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SAIAE & PASAE International Symposium

23 – 25 October 2024

Engineering within the Agricultural Environment.

The South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers, (SAIAE) and the Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering, (PASAE) are proud to invite interested parties to its International Symposium. As mentioned in the previous announcement, this year's edition will be coinciding with the SAIAE's 60-Anniversary, which will ensure a milestone Conference. The SAIAE and PASAE International event will be PASAE's 6th International Conference.

The International event will take place from **23 - 25 October 2024** at the Houw Hoek Hotel, in the scenic Western Cape province of South Africa. Please note the date has been changed since the first announcement.

This announcement highlights and provides details on the call for abstracts, registration, and accommodation costs, physical and virtual (online) attendance, sponsorship, registration, the Symposium deadlines and much more!

The Culmination of 60 years of Agricultural Engineering Excellence in Africa with SAIAE & PASAE!

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT: Call for Abstracts, Registration, Symposium Costs and Sponsorship!



Call for Abstracts

The SAIAE and PASAE Council hereby invites engineers, technicians and other interested parties working in the Agricultural Engineering field to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the Conference. Contributions should address relevant current Agricultural Engineering methods/techniques, tools, innovations, or projects in one of, but not limited to, the following fields/topics:

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words and include a suitable title as well as a photo and contact details of the corresponding author of the paper, (template attached). It can be submitted to senzo@saiae.co.za or londiwe@saiae.co.za with the subject line "Symposium Abstract" by 16 August 2024.

Abstract Topics

- 4th Industrial Revolution
- Agricultural Mechanization
- Aquaculture & Hydroponics
- Circular Economy
- Climate Change
- Energy Management
- Farm Road Design
- Food Engineering & Post-Harvest Management
- Soil Conservation
- Renewable Energy
- Food & Fibre Production Processing
- Big Data and Internet of Things (IoT)
- Hydrology & Dams
- Irrigation Design and Management
- Use of Artificial Intelligence in Agricultural Engineering
- Packaging & Packing Facilities
- Primary Production
- Precision Agriculture
- Structural Engineering in Agricultural Production and Processing Systems
- Surface and Subsurface Drainage System in Agriculture
- Water Supply & Water Resource Management



Symposium Sponsorship

Several sponsorship opportunities and exhibition space are available. The sponsorship options can be found by following this link: SAIAE & PASAE Symposium Sponsorship Request Letter.

Some of the sponsorship options on offer consist of the following:

- Platinum (main) sponsor.
- Gold sponsor.
- Silver sponsor.
- Bronze sponsor.
- Technical tour sponsors.

Companies or organizations are invited to contact SAIAE's Business Manager Mr Senzo Masikane to discuss the various sponsorship options senzo@saiae.co.za.



Registration

To register for the SAIAE & PASAE Symposium, please contact Mr Senzo Masikane - senzo@saiae.co.za or Ms Londiwe Mbambo – londiwe@saiae.co.za to receive the registration form or click on the following link: SAIAE & PASAE Symposium Registration Form. A registration portal will also be available on the SAIAE website for delegates to utilize.

Event Activities

The Symposium will take place over 3 days, with 3 nights' accommodation at the Houw Hoek Hotel from the 23rd to the 25th of October 2024. The Symposium will kick off with registration from 07:00 on the 23rd of October and the symposium proceedings will start at 09:00 with exciting presentations and technical tours, concluding at 15:00 on the 25th of October. Delegates are invited to bring along their spouses or partners to enjoy the experience with the Agricultural Engineering community in this beautiful location in South Africa with many nearby tourist attractions.



Accommodation

Accommodation is offered on a single bedroom and sharing basis (Two delegates per room). A letter of invitation from SAIAE is available for delegates that require this for their employers and for visa purposes.

The main hotel accommodation is the Houw Hoek Hotel [3-Star] - [https://houwhoekhotel.com/]. The alternative accommodation options are as follows:

-The Caledon Hotel and Spa [4-Star] - https://www.tsogosun.com/hotel/the-caledon-hotelspa/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=businesslisting&utm_campaign=hotel_the-caledon-hotel-spa

-The Arabella Hotel Golf & Spa [5-Star] - https://www.southernsun.com/arabella-hotel-golf-and-spa

Symposium Costs

The registration fees and accommodation costs for the Symposium can be found in the below table:

Conference Fee				
	Conference Fee Only	Conference Fee Incl. Accommodation (3 Nights)		
		Houw Hoek	Caledon	Arabella
Member Single	$ 390	$ 612	$ 715	$ 1028
Member Sharing	$ 390	$ 552	$ 595	$ 704
Non-member Single	$ 500	$ 720	$ 822	$ 1136
Non-member Sharing	$ 500	$ 660	$ 705	$ 812
Student Fee	$ 195	$ 352	-	-
Day Fee (per day)	$ 195	-	-	-
Virtual member	$ 270	-	-	-
Virtual non-member	$ 390	-	-	-



Partner/Spouse Activities

The Symposium will have an array of relaxing and spectacular activities catered for delegate partners or spouses. The activities that are on offer are as follows:

Day 1 [23 October]:
-Franschhoek Wine Tram.
-Babylonstoren Wine Estate.
-Spa @ Caledon.

Day 2 [25 October]:
-Table Mountain Cableway.
-Boat Cruise.
-V & A Waterfront

To book an activity or should you require additional information, please contact Ms Londiwe Mbambo – londiwe@saiae.co.za

Virtual Option

We are pleased to inform you that the SAIAE & PASAE Symposium will have a virtual option. Delegates will be able to join us virtually from anywhere in the world to be part of the Symposium and enjoy the presentations that will be at hand.

The fees for the for the virtual option are as follows:

- Virtual members: $ 270
- Virtual non-member: $ 390



Technical Tours

The Symposium Technical Tours set to take place on the 25th of October (Last day of the Symposium) are to be announced in the coming weeks!

Shuttle Services

We are pleased to inform you that shuttle services will be available for delegates travelling between the alternative accommodations and the conference venue.

Important Dates

Symposium Registration Period Opens:	03 May 2024
Abstract Submission Deadline:	16 August 2024
Authors notified of abstract acceptance:	30 August 2024
Preliminary Symposium Programme:	09 September 2024
Proof of payment for all registrations:	04 October 2024
Symposium Commences:	23 October 2024
Symposium Closes:	25 October 2024

The Symposium is supported by the following organizations:

Symposium Endorsement

To endorse or support the Symposium, please contact

Mr Senzo Masikane -senzo@saiae.co.za.

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