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Grassland Society of Southern Africa

Advancing rangeland ecology and pasture management in Africa

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Congress Sponsorship Rates

2014

**Annual Congress (20 to 25 July 2014)
incorporating Annual Research Skills Workshop and
Short Course on Fire Management in South Africa:
Policy and Practice**

Evening Events

Option 1: The Meet & Greet Function R 24 000

Option 2: Theme Evening R 48 000

Option 3: Standard Evening R 36 000

Option 4: Gala Dinner Evening R 66 000

Tours

Option 5: Mid-Congress Tour R 10 000

Sessions

Option 6: Special Session R 12 000

Lunch & Teas

Option 7: Tuesday Lunch & Teas R 36 000 or Wednesday Lunch & Teas R 36 000 or Thursday Lunch & Teas R 36 000

Delegate Gifts

Option 8: Delegate Gift of your choice subject to Committee approval R 24 000. Donation of products to be included in delegate registration packs (e.g. books, pens, clothing, etc.)

Sponsor a Student

Option 9: Student Registration and 2015 Society Membership R 5 900 per student

Exhibition Stands

Option 10: Exhibition stand for the duration of the Congress (excluding Workshop and Course), plus a full colour logo on the back cover of the programme, registration costs of one delegate included R 9 000

Option 11: Exhibition stand for the duration of the Research Skills Workshop or Fire Course or Pastures Day, plus a full colour logo on the back cover of the programme, registration costs of one day delegate included R 4 200

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The Grassland Society of Southern Africa is a dynamic and inclusive forum for scientists and practitioners in rangeland ecology and pasture management, which champions the sustainable use of rangelands and pastures for the benefit of people and the environment.

Members and associates of the GSSA are active in a range of applied fields such as livestock production, wildlife management, nature conservation, water catchment management, rangeland rehabilitation and socio-economic aspects of rangeland management under different land tenure regimes.

The Society enjoys strong support from universities as well as government departments (primarily agriculture but also various conservation agencies). The GSSA has a multi-disciplinary base and promotes interaction between environmental practitioners, scientists and students who are affiliated with a wide range of institutions including government, universities, development, agricultural, wildlife and related agencies. While the Society has historically had a strong agricultural focus, social and environmental sciences are increasingly represented among its members and outputs.

The GSSA is a professional association with over 450 members of whom 90% are based in South Africa and 10% in other countries, mainly in the SADC. The Society publishes the *African Journal of Range and Forage Science* and *Grassroots*, a quarterly bulletin. An annual Congress is held in July and supported by over 200 South African and international delegates. Each year an award is made to recognise the best conservation farmer in the province where the congress is held. Other awards recognise student and lifetime research achievements in rangeland science. The GSSA also holds an annual Research Skills Workshop over a two day period which has proved immensely popular among researchers from varied fields of study, not only those related to grassland science.

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