTED PASTURES	
10:10-10:40	TEA	TEA in conjunction with		
10:40-11:20	Range, Forage and Thicket: Challenges in the 21 st Century & Issues in the Game Industry: Extra-Limital Species	Poster Session: Invasive Plants and Bush Encroachment		
11:20-12:00		Biodiversity Initiatives and Conservation Planning I		
12:00-12:20		WORKSHOP: Rangelands and People, Policy and Practice II		
12:20-13:00				
13:00-14:00				
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	AJRFS Editorial Board Meeting		
14:00-15:20	Thicket Forum: Wrap up, Overview and Way Forward	Biodiversity Initiatives and Conservation Planning II		
15:20-15:40	TEA			
15:40-17:20	FREE AFTERNOON	Ecosystem Ecology in Rangelands		
18:30	GALA DINNER (Sponsored by the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture)			
Friday, 20 July 2007				
08:00-15:30	<u>Post-Congress Tours:</u> One: From Livestock to Wildlife: Different Experiences at Two Private Game Reserves in the Eastern Cape Two: Dairy and Pastures along a Moisture Gradient CANCELLED: Three: Tales in the Thicket - Mhala Heritage Tourism Project Four: From Pines to Pastures, using Nguni Power			