

Accolades for SASRI Scientists at the 2018 Combined Congress

Three of SASRI's scientists recently won awards at this year's African Combined Congress. The conference was held at the Bridgeways Conference Venue (Ratanga Junction) in Cape Town from 14 to 18 January 2018.

The African Combined Congress is a prestigious event that brings together scientists from four agricultural research societies in Southern Africa viz.



The Soil Science Society of South Africa (SSSSA), the South African Society of Crop Production (SASCP), the Southern African Weed Society (SAWS) and the Southern African Society for Horticultural Science (SASHS). The congress is a platform for these scientists to come together and share knowledge from each of their respective research areas.



Sanesh Ramburan was awarded "Best Paper at Conference by a member of the Southern African Society for Crop Production" for his paper "From laboratory to field: Assessing the impacts of tissue culture propagation on the agronomic performance of sugarcane".

Dimpho Elephant was awarded "Best Paper at Conference by a member (older than 30 years) of the Soil Science Society of Southern Africa" for his paper "The estimation of reserve-K and K immobilization using mid-infrared spectroscopy and multiple linear regressions".

William Gillespie's paper at the congress, which he co-authored with Felicity Mitchell of the KZN DARD, received the award "Best Oral Presentation: African Crop Science Society". The paper, which was presented by Felicity, was titled "Translating soil type into millions: a sweet success story in a rural sugarcane community in South Africa"