

# Welcome

## to SASTA Congress 2012

**O**N BEHALF OF THE SASTA COUNCIL WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME ALL DELEGATES TO THE 2012 CONGRESS. TWO OF THE OBJECTIVES OF SASTA, AS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION, ARE TO "PROMOTE THE INTERCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE OF AND THE DISCUSSION AND INVESTIGATION OF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING OF SUGARCANE PRODUCTS" AND TO "ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUGAR INDUSTRY". WE BELIEVE THAT THESE OBJECTIVES ARE MET BY THE ANNUAL CONGRESS.

We trust that you will embrace the objectives outlined above as you participate fully in the proceedings of the 2012 Congress. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of all those presenting at the Congress, as well as encourage everyone to participate in the formal discussion times and the informal networking opportunities over tea, lunch and other functions.

Thanks are also due to the Congress Organising Committee for their hard work in the time leading up to the Congress. The Congress Committee is made up of members of the SASTA Council, all of whom are volunteers. The SASTA Congress would not be the successful event it is without the commitment and dedication of the committee members.

We trust that you will all enjoy your time at the Congress and please feel free to provide us with any constructive feedback that will enable us to keep improving the Congress. ☺

*Gavin Smith*

SASTA President 2011-2012

*Deborah Sweby*

Chair: Congress Organising Committee



### SASTA CONGRESS ORGANISING COMMITTEE 2012

#### Standing (L-R):

*Gavin Smith, Danile Macdonald,  
Keith McFarlane, Paul Schorn*

#### Seated (L-R):

*Sumita Ramgareeb,  
Deidre Hancke-Haysom  
(The Conference Company),  
Deborah Sweby, Claire Stanyer (The  
Conference Company), Sanet Nel*

**Inset (L-R):** *Steve Peacock,  
Kerry Redshaw, Warren Lawlor*