

SASRI wins at the 2019 SASTA awards

The South African Sugar Technologists' Association (SASTA) promotes the exchange of scientific knowledge related to sugarcane agriculture and sugar milling practice. Each year SASTA hosts a congress that brings together both the agricultural and milling research sectors. Due to high quality of scientific research presented, notable acknowledgement is received locally and internationally. There is also a Trade Exhibition held during the congress that encourages networking with various service providers in the sugar industry. This year SASTA hosted its 92nd Congress on 20-22 August at the Durban ICC.

Following the congress in August, SASTA held their annual general meeting (AGM) at the Kingfisher Lodge in Mt Edgecombe this October. Included in the agenda was the awards ceremony for **Outstanding Research** presented at the SASTA Congress. Many of the awardees in the Agricultural section of the congress were SASRI researchers who presented their exceptional research on sugarcane agriculture. Here are the SASRI awardees for the 92nd SASTA Congress:



KYNOCH AWARD (HIGHLY COMMENDED)

Dr Louis Titshall (SASRI Senior Soil Scientist) received the Highly Commended Kynoch Award for his paper, "Evaluation of a reduced extraction time to improve the efficiency of routine analysis of resin extractable phosphorus and sulphur". This award is given to the runner-up for the best paper in the agricultural section of the conference. He co-authored this paper with Dimpho Elephant and N Magagula.



POSTER AWARD (AGRICULTURE)

This year's best poster award was received Dr Peter Tweedle (SASRI Agricultural Engineer) for his poster titled, "Use of remote sensing to determine intra-field yield variability". He co-authored this poster with Alasdair Harris. This is the third year in a row that Peter has won this award!



Left to right: Sumita Ramgareeb (SASRI Resource Manager and SASTA Committee Chair) and Dr Peter Tweedle

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A highly commended poster prize was awarded to Mrs Prabashnie Ramouthar (SASRI Nematologist) for her poster titled, "Update on nematocidal screening within the South African sugar industry". She co-authored this poster with Uvendri Pillay. This award is given to the runner-up for the best poster in the agricultural section of the conference.



Left to right: Mrs Prabashnie Ramathour and Sumita Ramgareeb (SASRI Resource Manager and SASTA Committee Chair)