

SAAGA Research Symposium
14 February 2019, Fairview Hotel, Tzaneen

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Registration

08:00 **Opening**
Athol Currie, SAAGA Chairman

Session 1

08:10 **Photo selective nets and drape shade nets: can they improve preharvest avocado quality?**
Dharini Sivakumar, Tshwane University of Technology

08:30 **Pollination: In vitro, in nets and open trees; avocado flower structure and bee activity**
Elsa du Toit, University of Pretoria

08:55 **Validating spray timing for Cercospora spot**
Maritha Schoeman, ARC-TSC

09:15 ***Rosellinia necatrix* : an emerging threat**
Noëlani van den Berg, University of Pretoria

09:35 **Phosphonate sprays against Phytophthora root rot: when and why**
Adele McLeod, University of Stellenbosch

09:55 **Presentation: Prestige sponsor**

10:05 **Tea/Coffee**

Session 2

10:35 **The microbiome and food safety status of avocados**
Lise Korsten, University of Pretoria

10:55 **Controlling False Codling Moth using nematodes**
Willem Steyn, ARC-TSC

11:15 **Several pre- and post harvest factors influencing fruit ripening and quality**
Frans Kruger, Lowveld Postharvest Services

11:45 **Quantifying and controlling thrips and scales**
Schalk Schoeman, ARC-TSC

12:05 **Avocado sunblotch viroid: present status and future prospects**
Elize Jooste, ARC-TSC

12:25 **Thyme oil: a commercial alternative to control post harvest diseases**
Dharini Sivakumar, Tshwane University of Technology

12:45 **Lunch**

Session 3

14:05 **Presentation: Prestige sponsor**

14:15 **How thirsty are avocado trees?**
Nicky Taylor, University of Pretoria

14:35 **Validating a systems approach for False Codling Moth and fruit flies**
Tertia Grové, ARC-TSC

14:55 **Incidence of diseases and disorders and their biochemical influence on exported fruit**
Danie Lemmer, ExperiC Agri-Research Solutions

15:15 **Pack house misting of Prochloraz: concentrations and other influencing factors**
Mieke Daneel, ARC-TSC

15:35 **Closure**

15:55 **SAAGA AGM**

17:35 **Braai**
