



GRASSLAND SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA
46TH ANNUAL CONGRESS
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME (11-15 JULY 2011)
Advancing Rangeland Ecology and Pasture Management in Africa

TIME	PROGRAMME EVENTS as at 30 May 2011	
Monday, 11 July 2011		
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</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 Sikhhalazo Dube, CSIR – NRE Keynote Address: Integrating science into the decision making process, Dr Tally Palmer, Rhodes University Discussion, Housekeeping, etc.	
19:30	MEET & GREET BUFFET	
Tuesday, 12 July 2011		
07:30-08:30	Registration (continues)	
08:30-09:50	Session: Plant Invasions - Processes and Outcomes	Session: Rethinking Approaches to Communal Rangelands
09:50-10:30	Workshop: Slangbos (<i>Seriphium plumosum</i>) Encroachment in Natural Grasslands	
10:30-11:00	TEA and GROUP PHOTOGRAPH	
11:00-12:30	Workshop: Slangbos (<i>Seriphium plumosum</i>) Encroachment in Natural Grasslands	Workshop: Communal Rangelands and Policy – Keeping Cattle in a Changing Rural Landscape
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-15:10	Session: Using Planted Pastures for Rehabilitation and Restoration of Mined and Degraded Areas	Workshop: Communal Rangelands and Policy – Keeping Cattle in a Changing Rural Landscape
15:10-15:30	TEA	
15:30-18:00	Annual General Meeting of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa	
18:30	DINNER: Karoo Spitbraai	
Wednesday, 13 July 2011		
08:00-08:30	Registration (continues)	
08:30-09:50	Session: Piospheres as Indicators of Rangeland Condition	Session: Applying Remote Sensing to Rangeland and Pasture Management
09:50-10:30	TEA	
10:30-12:30	Special Plenary Session: Rangelands - Both Sides of the Coin	
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
13:30-14:30	Session: Past and Future Trends in Vegetation Change	Session: Strategies for Animal Nutrition
14:30-15:00	TEA	
15:00-17:00	Mid-Congress Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thornsprings Restoration Trial • Bergkamp Long Term Trial • History of Grootfontein 	
18:00	DINNER: Steak Evening	
Thursday, 14 July 2011		
08:00-08:30	Registration (continues)	
08:30-10:00	Session: Fire Effects in Rangelands	Session: Improving Pasture Production with Legumes and Minimum Till – Techniques and Economics
10:00-11:30	TEA & Poster Session: Natural Resource Monitoring and Management Programmes & Research Proposals	
11:30-13:00	Session: Plant – Herbivore Interactions on Natural Rangelands I	Session: Planted Pasture Production - Irrigation, Harvesting Stage and Dry Matter Yields
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-14:45	Plenary Session: Plant – Herbivore Interactions on Natural Rangelands II	
14:45-15:15	TEA	
15:15-17:00	Special Plenary Session: Fracking in the Karoo: Implications for Rangelands	
18:30	GALA DINNER	
Friday, 15 July 2011		
Times to be confirmed	Post-Congress Tours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy Farming at the University of Fort Hare • Dohne Fine Wool Stud • Addo Elephant Park: Home to the Big Seven • Extended Tour of the Long Term Trials at Grootfontein: The Oldest in Southern Africa 	
Registration Fees and Other Costs (all amounts inclusive of VAT)		
BestFarmerSA Course		R 1 710.00
46th Annual GSSA Congress: <i>includes teas and lunch from Tuesday to Thursday, supper on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night, and congress attendance, and primary membership of the Society for 2012</i>		Members: R 3 000.00 Non-members: R 3 300.00
Accompanying Persons: <i>includes teas and lunch from Tuesday to Thursday, supper on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night</i>		R 1 000.00
Special Local Farmer Package: <i>includes 4 sessions, teas and lunch, Wednesday and Thursday</i>		R 400.00
Post-Congress Tour: <i>includes transport and packed lunch</i>		R 300.00
Airport Shuttle: <i>from Port Elizabeth to Middelburg to Port Elizabeth on Monday and Friday or Saturday</i>		R 500.00
Grootfontein Shuttle: <i>from Middelburg CBD to Grootfontein to Middelburg for duration of Congress (twice per day Monday to Thursday)</i>		R 120.00
To register, email congress@grassland.org.za , visit www.grassland.org.za , or contact Freyni du Toit (049 842 4335 or 083 256 7202)		