

IPPS Southern Africa
21st ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Climate Resistant Horticulture
Tuesday 06th – Thursday 08th March 2018
Radisson Blu, Summerstrand, Port Elizabeth

Tuesday 6 March		Day 1: Arrival and site visits	
11:00	Collection from PE Airport and travel to Olive Farm		
11:30 - 12 :30	Olive Farm vegetable tunnels and Farming Gods Way	Hosts : Michael Charliewood and Grant Dryden	<i>Olive Tree Farm</i> produces 90% of the vegetables for their restaurant Grass Roof where we will be having lunch. Michael Charliewood will escort us through the tunnels and growing area . <i>Farming Gods Way</i> , Grant Dryden is part of the 'Stewardship Team' that have established a highly successful and inspiring sustainable home food gardening concept. It serves to educate and motivate through biblical teachings and principles the 750 million subsistence farmers in Africa. <i>"We believe that Farming God's Way is part of God's solution for Africa, where it can be turned around from being the "begging bowl" to the "breadbasket of the world".</i>
12:45 -13:45	Lunch at Grass Roof Restaurant	www.grassroof.co.za	Michael Charliewood and his wife Nikky own and run the Grass Roof Restaurant .
14:00	Depart Elands Nursery		
14:45 -16 :30	Elands Nursery Tour	Hosts : Rick and Mike Carter	Elands Nursery was started in the early 1970's as is currently one of the largest wholesale ornamental plant producers in SA. It is a family run business and is owned and managed by brothers Rick (Managing member) and Mike Carter (Sales Member) and has a staff complement of approximately 100 people. The Nursery supplies high quality grow on's, ground covers, shrubs, trees and XL Palms to the green industry. Delivery is country wide using a strong fleet of trucks that have regular delivery schedules. The tour will include : How the nursery creates its own growing medium Discuss how it is self sufficient when it comes to water supply The new innovative logistics system.
16:30	Depart for Radisson Hotel		
17:30	Bus arrives at the hotel, check in and registration	Radisson Blu Hotel, Port Elizabeth	Discover the ocean on your doorstep at this stunning modern hotel
17:45 -19:00	Board Meeting	Hobie Beach Suite, Radisson Blu	
18:45	Meet in reception for evening function		
19:00 - 22:00	Evening function : Something Good Roadhouse	www.facebook.com/somethinggoodpe	Short walk across the road to the supper venue

Wednesday 7 March	Conference Day 2 Wednesday		
07:00 - 8:15	Breakfast		
08:15 - 08:30	Opening address	President - IPPS Southern Africa	Annemarie van der Westhuizen
08:30 - 09:00	Speaker	Pierre Adriaanse	Greenhouse energy management
09:00 - 09:30	Speaker	Gavin Schafer	"Soil surveys for forestry and agricultural planning".A presentation on the importance of soil surveys and soil characteristics in relation to the planning and productivity of agricultural and forestry land
09:30 - 10:00	TEA		
10:00 - 10:30	Speaker	Dr Derek Askew	Working with Irrigation Water
10:30 - 11:00	Speaker	Shaun Biggs	Ellepot. New developments in production technologies
11:00 - 11:30	Speaker	Dr Paul Fourie	An overview of what is done at the Citrus Research and Improvement Scheme .
11:30 - 12 :00	Speaker	Jean Kuiper	Biological Pest Control
12:00 - 12:35	Speaker	Dermot Malloy (Australian IPPS Board Member)	Where can propagating take you
12:35 -13:45	Lunch		
13:45 - 14:00	Australian Student presentation	Lara Osborne	Natural Area Consulting Management Services
14:00 - 14:15	SA Student 2017 report back	Ziniko Makiva	
14 :15 -14 :30	SA Student 2018 nominee	Wendy Mkhize	Durban University of Technology
14:30 - 14:45	SA Student 2018 nominee	Siyasanda Yenzela	Samgro Nursery
14 :45 -15 :00	SA Student 2018 nominee	Sameer Khan	Durban University of Technology
15 :00 -15:30	Tea break		
15:30 - 16:30	AGM		
16 :30 -16:40	Announcement of student winner		
17:00 - 19:00			Free time for a walk on the beach!
19:00	Gala dinner and auction		Radisson Hotel Ball Room (Semi Formal Dress: Shirt and Tie)

Thursday 8 March	Conference Day 3 Thursday & Post Conference Tour Friday 9 March		
6:45 - 7:45	Breakfast		
7:45 - 8:00	Hotel check out and board the bus		
8:00 - 9:15	Travel to Tweeling Kwekery, Kirkwood	90km	
9:15 - 10 :00	Tour of Tweeling Kwekery	Anna Potgieter	Tweeling Citrus Nursery specialises in producing citrus trees for farmers in and around South Africa. Anna has been very gracious in allowing us into their home designed germination room as well as being escorted through the nursery. The Tweelingplaaskombuise was named after family twins Anna and Nellie and here you are welcome to purchase home made preserves and jams which the farm produces.
10:00 - 10:15	Travel to Miskraal Kwekery	12 km	
10:15 - 11:00	Tour Miskraal Kwekery	Tyna Ferreira	Tyna Ferreira grows approximately 22 000 citrus trees for the farming industry and is passionate about what she does. She has been kind enough to personally take us through her nursery and is keen to share her knowledge and understanding of the industry.
11:00 - 11 :10	Travel to Unifrutti packing house	10km	
11:10 - 12 :00	Tour Unifrutti	Habata watermelons will be in the process of the packing stage	The Unifrutti Dunbrody Packhouse is located in the heart of the Sundays River Valley between the towns of Kirkwood and Addo in the Eastern Cape province of South Africa. The Sundays River Valley is responsible for almost 20% of South Africa's total citrus production. The Packhouse handles around 3.5 million cartons per season. Fruit is received from the Unifrutti owned Dunbrody Estates as well as reliable long term partners. Fruit is handled and packed to the highest quality standards to satisfy all market requirements.
12:00 - 12 :20	Travel to Africanus restaurant/Lenmore restaurant Addo	15 km	www.africanos.co.za
12:20 - 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 -13:50	Travel to Habata Nursery	www.habata.co.za	
14:00 - 15:00	Habata Nursery tour	Gary Webb	When Hannes Joubert purchased a 40-hectare farm named Habata near Kirkwood in the Sundays River Valley in 1978, he's had little idea that the operation would mushroom to become one of South Africa's leading exporters of citrus. Habata was transformed into a thriving operation that focused on citrus for the international market during the winter months and cucurbits for local consumers in summer. Gary Webb , production director at Hababta will guide us through the citrus and vegetable lands as well as tell us a bit about the " 4 bee hives per hecter" that are used on the farm for pollination.
15:15	<i>Depart for airport (Tour ends)</i>	85,3km	Arrive at PE Airport 16:30
15:30	<i>Depart for post conference tour</i>		
15:30 - 19:00	Bus travels to accommodation at Dungbeetle Lodge		
19:00	Check in at Dungbeetle Lodge	www.dungbeetle.co.za	
19:30	Supper : 3 course braai		
Friday 9 March	<i>Day 4 :POST Tour Friday</i>		
06:30-07:30	Breakfast		
7:45 - 11:00	Game drive through Addo park	www.sanparks.org/parks/addo	
11:00 -12:00	Flora rehabilitation talk by San Parks		
12:00 - 13 :00	Lunch		
16:30	Arrive Airport		