



Upcoming 3rd New Voices in Cereal Science and Technology Symposium - September 2019

Cereal Science and Technology-SA (CST-SA), founded 33 years ago, is an association of organisations and individuals (from both the private and public sectors) who are actively involved in the science and technology of cereals. This year CST-SA will host its 3rd New Voices in Cereal Science and Technology Symposium. The main purpose of this national symposium is to provide postgraduate student bursary holders as well as early career scientists performing research in cereal science and technology and who have not presented an oral at an international conference, the opportunity to gain experience in delivering a scientific paper. Currently, 34 masters and doctoral students are bursary holders of the Maize Trust, Winter Cereal Trust, Sorghum Trust, The South African Corporate Training Association (SACTA), Sasol Trust and South African National Seed Organisation (SANSOR), respectively. These students, representing eight Universities and three Universities of Technology across South Africa, have the opportunity to take part in the New Voices Symposium on 11th September 2019 (abstracts submissions open on 29th May 2019). Winners in the respective MSc- and PhD-categories will be awarded the John Taylor Trophies.

With this event, CST-SA aims to bring together students in cereal science from all over South Africa to report on their research on wheat, maize, barley and sorghum. Specific objectives are to:

- provide postgraduate students and young career scientists the opportunity to present an oral presentation at a national event;
- offer participants the opportunity to share their research findings, exchange knowledge and experiences;
- create a critical mass of young, enthusiastic cereal scientists; and
- showcase potential new employees to representatives of the grain industry value chain.

Cereal Science and Technology-SA (CST-SA) was originally founded in 1986 as the South African branch (IACST-SA) of the International Association for Cereal Science and Technology (ICC). It was an initiative of Prof Piet Steyn, then Director of the CSIR National Food Research Institute. Membership of IACST-SA was actively supported by Stellenbosch University, the former Wheat and Maize Boards, the Grain Sorghum Board, as well as individuals from the Agricultural Research Council, universities and private industry.

IACST-SA received a major boost in 1993 (which coincided with Prof Piet Steyn serving as ICC president and South Africa becoming a democracy) when it hosted an international symposium "*Cereal Science and Technology – Impact on a Changing Africa*" in Pretoria. Former President F W de Klerk gave the opening address at the symposium, which was attended by more than 300 delegates from around the world. IACST-SA became an independent association in 2007 and renamed. Cereal Science

Technology-SA (CST-SA) as it is known today is South Africa's official link to the international cereal science and technology community at large. CST-SA promotes active collaboration between cereal scientists and technologists and advances the knowledge of the science and technology of cereals and other grains. This is facilitated by organising lectures, meetings, conferences, symposia and workshops with local and international experts in the field.

With its main objective of promoting the development of cereal science and technology in South Africa, CST-SA awards worthy students, subject to availability of funds. Similarly, CST-SA also acknowledges established researchers who has achieved sustained excellence in cereal science and technology research and development, including human resource development, in South Africa.

CST-SA membership is free and the online application form is available at <http://cerealsa.co.za/join-cst-sa>.



Fifteen participants presented oral presentation at the 2rd New Voices in Cereal Science and Technology 11th May 2017 at The Willows Country Lodge, Pretoria.