



SAIAE Symposium and biennial CPD Event:

“Agricultural Engineering makes a difference”

Berg & Dal, Mpumalanga, 1 – 4 August 2016

First Announcement and Call for Papers

The South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers is proud to invite its members and other interested parties to its two-yearly Symposium and CPD event. This year’s event will be unique as it will take place in the picturesque Lowveld at SANPARK’S Berg & Dal camp in the Kruger National Park close to Malelane.

The aim of the event is to bring the agricultural engineering community of South Africa together to share knowledge and practices in the various fields that define agricultural or Biosystems engineering. The event will take place over 3 days of which three afternoons will be dedicated to technical tours, home to a variety of farming systems such as sugar cane, milling, bananas, citrus and other crops as well as numerous industries that serve the farming community.

Call for papers

The SAIAE Council hereby invites engineers, technologists and technicians working in agricultural engineering to submit abstracts for consideration to be presented as papers or workshops during the event. Contributions should address relevant current techniques, tools, innovations or projects in one of the following fields:

- Production systems (such as irrigation, mechanization, energy or animal housing)
- Soil conservation
- Hydrology
- Environmental engineering
- Food and fiber processing

Contributions to the program should aim to report on new or innovative developments and/or applications of existing techniques in order to inform professionals and stimulate discussion.

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words, and include a suitable title as well as contact details of the corresponding author of the paper. It can be submitted to boeboe@saili.co.za by 15 March 2016.

A number of sponsorship opportunities and exhibition space is available and companies are invited to contact SAIAE’s business manager Boeboe Neethling to discuss the options (boeboe@saili.co.za).

Event activities

The Symposium will take place over 4 days, with 3 nights' accommodation at the SANPARK's Berg & Dal resort in the Kruger National Park. The Symposium will kick off with a field visit in the Lowveld during the afternoon of 1 August, from where we will enter the KNP for our first night at the Berg & Dal resort with a meet and greet function. Over the next 2 days, the symposium proceedings, will start at 09:00 with stimulating presentations and more field visits, concluding at 11:00 on 4 August. Delegates are invited to bring along their spouses or partners to enjoy the experience with the agricultural engineering community, especially in light of the long weekend following the symposium.

Registration

The registration form are available from Boeboe Neethling – boeboe@saili.co.za.

Accommodation is offered on a sharing basis of two to three delegates per bungalow. A letter of invitation from SAIAE is available for delegates that require this for their employers.

Important dates

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| 3 February 2016 | Symposium registration period opens |
| 15 March 2016 | Abstracts submitted |
| 31 March 2016 | Authors notified of abstract acceptance |
| 15 April 2016 | Preliminary symposium program available |
| 29 April 2016 | Symposium early registration period closes (proof of payment received) |
| 15 July 2016 | Proof of payment for all late registrations received |
| 1 August 2016 | Symposium commences |