

# SASRI Shines at the 2024 SASTA Congress

SASRI staff earned top honors at the 96th South African Sugar Technologists' Association (SASTA) Congress, held at the Durban ICC in August. The award ceremony took place during the SASTA Annual General Meeting at Mount Edgecombe in November, where SASRI staff received five prestigious agricultural awards. Here are the winners:

## Agriculture Poster Prize



**First Prize:** Carla Kistan, with co-author Sharon McFarlane, for *Orange Rust: Preliminary Research Findings*.



**Highly Commended:** Linda Mkhize, with co-author Sandy Snyman, for *NovaCane®: So Much More Than Pain-Free Seedcane!*

## Kynoch Award for Best Paper in the Agricultural Section



**First Prize:** Sharon McFarlane, with co-authors Carla Kistan, Aimee Koch, and Stuart Rutherford, for *Sugarcane Rusts: A Review*.



**Highly Commended:** Riekert van Heerden, with co-authors Paul Botha and Brad O'Neill, for *Value Analysis of Participatory Cane Quality Management Research*.

## Jubilee Award



The 2022–2024 SASTA Jubilee Prize was awarded to Sharon McFarlane for her exceptional contributions, including winning the Kynoch Award for Best Paper at two of the past three SASTA Congresses and co-authoring multiple posters.

**SASRI congratulates all the winners on their outstanding achievements!**

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