

# SASRI shines at 2023 SASTA Congress **AWARDS GO TO...**

SASRI staff once again claimed top spots at the South African Sugarcane Technologists' Association (SASTA) 95th Congress which was held at the Durban ICC in August. The awards were presented at the SASTA annual general meeting at the KwaShukela Auditorium in Mount Edgecombe in November.

SASRI secured three out of five agricultural awards. Here are the winners:

## **Agriculture poster prize**

This prize went to Robyn Jacob (co-authors Rudzani Ligege, Gwethlyn Meyer, Sandy Snyman) for their poster, "Screening genetically modified sugarcane plants for resistance to eldana larvae".



## **Kynoch Award**

### *Best Paper Agricultural Section*

The award went to the paper, "Demonstration of Chemical Ripening Best Practice and Economic Benefit to South African Small-Scale Sugarcane Growers" by Riekert van Heerden (co-authors Tshililo Ramusandiwa, Bongiwé Chonco, Winile Shelembe, Sifiso Hlela, William Gillespie, Norman Mkhabela, Mboniseni Buthelezi and Thulani Masondo). This paper has also been nominated for the 2024 Jubilee Award.



The **Highly Commended** award was presented to Rian Van Antwerpen and co-author Peter Tweddle for their paper, "Quantifying the Contribution of Residue Retention and Fertiliser Use to the Financial Viability of a Rainfed Sugarcane Crop".

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**SASRI extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the winners for their remarkable achievements.**



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