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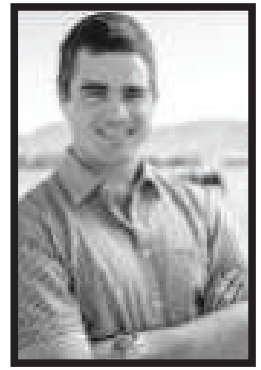
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# Editor's Note



**W**elcome to the fourth issue of Grassroots for 2014. The 49th Grassland Society of Southern Africa Congress held at the Philip Sanders Resort outside Bloemfontein was of the best.

Congratulations and thanks to Paul Malan and the organising committee for arranging such a wonderful Congress. This Grassroots issue contains reports, feedback and photos of the congress.

After many years, the debate about Allan Savory's theory on holistic management of veld, and its remarkable stocking rates and the system's ability to reduce desertification and reverse climate change, continues. Is there enough scientific evidence to support his theories? Read more about this controversial issue herein and feel free to send us your comments.

These are only a taste of what you'll find in this exciting issue of the Grassroots, the last issue for this year. As this year draws to an end, we wish you a happy festive season and a prosperous 2014. Happy reading!

*Pieter Swanepoel*