

SASTA Congress 2010

SASTA President: Paul Schorn



PAUL WORKS FOR TONGAAT HULETT SUGAR LIMITED AS THE OPERATIONS GROUP LEADER WITHIN THE TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING GROUP (TEG). THE TECHNOLOGY GROUP PROVIDES OPERATIONAL SUPPORT (PROCESSING AS WELL AS MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL) TO THE TONGAAT HULETT FACTORIES, BOTH WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA AND EXTERNALLY (ZIMBABWE AND MOÇAMBIQUE). PROCESS DESIGNS AND FACTORY EXPANSION SUPPORT ARE ALSO UNDERTAKEN BY THE OPERATIONS GROUP.

Prior to joining TEG, Paul worked at Malelane, Darnall and Simunye. Paul has been a member of the SASTA Council since 2002 and President since 2006. He was also involved in the ISSCT 2007 Congress sponsorship and exhibition organisation and is the South African Councillor on ISSCT. He has presented a number of SASTA and SIT papers. Hobbies include reading, music - generally of the retro-rock genre - and social squash. ☺

SASTA Vice-President: Deborah Sweby



DEBORAH IS A MOLECULAR BIOLOGIST WHO WORKS IN THE CROP BIOLOGY RESOURCE CENTRE (BIOTECHNOLOGY UNIT) AT SASRI. SHE IS INVOLVED WITH VARIOUS RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE CROP PROTECTION AND VARIETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES.

Prior to joining SASRI in 1993 she studied at UKZN. She has served on SASTA Council since 2004. Her role was initially as Agriculture Editor of the SASTA Proceedings and she has been the Chair of the Congress Organising Committee since 2008. Deborah was also part of the ISSCT 2007 Local Organising Committee where she was the Scientific Chair. She strives to ensure that the annual SASTA Congress is a successful forum for sharing high-quality research information of value and benefit to delegates. Outside of work, her interests include racewalking and spending quality time with her family. ☺