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International Society for Plant Pathology

(Dr Greg Johnson, President 2013-2018)



Report to ISPP from the Southern African Society for Plant Pathology for 2013-2018.

Return the completed report by email to Greg Johnson, ISPP President, (greg4d@gmail.com) with copy to Brenda Wingfield, Secretary General (brenda.wingfield@fab.up.ac.za) by 1 June 2018

Name of Society: Southern African Society for Plant Pathology (SASPP)

Year Established: 1967

Web address for Society: www.saspp.co.za

Name (s) of personnel preparing report: Prof Mark Laing, President (Laing@ukzn.ac.za), Dr Benice Sivparsad, Secretary (secretarysaspp@gmail.com)

Nominated Officers. Is the list for your society on the ISPP website correct?
(<http://www.isppweb.org/societies.asp>) Yes/~~No~~* (*strike out whichever is not applicable)

(If Yes, there is no need to list them here. If listing is not correct, please list here President, Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager/Office and ISPP councillors (address, telephone and email contacts).

Will a Society member be making corrections to the ISPP entry for your society on-line?

Yes/~~No~~*

Society Contact: Dr Benice Sivparsad Email: secretarysaspp@gmail.com

Society membership : 268 members in 2015; 258 members in 2016; 274 members in 2017

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- *Society Activities and publications.*

The aim of the Society is to promote Plant Pathology in Southern Africa by acting as official mouthpiece of plant pathologists in Southern Africa. The society provides opportunities for plant pathologists to meet and exchange information of mutual scientific interests, coordinating affiliation with related scientific societies in Southern Africa, as well as with corresponding and related foreign societies, gathering and disseminating information on Plant Pathology. Although the Society's activities are mainly focused on the African region, many of the activities of our members are of international importance and significance.

The Society has a regional structure, with each region organising local events such as meetings and workshops.

- *Society Conferences and Workshops. 2013-2018*
SASPP organizes a biennial congress that was held in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

In 2013, the 48th Congress of SASPP was held at Bela Bela (Limpopo) from 20 to 24 January 2013

In 2015, the 49th Congress of SASPP was held at Bains Lodge (Bloemfontein) from 18 to 21 January 2015

In 2017, the 50th Congress of SASPP was held at Champagne Sports Resort (Drakensburg) from 15 to 19 January 2017

In 20 to 24th January 2019, the 51st Congress of the SASPP will be held at Club Mykonos, Langebaan, 130km north of Cape Town, on the Cape West Coast.

- *Funding opportunities*

Funding for research is mainly from direct interactions with industry as well as funding from the National Research Foundation. There is some funding from government entities established to fund innovations in key components of the national economy, including agriculture and forestry.