



# 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

## of the *Grassland Society of Southern Africa*

incorporating the Sixth  
Research Skills  
Workshop

14h00 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015 until  
22h00 Thursday 23<sup>th</sup> July 2015  
Royal Agricultural Showgrounds  
Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

The first Congress was held in 1966 at the then University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. The Society will be returning to its roots in 2015, with the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress hosted by the KwaZulu-Natal Province at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds in Pietermaritzburg. The Organising Committee is focused on ensuring that the Congress will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by having a historical thread throughout the programme while drawing attention to the future.

All those interested in presenting platform and poster presentations as well as research proposal posters are invited to submit abstracts for consideration. In addition, the Congress will host special sessions and workshops - if you would like to submit a proposal for a session or workshop, please do so as soon as possible. Organisers of special sessions and workshops are encouraged to publish contributions in a special issue of the African Journal of Range and Forage Science. Remember that page charges for all papers published by members of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa will be FREE OF CHARGE!!

The Congress will be incorporating the highly acclaimed Research Skills Workshop to be held from 19 to 20 July 2015.

WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS	6 FEB 2015	ABSTRACTS (Research Proposal Posters)	29 MAY 2015
EARLY BIRD PAYMENTS	27 MAR 2015	C50 & RSW2015 REGISTRATION CLOSES	10 JUL 2015
ABSTRACTS (Platforms and Standard Posters)	17 APR 2015	C50 & RSW2015 PAYMENTS DUE	17 JUL 2015
STUDENT SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS	17 APR 2015	LATE PAYMENTS	22 AUG 2015

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR  
ABSTRACTS & SPECIAL SESSION PROPOSALS

IMPORTANT  
DEADLINES

celebrating 50 years of rangeland ecology and pasture management in Africa

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME	SUN 19 JULY	MON 20 JULY	TUES 21 JULY	WED 22 JULY	THURS 23 JULY
	RESEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOP 14H00-18H00	RESEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOP 08H00-17H00 COUNCIL MEETING 08H00-13H00 CONGRESS OPENING 18H00	CONGRESS 08H00-15H30 GSSA AGM 16H00-18H00	CONGRESS, PASTURES TOUR & MID-CONGRESS TOURS 08H00-18H00	CONGRESS & PASTURES DAY 08H00-17H00 GALA DINNER 19H00

REGISTRATION COSTS (including VAT)	FULL-TIME STUDENTS	BEFORE 2015/03/27	AFTER 2015/03/27
Research Skills Workshop Delegate (Sunday lunch and afternoon tea, Monday lunch and two teas, plus workshop materials, NO accommodation)	R 1 650.00	R 2 100.00	R 2 400.00
Congress 50 Registration: Members (NO accommodation, includes congress attendance, all teas, lunches and dinners from Monday night until Thursday night, mid-Congress tour and primary membership of the Society for 2016; members with ANY outstanding fees will be required to register at the non-member rate)	R 3 850.00	R 4 400.00	R 5 000.00
Congress 50 Registration: Non-Members (NO accommodation, includes congress attendance, all teas, lunches and dinners from Monday night until Thursday night, mid-Congress tour and primary membership of the Society for 2016, if desired)	R 3 850.00	R 4 950.00	R 5 550.00
Day Delegate (includes teas, lunch and supper on day of attendance; daily rate for one or two days)	R1 200.00	R 1 500.00	R 1 750.00
Opening Function (Monday night for day delegates attending one or two days)	R 250.00	R 300.00	R 350.00
Gala Dinner (Thursday night for day delegates and accompanying persons)	R 350.00	R 350.00	R 375.00
Accompanying Persons (NO accommodation, includes all meals as for delegates)	N/A	R 1 600.00	R 1 760.00
Accompanying Persons (NO accommodation, includes ONLY evening meals)	N/A	R 1 000.00	R 1 100.00

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