



SAIAE Symposium and Biennial CPD Event

17 – 20 September 2018

Meeting the Challenges and Growing Agricultural Engineering TOGETHER WE CAN

Announcement and Call for Papers

The South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers (SAIAE) is proud to invite interested parties to SAIAE's Biennial Symposium and CPD event. This event will take place from 17 to 20 September 2018 at the Salt Rock Hotel & Beach Resort on the North coast of Kwa-Zulu Natal.

Aim of the Symposium

The aim of the event is to provide a forum to:

- Present and discuss technical challenges and solutions in the broad fields covered by Agricultural Engineering.
- Workshop on growing both the Agricultural Engineering profession and opportunities in Africa.

The SAIAE is inviting contributions to the above from professionals- and industry working in the Agricultural Engineering fields. Contributions and participation from clients and industries typically served by the Agricultural Engineers profession, or who want to learn more about the profession, are particularly encouraged in order to create a platform for obtaining a better understanding of industry's needs and support from industry for SAIAE. Candidate Engineers, students and young scientists in the Agricultural Engineering field are also strongly encouraged to contribute their work to this event and prizes will be awarded to the best contributors from the young professionals.

Event Programme

The event will comprise of presentations, workshops and field visits. An exciting addition to the program is a workshop hosted by the Pan-African Society for Agricultural Engineering (PASAE), which was established in 2017 to promote and advance the profession of Agricultural Engineering in Africa. A comprehensive programme will be available closer to the time.

Call for Papers

The SAIAE Council hereby invites all interested parties working in the Agricultural Engineering field to submit abstracts for consideration to be presented as papers or posters during the event. Contributions should address relevant current and new techniques, tools, innovations or projects in one of the following fields:

- Energy conservation and sustainable energy
- Food processing and preservation
- Soil and water engineering, including irrigation, hydrology and water management
- Agricultural structures
- Agricultural machinery and mechanization
- Development and applications of precision agricultural technologies
- Environmental engineering

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

Contributions are also solicited for a workshop on developing a strategy to grow Agricultural Engineering in Africa, which includes contributions on the following themes:

- The regional status of Agricultural Engineering on the African continent
- Challenges and solutions to grow Agricultural Engineering on the African continent
- Strategies to meet the challenges and grow connectivity of Agricultural Engineers and industries on the African continent

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. Abstracts must be submitted according to the abstract template as an email attachment to boeboe@saili.co.za by no later than **30 June 2018**.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Several sponsorship opportunities and exhibition space are available. Companies are invited to contact SAIAE's business manager, Boeboe Neethling, to discuss the options available.

Event Activities

The Symposium will take place over four days, with three nights' accommodation at the, Salt Rock Hotel & Beach Resort from 17 to 20 September 2018. Details on the resort can be accessed at: <http://www.saltrockbeach.co.za>. The Symposium will start with registration from 11:00 on the morning of 17 September and the official programme will commence at 13:00. Delegates will then proceed to the Salt Rock Hotel & Beach Resort for registration and a meet and greet function. Over the next three days, the Symposium proceedings, will start at 08:30 with stimulating presentations and a workshop hosted by PASAE on 18 September. A meet and greet function and gala dinner are included in the programme and field visits to local industries will also be part of the programme. Delegates are encouraged to bring along their spouses or partners to enjoy the resort and interactions with the Agricultural Engineering community!

Registration and Accommodation

The approximate costs for the symposium, field trips and three nights' accommodation, will be R5900.00, per person. Find the registration form with detailed costs attached. Further information is available from Boeboe Neethling. A letter of invitation from SAIAE is available for delegates if required.

Accommodation is offered on a single or sharing basis and will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.



Important Dates

14 May 2018	Symposium registration period opens
30 June 2018	Abstracts submission deadline
6 July 2018	Authors notified of abstract acceptance
13 July 2018	Preliminary symposium program available
30 June 2018	Symposium early registration period closes (proof of payment received)
15 August 2018	Proof of payment for all late registrations received
17 September 2018	Symposium commences
20 September 2018	Symposium closes

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