

# SASRI's top achievers at SASTA awards

After a two-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 94th SASTA Congress took place at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre from 16 – 18 August 2022.

Subsequent to the congress, SASTA hosted their annual general meeting (AGM) on Thursday, 3 November. This event highlighted awardees for the Agricultural section of the conference, with SASRI winning many of the awards with their exceptional research on sugarcane agriculture.

SASRI congratulates them on their achievements.

 **Kalisha Naicker**  
(SASRI Publications Officer)

The South African Sugar Technologists' Association (SASTA) promotes the exchange of scientific knowledge related to sugarcane agriculture and sugar milling practice.

The Association's Annual Congress is a premier event which receives significant recognition from both within South Africa and internationally. During the congress, high quality scientific papers and presentations showcase significant scientific and technological advancements in the industry.

## Kynoch Award for Best Paper in the Agricultural Section of Congress was a tie award presented to:

### Ashiel Jumman

Ashiel Jumman and co-author Carel Bezuidenhout for their paper, "How to Get a Farmer to Test an Innovation, as a Precursor to Wider Scale Adoption".

### Sharon McFarlane

As well as, Sharon McFarlane with co-authors Carla Kistan, Aimee Koch, Ntombifuthi (Futhi) Msimango, Karlien Trumpelmann and Theuns Theunissen for their paper on, "Roguing for Smut".

## Poster prize was awarded to:

### Gwethlyn Meyer

**First** Gwethlyn Meyer and co-authors Hlobisile Khanyi, Ewald Albertse, Robyn Jacob and Sandy Snyman for the paper, "Behind the Scenes: Generation and Analysis of Genetically Modified Insect Resistant Sugarcane".

### Peter Twedde

**Highly Commended** Peter Twedde for his poster, "Quantifying the Impact of Lodging on Grower Revenue".



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