



Symposium Announcement
14th Southern African Plant Breeding Symposium
6-9th March 2022
Protea Hotel by Marriott Stellenbosch, Western Cape

Think again

Dear SAPBA member,

On behalf of the Southern African Plant Breeding Association (SAPBA), I have the pleasure to announce the 14th SAPBA symposium: Think again. The symposium will be held at the Protea Hotel Stellenbosch, from 6th – 9th March 2022. The hotel is located on the outskirts of the vibrant and picturesque town of Stellenbosch, between award-winning wine estates and surrounded by beautiful mountains (<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/fact-sheet/travel/cptst-protea-hotel-stellenbosch/>). The symposium will adopt a hybrid format with speakers and a number of delegates who will be able to attend the sessions at the venue. A registration option for viewing the live online broadcast of the event will allow for a wider attendance from the plant breeding community.

The theme for the symposium is: Think again. Plant breeding can be seen and experienced from the point of view of different breeders, scientists, data analysts, economists, producers, suppliers and consumers. A holistic outlook can help us rethink our research and breeding goals and methods, as well as the impact thereof on the society in which we live.

Details of the scientific program, presentation and poster formats, lodging options, accommodation packages and other useful information as well as registration will be made available on the SAPBA website (<https://sapba.co.za/>). Please, share this announcement with colleagues who may be interested.

Several sponsors have already come aboard, and we would like to thank them. The organizing committee is however still soliciting sponsorship from stakeholders and several opportunities still exist. Interested parties can contact the symposium secretariat for more details.

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Important dates:

Online registration opens	8 September 2021
Deadline for abstract submission for oral and poster presentations	1 November 2021
Early registration and payment	6 December 2021
Abstract and poster acceptance confirmation	5 January 2022
Late registration cut-off	8 February 2022
Electronic payment for registration cut-off	8 February 2022
Final programme announcement	8 February 2022
Symposium commences	6 March 2022 (@14:00)

All correspondence related to registration and abstract submission or general inquiries can be addressed to Marike Visser (member@sapba.co.za) or Toinette van Rooyen (toinette.vanrooyen@starkeayres.com). Any membership applications, registration fees and payments can be addressed to Zelda Bijzet (ZeldaB@arc.agric.za).

Stay safe and healthy.

Yours faithfully,

Toinette van Rooyen
SAPBA President



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