



Annual General Meeting

Agenda

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Agron Assoc Field day – 2 July 2019



Sponsorship



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- Theme for the day:
Conservation Agriculture
- Hosted by:
Conrad & Henning Klipp from White Throne Farms in the Dalton district.
- Field Day was attended by >60 members.



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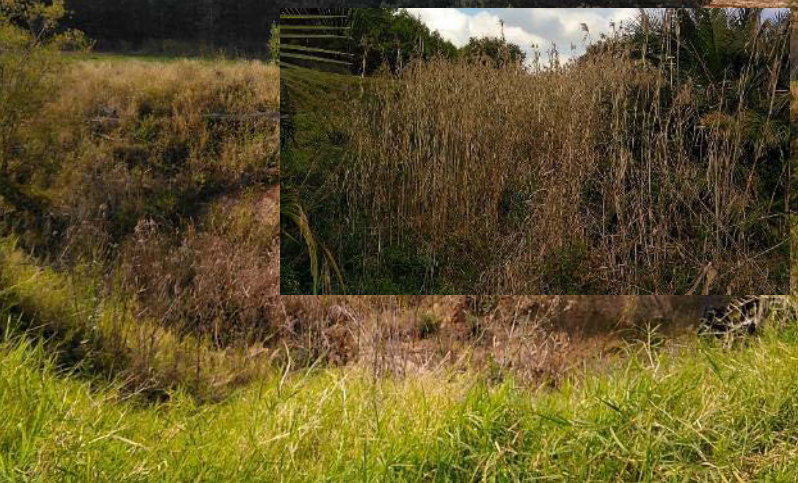
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Requests

- Northern regions – attendance of the symposium.
 - Request was received to move this symposium to the first week in November - the day before or after the D-band seminar. This will make it possible for those from far to attend the symposium.

OCTOBER 2019							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
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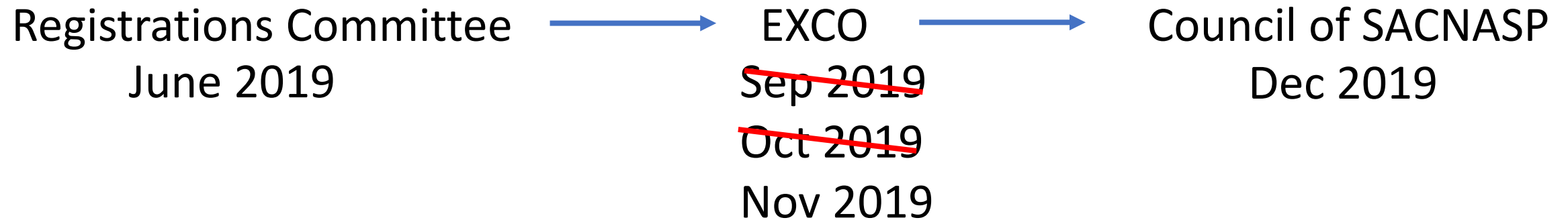
Requests



- We now have an Honorary Membership category.
 - We now have an Honorary Membership category but no honorary members yet. Anyone is welcome to submit nominations as long as it is accompanied by a good motivation of about one page. In the next few weeks take time to think of worthy candidates, put your motivation in writing and send to Vasie.
 - Your nomination must be in time for the next committee meeting which will be in Feb 2020.
 - Remember – this is not to honour your friend – it must be someone that has made a significant contribution to the agronomy of producing sugarcane in Southern Africa.

CPD points

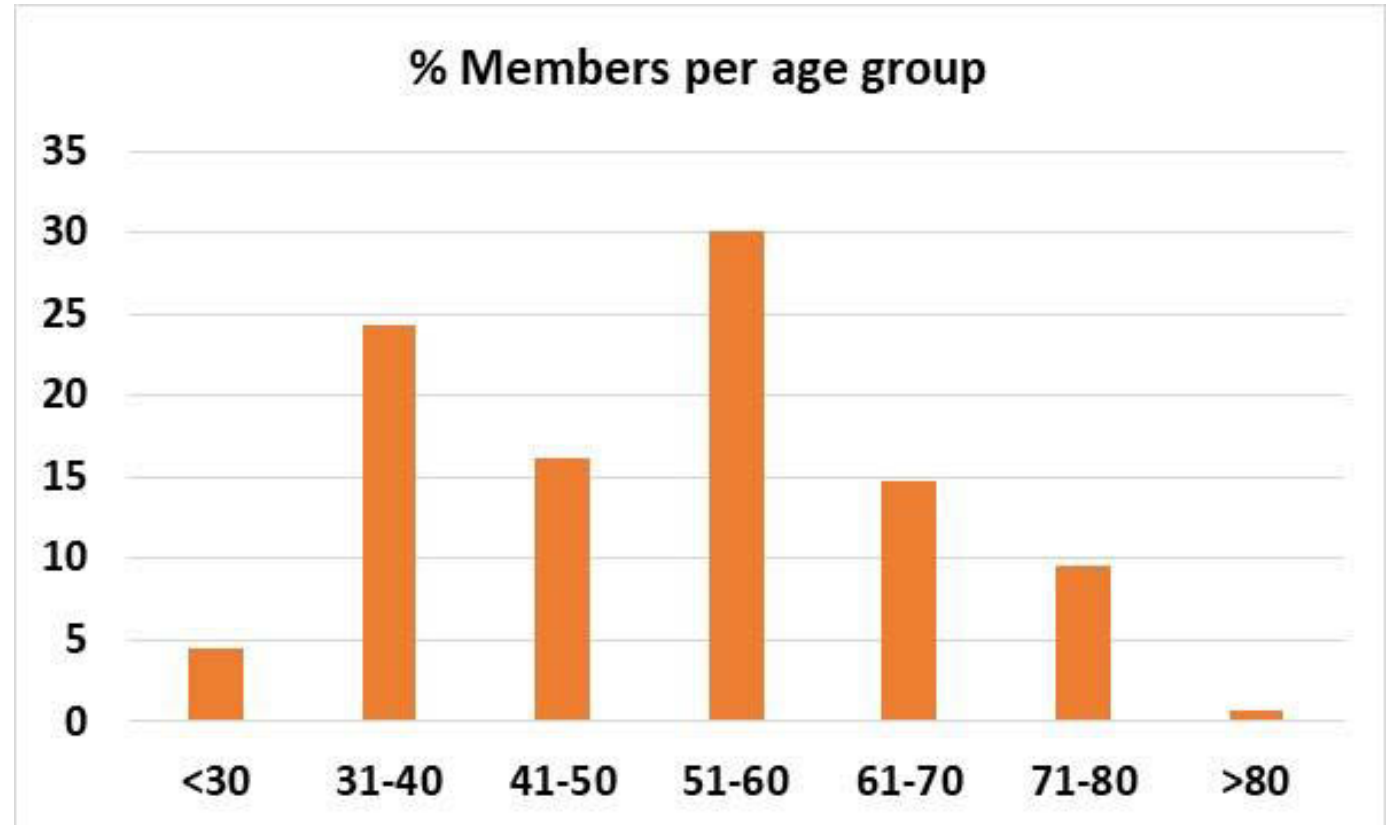
- We applied to be a recognised Voluntary Association of SACNASP.
- The evaluation process generally takes between three and six months to reach conclusion if all documentation is in place.
- The process it follows:



- ECSA

Membership statistics

- Membership Oct 2018: 124
- Membership Oct 2019: 137
- People attending:
 - 2019 Field day: >60
 - 2019 Symposium: ±74



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Exchanging Knowledge on Sugarcane Technology!

SASIAA is a voluntary association existing under the auspices of the South African Sugarcane Research Institute (SASRI), and whose membership is open to all who qualify in terms of its constitution. It aims to promote the development and application of the science of sugarcane agronomy in Southern Africa by creating opportunities for the free exchange of relevant ideas, knowledge and information between members. We maintain records of various field trial reports and make these available to members.



Members

There are currently 200 SASIAA members. All members have tertiary qualifications, most have an agronomic background and most are involved in sugarcane agronomic research. Prospective members must use the [SASIAA Membership Application Form](#).

The following member organisations contribute to the Association: South African Sugarcane Research Institute, Zimbabwe Sugar Association Experiment Station, Triangle Sugar Estates, Hippo Valley Sugar Estate, Sucoma Sugar Company, Swaziland Sugar Association Extension Services, Royal Swazi Sugar Corporation, SImunye Mhlume Sugar Company, Ubombo Ranches, Swaziland (Illovo).



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2019 FIELD DAY: WHITE THORNS FARM, DALTON

The field day on White Thorns farms owned by Conrad and Henning Klipp in Dalton was hugely successful with an attendance of over 60 Agronomist Association members.

The farm owners, brothers Conrad and Henning Klipp are avid promoters of good soil health to grow a healthy crop. Their farming philosophy ensures that surface water runoff is controlled, as water is the single most limiting resource required for crop growth. Their farm's good soil structure also ensures excellent infiltration of water deep into the soil for maximum absorption by the roots. One of the immediate benefits of this practice is reduced or no soil erosion. All standard husbandry and nutrition practices are also accurately carried out to ensure sustainability of their farm. Some of these practices include land use planning, green manuring, controlling compaction, soil sampling and adhering to FAS fertilizer recommendations.

2018 FIELD DAY: ROSLEIGH ESTATE, MIDLANDS

Seventy Agronomist Association members attended this field day on Rob Gurney's farm. The theme of the event revolved around crop nutrition and the efforts made to remedy soil acidity on the farm. Soil acidity is one of the leading issues in limiting cane yields and has been described as a "silent cancer". Rob has managed to successfully manage these aspects on Rosleigh Estate for many years and has recently expanded his operation to the neighbouring farm. However, with this expansion, he has also inherited serious subsoil acidity problems on that land. Several talks were held around managing such soils during the course of the day. Two field visits to soil pits were also conducted to show attendees the difference in the soil profiles of a healthy and acid soils.



2017 FIELD DAY: HILLHEAD ESTATES, DURBAN NORTH COAST

The field day focussed on yield productivity maps which are useful tools to identify weak areas and for precision agriculture. Some of the reasons for practising precision agriculture are to use inputs (i.e. fertilisers) more efficiently and to maximise outputs (i.e. profits). Various techniques are available to quantify field variability and these were demonstrated and discussed on the day, topics covered included:

- Current methods to quantify soil variability and development of maps for precision agriculture (Neil Miles, SASRI),
- The use of drone technology (Abraham Singels, SASRI)

The SASIAA committee

- Carolyn Baker
- Michelle Binedell
- Kevin Drew
- Greg Gillespie
- Don McCulloch
- Abraham Singels
- Rowan Stranack
- David Sutherland
- R van Antwerpen

This is your organisation – be part of it.

Send your suggestions for future themes / subjects to be covered to the committee.

Any comments / ideas:

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Thank you
Dr Carolyn Baker