

SASRI shines at ISSCT Congress

Seen at the ISSCT Congress (from left) were Marius Adendorff, Dr Riekert Van Heerden, Dr Kitty Foxon (SMRI), Dr Sumita Ramgareeb, Dr Sandy Snyman, Dr Derek Watt, Dr Stuart Rutherford and Dr Rianto Van Antwerpen.

SASRI Researchers claimed top spots at the International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists (ISSCT) Congress which was held from 20-23 February in Hyderabad, India.

Best Agriculture Paper was awarded to Extension Specialist, Marius Adendorff (co-authors Dr Ashiel Jumman and Aresti Paraskevopoulos) for their paper on "Adoption of irrigation scheduling in the South African sugarcane industry: the use of a demonstration trial to bring about change".

Best Management Paper was awarded to Research Manager, Dr Derek Watt (co-authors Dr Rianto Van Antwerpen, William Gillespie and Dr Riekert Van Heerden) for their paper on "Promoting adoption of soil-health-related regenerative agriculture

practices amongst small-scale sugarcane grower communities in South Africa".

Last, but not least, Dr Stuart Rutherford, a Principle Scientist (with co-authors Dr Sandy Snyman and Motselisi Koetle) claimed the Best Biology Poster for their poster on "Chemically-induced epimutagenesis for sugarcane improvement".

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Congratulations to these remarkable achievers.

The International Society for Sugarcane Technologists (ISSCT) was founded in 1924 and is committed to the economic and sustainable advancement of sugar industries across the globe by promoting innovative research, development, technology adoption and knowledge sharing among its members. Congresses are usually held at 3-yearly intervals.

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