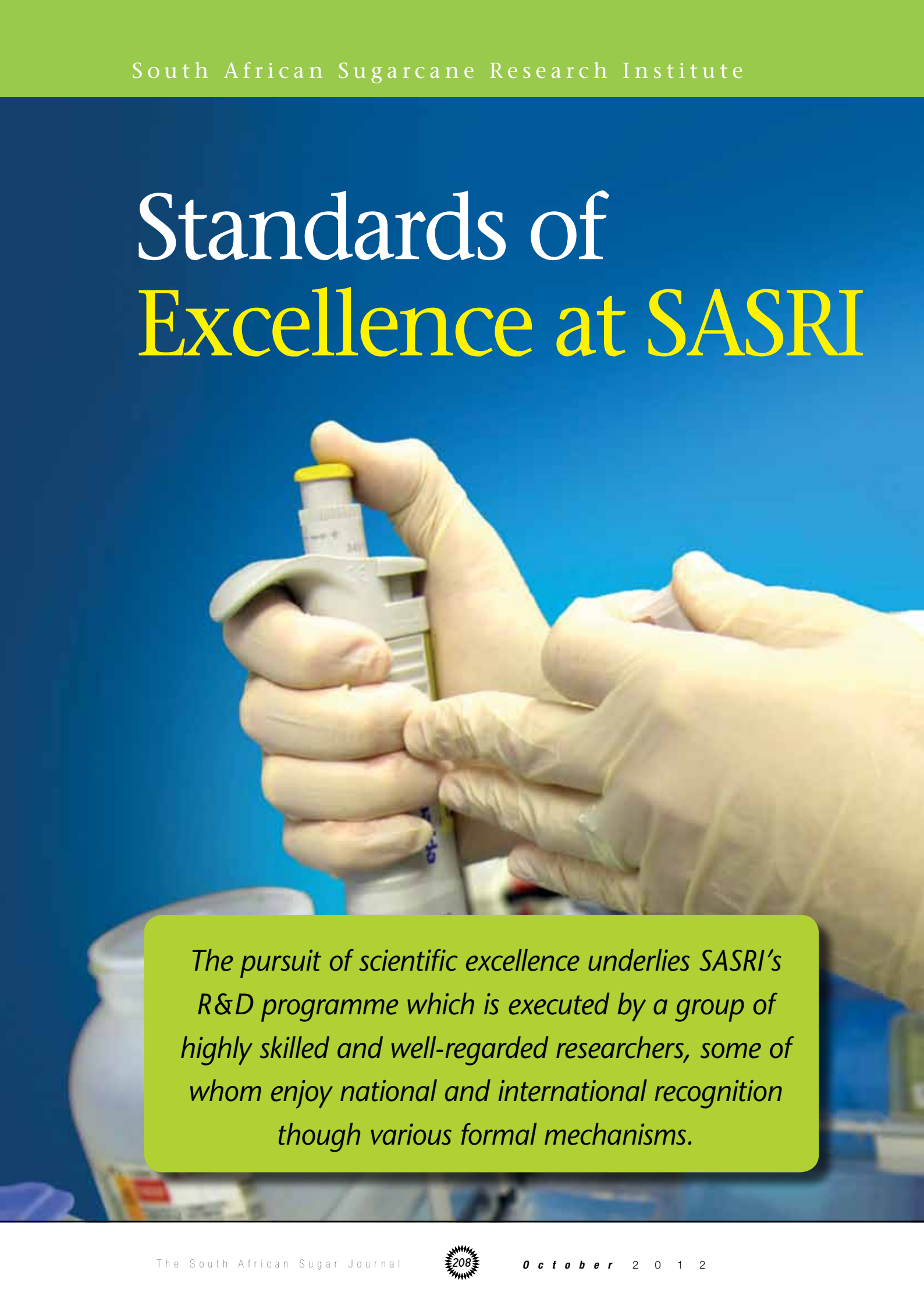


Standards of Excellence at SASRI



The pursuit of scientific excellence underlies SASRI's R&D programme which is executed by a group of highly skilled and well-regarded researchers, some of whom enjoy national and international recognition through various formal mechanisms.

CURRENTLY, FIVE SASRI SCIENTISTS ARE IN POSSESSION OF A RATING AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (NRF). NRF RATING IS THE NATIONAL SYSTEM BY WHICH THE STANDING OF SOUTH AFRICAN RESEARCHERS IS BENCH-MARKED AGAINST NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE.

The evaluation and rating of individuals through the NRF system is based primarily on the quality of the research outputs in the recent past and is undertaken by a panel of national and international reviewers who are requested to critically scrutinise the research outcomes portfolio of each candidate. Receipt of a rating demonstrates the standing of a scientist and the regard in which his or her research is held amongst peers.

In addition, SASRI's scientists hold twelve honorary appointments at South African Universities. University selection criteria for honorary appointments are identical to those applied to permanent, full-time research or academic positions, which further illustrates the excellence of SASRI scientists. These appointments afford several advantages to the SASRI R&D Programme, including the increased research capacity that results from the possibility of on-site supervision of post-graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. ✓



Dr Abraham Singels (*Principal Agronomist*)
NRF Rated and honorary appointments at
University of Pretoria and University of
KwaZulu-Natal



Dr Derek Watt (*Research Manager*)
NRF Rated



Dr Des Conlong (*Senior Entomologist*)
NRF rated and honorary appointments at
University of KwaZulu-Natal and University of
Stellenbosch



Dr Malcolm Keeping (*Senior Entomologist*)
NRF rated and honorary appointments at
University of KwaZulu-Natal and University of
Witwatersrand



Dr Riekert van Heerden (*Senior Sugarcane Physiologist and Programme Manager: Crop Performance and Management*)
NRF rated and honorary appointment at University of Pretoria



Dr Sandy Snyman (*Senior Biotechnologist and Programme Manager: Variety Improvement*)
Honorary appointment at University of KwaZulu-Natal



Dr Neil Miles (*Senior Soil Scientist*)
Honorary appointment at University of KwaZulu-Natal



Dr Stuart Rutherford (*Senior Pathologist and Programme Manager: Crop Protection*)
Honorary appointment at University of KwaZulu-Natal



Dr Rian van Antwerpen (*Senior Soil Scientist and Programme Manager: Systems Design and Optimisation*)
Honorary appointment at University of the Free State

