



**sasas**  
South African Society for Animal Science

# SASAS COMMUNIQUE

*"Experientia docet"*



We are now well into 2024, with our first council meeting behind us. The council of SASAS would like to express its gratitude to VetLink for sponsoring the zoom link for our council meetings.



**CONDOLENCES** >>> SASAS is saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Rudolf Bigalke and Dr Jan du Preez earlier this year. Both made significant contributions to veterinary science and the livestock industry in South Africa.

**DID YOU KNOW...  
THE SASAS MISSION IS:** >>>



To advance animal science and promote viable animal production systems, while sustaining natural resources and the environment and thereby to serve in the interests of human welfare.

# MEMBERSHIP

COUNCIL HAS NOT INCREASED THE MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2024. PLEASE GO TO THE SASAS WEBSITE AND REVIEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER DETAILS.

[HTTPS://WWW.SASAS.CO.ZA/](https://www.sasas.co.za/)

## >>> SASAS AWARDS

A call has gone out to our Universities to nominate the prize of best final year student for 2023 and also for the post-graduate student bursary with a further call, soon to be communicated on nominations for the Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. The rules governing these awards have been revised slightly for clarity on eligibility. Should you require more information please get hold of us.

## SASAS CONGRESS 2024

Hosted by the Eastern Cape Branch  
Venue: East London Convention  
Centre,

Date: 3 to 5 July 2024

Theme: "Animal Science and the  
Environmentally Stressed Production  
Animal"

## >>> MORE INFO

Arrangements are progressing well and I believe we have a very interesting topic for the student debate. Join us in East London and experience part of the great diversity in livestock production in our country. Apart from the Wild Coast and beautiful beaches, the Eastern Cape is the hub of wool and mohair industry in South Africa and a leading pasture based dairy production area, with 16% of SA's milk producers producing 26% of the milk produced in SA.

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## ➤➤➤ JOURNAL NEWS (SAJAS)

Unfortunately our SAJAS editor has had to step down due to health concerns. *Are there any members out there who would be prepared to step up and assist with editing our journal and society in the interim?*

Council is very concerned about the slow turnaround time by some reviewers after accepting to review a paper and also by the number of non-payment of publication fees after the paper is accepted. A lot of time and effort goes into the review process which is wasted if the paper is not published after acceptance.

## ➤➤➤ SACNASP

Council has raised several issues with SACNASP, the most important being the issue of comprises an Animal Scientist, as SASAS and SACNASP seem to have divergent opinions on the matter. What differentiates Animal Science from Animal Husbandry or livestock technology and what are the core and foundational competencies in the training of animal scientists.

To date we have unfortunately not been able to get a meeting organised.

## SASAS STRATEGIC PLAN -VISION 2025

**WE NEED TO UPDATE OUR STRATEGIC PLAN WHICH IS DUE TO BE REVISED BY END OF THIS YEAR. MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS AND SUBMIT COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO THE SECRETARY. THE DOCUMENT CAN BE FOUND IN THE MEMBER SECTION OF THE WEBSITE (INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION)**

## ➤➤➤ MENTORSHIP (CMP PROGRAM 2024)

After last year's highly successful award winning mentorship program, SACNASP have approved the continuation of the mentorship program run by SASAS and administered by Keystone Collection.

### ***What is Mentorship?***

*It is a relationship in which a more knowledgeable or experienced person guides and nurtures the professional development or growth of another. Its focus goes beyond learning specific competencies or tasks and builds a climate of trust so the mentee can feel secure to seek advice on issues impacting their professional success*

# EVENTS & MARKETING NEWS

SASAS COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE THE SERVICES TO THE PROFESSIONAL ANIMAL SCIENCE COMMUNITY AND ITS MEMBERS.

HERE IS SOME NEWS ON WHAT'S COMING UP SOON...

## »»» SOCIAL MEDIA

The process of developing a SASAS main council Facebook page, in an attempt to improve communication in our society is well under way. Our aim is to offer a platform where we can share the success stories of animal science and share information about upcoming events.

## »»» WEBINARS

The science and education committee are busy looking at suitable topics for our proposed webinars. Hopefully we can get CPD credits for attending a certain number of webinars. Watch this space for exciting news on where and when these will happen!

## TUKS CAREER DAY

SASAS plans to participate in the Natural & Agricultural Science Career Fair on 24 April to expose students to our profession and society.

If you are planning on attending look out for some of the SASAS Northern branch members who will gladly meet with you!

THANK YOU TO THE ORGANISERS AND COMMITTEE FROM THE ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL AGRICULTURE



WITH THANKS,  
*TREVOR DUGMORE*  
 SASAS PRESIDENT