



5th International Table Grape Symposium

First Circular

Stellenbosch, South Africa

21 – 23 November 2007

Dear Colleagues

The last International Table Grape Symposium was held in La Serena, Chile. The South African Society for Enology and Viticulture (SASEV) offered to host the Symposium in South Africa, after Australia indicated that they will not be able to host it. The 5th International Table Grape Symposium will be held in Stellenbosch (near Cape Town) from Wednesday 21 November to Friday 23 November 2007. South Africa, with its diverse people and places, is undoubtedly one of the world's most popular tourist and conference destinations and we are indeed looking forward to seeing you at this special event in Stellenbosch.

PROGRAMME

Pre-symposium technical field trip	-	18, 19, 20 November 2007
Welcome cocktail	-	Evening of 20 November 2007
Symposium	-	21, 22 Nov. or 21, 22 and 23 November 2007 <i>(depending on interest shown)</i>
Informal braai	-	Last evening of Symposium
Post-symposium technical field trip	-	23 or 24 November 2007

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

The programme will include keynote presentations by invited speakers, oral presentations and posters on the following topics concerning table and raisin grapes:

1. Dormancy, growth regulators, nutrition, fertilisation, fertigation and irrigation
2. Training-trellis systems, pruning and canopy management
3. Breeding, biotechnology and pathology
4. Pest and disease control
5. Packaging and post-harvest quality management
6. Production costs, economics and market trends

In addition two technical field trips will be organised. The Pre-symposium technical field trip will be a 3 day tour to the summer rainfall area (Northern Cape, Upington) where the producers will be packing grapes already. The Post-symposium technical field trip will be a one day tour to Paarl and the Hex River area where vineyards (6 – 8mm berry size) will be visited. More detail and costs will follow in the Second Circular. Cost not included in registration fee.

VENUE

The Symposium will be held at the Protea Hotel, Stellenbosch. Stellenbosch lies in the heart of the South African wine production area and is located approximately 50 km from Cape Town.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be in the Protea Hotel in Stellenbosch. Prices range from ZAR 578 (Single Standard) to ZAR 1040 (Double/Twin Deluxe) per room per night, and include 14%VAT and full English breakfast, but exclude the tourism promotion levy of 1%. More detail will be available with the Second Circular.

PRIVATE TOURS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

A programme for accompanying persons as well as pre and post-conference private tours can be organised by a recommended tour operator (more information in second circular).

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

English will be the official language of the Meeting. Contributed papers and posters will be published in the book of abstracts. Details of the abstract format and the poster format will be provided in the Second Circular.

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for the scientific meeting will be ZAR 2400 for delegates, ZAR 1900 for SASEV members and ZAR 1600 for students. Registration fees include the symposium fees, welcome cocktail, coffee breaks, lunches during the symposium, informal braai and the book of abstracts. The above prices are for a 3 day conference and is provided as an early indication of costs for budgetary purposes. The prices may change, based on the number of days that the symposium will run (2 or 3) and the number of delegates attending the meeting.

KEY DATES

Expression of interest to attend:	9 March 2007
Submission of preliminary Titles:	9 March 2007
Second Circular:	2 April 2007
Submission of Abstracts:	1 June 2007
Acceptance of paper and poster abstracts:	6 July 2007
Final Circular:	6 July 2007
Registration	15 July – 15 September 2007

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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Expression of Interest

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Organisation			
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I would like to: (Please tick appropriate box)	
Attend the Symposium	

Present a paper	
Session	
Provisional title	

Present a poster	
Session	
Provisional title	

Attend the Pre-symposium Technical field trip (3 days)	
Attend the Post- symposium Technical field trip (1 day)	

Please return by email or fax to the Symposium Secretariat by 9 March 2007