



SASTA NEWS

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SASTA Congress

6 – 8 August 2013

ICC Durban, South Africa

SASTA Council is proud to host the 86th Annual Congress at the ICC, Durban. The SASTA Congress is an important industry event that brings together delegates from both the agricultural and milling sector. It is a key forum that promotes the discussion and exchange of advances and ideas of benefit to industry development. With a regular attendance of over 500 delegates from South Africa, its neighbouring countries and beyond, SASTA Congress offers significant opportunities for knowledge advancement and the interchange of technical information.

A Diverse Technical Programme

Delegates attending the 2013 Congress can expect to hear approximately 80 research and technical presentations in the Agriculture and Factory Sessions. The Congress Organising committee is working hard to ensure that the papers received are

of a high standard and that the 2013 Programme is exciting and of interest to all delegates.

Trade Exhibition

The Trade Exhibition continues to be an integral part of Congress with 60 stands available for purchase this year. More than half of the stands have already been sold so book your stand now while you still have a chance! There are also numerous sponsorship opportunities available, details of which are available from Ms Jacki De Beer (jacki@confco.co.za), Tel: +27 (0)31 3039852.

Registration and Delegate Fees

Registration for Congress is now open. Please go to the SASTA website to register on-line (www.sasta.co.za) or contact Ms Sizile Dimba (sizile@confco.co.za), Tel: +27 (0)31 3039852.

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	Early Bird Registration (and payment): 28 March 2013 – 10 May 2013	Standard Registration (and payment): 11 May 2013 – 22 July 2013	Late/ on-site registration (and payment): 23 July 2013 – 6 August 2013	Day Registrations
SASTA Members	R 1820.00	R 2240.00	R 2680.00	R 1510.00
Non-members	R 2200.00	R 2665.00	R 3100.00	R 1930.00



SASTA Exhibitors' and Sponsors' Breakfast

This year SASTA decided to have an Exhibitors' and Sponsors' Breakfast launch. The intention was twofold:

- To thank existing sponsors and exhibitors for their support of the annual SASTA Congress over the years
- To present the sponsorship packages available, as well as the exhibition floor-plan for the 2013 Congress. This also enabled potential sponsors and exhibitors to discuss with the Congress Organising Committee the various options available

The event took place on the 27th February at the Hilton Hotel.

Dr Deborah Sweby (Chair of the Congress Organising Committee) opened the event, outlining the financial facts of holding the annual SASTA Congress, and showing that approximately 60% of the revenue required is generated from Exhibition and Sponsorship sales. This level of sponsorship enables SASTA to maintain the delegate fees at less than half of the actual cost per delegate.

Mr Paul Schorn (COC portfolio: Exhibition and Sponsorship) then presented the sponsorship packages and the exhibition floor-plan.

The breakfast allowed for interaction between exhibitors and the COC members, and this led to some proposals from the sponsors on further ideas to maximise delegate interaction with the exhibitors, some of which will be implemented at the 2013 Congress.

Seen at the event are various representatives from the companies and suppliers that support SASTA Congress and the South African sugar industry.





Innovation Awards 2013

Call for nominations

Nominations are invited from SASTA members for candidates to be considered for the 2013 Innovation Awards, in either the Factory or the Agricultural sectors. Please send your nomination with a detailed motivation to sasta@sugar.org.za. Closing date for 2013 nominations: 14 June 2013

The criteria

The criteria which are considered by Council are: The design, development and implementation of an idea, machine, process or technique which has shown definite value in improving technology, cost-effectiveness or sustainability or safety of factory and agricultural operations. Corporate innovations will not be considered.

The award

The award consists of a trophy (mounted steel sugar cube for Factory and mounted steel plough for Agriculture) and a SASTA certificate.



New SASTA members

(since November 2012)

Barry, Gerry (THS – Agric)
 Botha, Paulus Stephanus (SASRI - Extension)
 Botha, Petrus Johannes (Illovo HO)
 Boote, Darran Nelson (SASRI)
 Booyesen, Kim Carey (SMRI)
 Buthelezi, Simphiwe Promise (SASRI)
 Canny, Jason John (Illovo – Noodsberg)
 Cele, Mfundo Ayanda (Illovo – Sezela)
 Dlamini, Bonginkosi Mondli Wiseman (THS – Felixton)
 Drew, Kevin Robert (THS – Agric)
 Ghai, Meenu (SASRI)
 Gianadda, Paolo (Illovo HO)
 Gumede, Silindile (Canegrowers)
 Jafta, Renee Patricia (SASA – CTS)
 Khaile, Marvin (Canegrowers)
 Khuzwayo, Linda Mfundo (THS – Maidstone)
 Lekalakala, Jan Malesela (Illovo – Umzimkulu)
 Lloyd, John (Canegrowers)
 Mashile, Glantine (Canegrowers)
 Mashego, Emmanuel (Canegrowers)
 Mathadeen, Prilene (SASRI)
 Matiwane, Sibusiso (Tsb – Malelane)
 Mbatha, Thobile Precious (SASRI)
 Mbuyazi, Malesedi (THS – Felixton)
 Mhlaba, Sifiso (SASA)
 Miranda, Jarrod Mark (Illovo – Noodsberg)
 Mlambo, Thembi Asande (Illovo – Sezela)
 Naicker, Kumaran (Illovo – Sezela)
 Ngcobo, Patrick Mhlonipheni (SASRI - Extension)
 Parkin, Barry Jacques (Gledhow)
 Ramella, Bradley (THS –TEG)
 Reddy, Prashant (SMRI)
 Rossler, Ryan (SASRI)
 Schoeman, Jacques (Canegrowers)
 Sifunda, Liverton (Tsb – Tech Supp Ser)
 Starzak, Maciej (SMRI)





SASTA Field/Factory Day

Bell Equipment Factory in Richards Bay and Bell Museum Workshop and Test Track in Empangeni



Date: Wednesday 10 July 2013

Start Time: 08:30 at Bell Equipment Factory in Richards Bay

The day will start with an introductory talk and video giving some background and history on Bell Equipment, followed by a guided tour through the Bell factory. Bell Equipment manufactures and markets a wide range of earthmoving and materials handling machinery for the mining, construction, forestry, sugar and related industries. The vehicles that are manufactured and assembled at Richards Bay are Articulated Dumper Trucks, Tri-Wheelers, Rigid and Articulated Haulage Tractors, Backhoes and Forklifts.

As part of Bell Equipment Health and Safety requirements, closed shoes and long trouser pants are required for the tour around the factory. This tour is also fairly long (1.5 – 2 hours) and you will be on your feet for the full duration of the tour.

Transport from the factory in Richards Bay to the Bell Test Track on the farm near Empangeni will be provided. Delegates can view the original machinery used by Irvine Bell who started Bell Equipment in 1954, view and/or test drive various Bell vehicles. A picnic lunch will be provided at the farm.

End Time: 14:00 transport from Bell Test Track back to Factory to return to your vehicles.

[This will mean a 06:45 departure for those sharing transport from Mount Edgecombe, and a 16:00 return to Mount Edgecombe.] Calculate your own time if leaving from a different place.

Cost: R50.00 per member payable in advance as commitment to booking your place on the field day. The money collected will be donated by SASTA (in the form of school stationery) to one of the local farm schools that Bell names as their community charity.

To book a place on the Field/Factory Day to Bell: email sasta@sugar.org.za or phone 031-5087543 (mornings only) to request an invoice. Maximum number of delegates that can be accommodated: is limited to 30, thus it is restricted to SASTA members only. A strict "first come -first served" policy will apply.

Information needed when you book:

1. Name and surname: _____

2. Email address: _____

3. Cell phone number: _____

4. Address and Vat reg number details (only if you need them to be inserted on the invoice): _____

5. Sharing Transport information: Please complete the items below so that we can plan who goes in which vehicle from where. The hope is that members can be grouped together into 7 or 8 private vehicles, and personally share the cost of fuel and tolls per vehicle.

4a. Will you travel in your own vehicle? _____

4b. Will you need a lift from another member? _____

4c. Are you prepared to take other members as passengers? _____

4d. Place leaving from: _____

4e. Number of passengers you can take in your vehicle? _____