

# SASRI WINS

## at the 2019 SASAE Conference!



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South African Society for Agricultural Extension  
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The South African Society for Agricultural Extension (SASAE), originally established in 1966, is a scientific society that aims to promote science and vocation of Agricultural Extension, through its members. Currently, the SASAE has approximately 1 200 members which include both national and international Extensionists from India, Africa, USA and Asia. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the SASAE was held at the Sol Plaatje University in Kimberley, Northern Cape from 9 – 11 July 2019. The theme of this year's conference was "The Challenge: Successful Land Reform in South Africa and the Role of Extension Advisory Services".



At the conference William Gillespie (SASRI Small-scale Extension Specialist) won the "Best Presentation" award as well as the "Best Paper" award for his paper titled "*Extension : To serve and protect - How to achieve sustainable rural development*". Mr Gillespie's role at SASRI involves working with the small-scale and land reform growers in the Midlands in partnership with government. He has previously been acknowledged for his work with small-scale growers and his use of demonstration plots to assist them with improving yields and management practises.



Dr Peta Campbell (SASRI Weeds Scientist) also won an award at the conference for "Best Scientific Poster". Her poster was titled "*SASRI Weed Research Principles – How can we support farmers with different levels of experience?*". Dr Campbell's role at SASRI includes initiating and conducting research into the use of herbicides as part of IWM (integrated weed management) and to establish optimum recommendations thereof. IWM is a practise which promotes sustainable control of weeds by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimises economic, health and environmental risks. She also conducts field-based studies on the timing, efficacy and impact of herbicides on problem weeds in the industry.

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