



# Just a Spoonful

## SASRI does it again

**I**N ANOTHER CONSECUTIVE YEAR OF STERLING ACCOLADES, SASRI HAS AGAIN SCOOPED TOP AWARDS AT THE COMBINED CONGRESS HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA IN JANUARY THIS YEAR. ABRAHAM SINGELS, PRINCIPAL AGRONOMIST AT SASRI WON THE SA SOCIETY FOR CROP PRODUCTION (SASCP) BOARD FLOATING TROPHY FOR THE BEST PAPER PRESENTED AT THE CONGRESS AND SANESH RAMBURAN, SASRI'S VARIETIES' AGRONOMIST WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS SASCP DAAN F. RETIEF FLOATING TROPHY FOR THE BEST PAPER PRESENTED BY A SCIENTIST YOUNGER THAN 40 YEARS OF AGE. IN ADDITION, SANESH WAS ELECTED AS TREASURER AND SASRI IRRIGATION SCIENTIST, FRANÇOIS OLIVIER WAS ELECTED AS REGISTRAR OF THE SASCP.

The "Combined Congress" is a joint symposium representing four societies, namely the SA Society for Crop Production (SASCP), the Soil Science Society of SA (SSSSA), the Southern African Weed Science Society (SAWSC) and the Southern African Society for Horticultural Sciences (SASHS). There were over 300 reg-

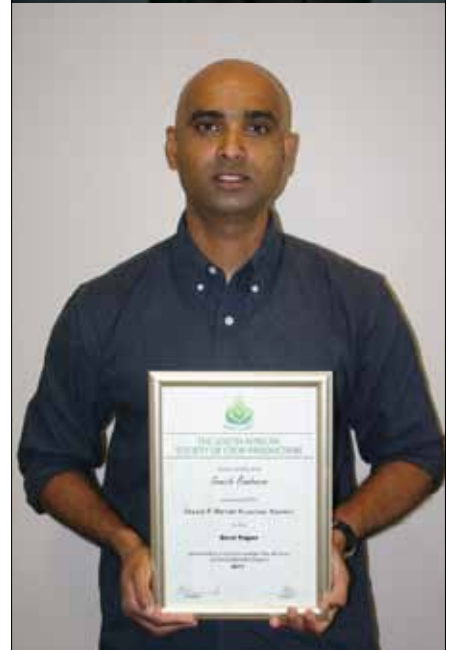
istered delegates, with a total of 126 oral presentations and 46 posters presented.

Papers presented by SASRI delegates were as follows:

- Jones MR, Inman-Bamber NG and Singels A. Integrating structural development and expansive growth with the carbon balance in the Canegro sugarcane model.
- Ramburan S. Investigating sugarcane cultivar x time of harvest interactions in relation to environmental factors.
- Singels A. Can crop modelling enhance genetic improvement of crops?
- Van Antwerpen R and Conlong D. Does burning or trashing sugarcane reduce *Eldana saccharina* (*Lepidoptera: Pyralidae*) populations most? Some interesting insights.
- Van der Laan M, Miles N, Annandale JG and du Preez CC. Nitrogen management in sugarcane cropping systems: Chasing efficiency using on-farm measurement and modelling.

In addition to their presentations, SASRI delegates also judged and chaired some of the parallel sessions. The SASRI delegates were able to express and exchange views with fellow scientists and found that this was an excellent medium to promote SASRI's diverse research activities to the local research community. 🍴

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**Above top:** Abraham Singels won the award for the best paper presented at the congress.

**Below:** Sanesh Ramburan won the award for the best paper presented by a scientist younger than 40 years of age.