

AgriCAREERConnect
Thursday 5 September 2019
Future Africa, UP Proefplaas, University of Pretoria

Make the Switch – the Agricultural/Agri-Food industry is calling!

AgriCAREERConnect Auditorium Programme (Provisional) – as of 18 June 2019

08:00 Welcome and Introduction, Master of Ceremonies *Lorna Greyling, former Miss South Africa and Motivational Speaker helping young people reaching their full potential*

Plant & Soil Sciences

08:05 Entomology – Invasive wasps and indigenous biocontrol measures to control them (example topic)

08:20 Cultivar development, plant breeders' rights: commercialisation is key to success (example topic)

08:35 Optimising Irrigation with Soil Moisture Colour Sensors, *Luan Steyn, Technical Manager, Rural Integrated Engineering (Pty) Ltd and Virtual Irrigation Academy (B.Eng Electronic Engineering)*

08:50 Medical Plants: Professional Approach to gear up for SA's Cannabis Explosion, *Danie Nel, CEO, Afriplex (to be confirmed)*

09:10 Crop Protection and Integration of Biological Control Technology (example topic)

09:30 Plant breeding: latest developments in seed biotechnology (example topic)

10:00

Consumer & Food Science

10:15 Fresh approach to product development in competitive local & international markets, *Sumaré Marais, Bos Tea (Food Scientist) (to be confirmed)*

10:30 Food Fraud – a serious threat to food integrity and security (example topic)

10:45 Food Safety key to consumer confidence (example topic)

Agri-business and Agricultural Economics

12:00

12:15 Integrated Systems in Perishable Product Supply Chains – Working ERP systems and real automation is the future, *Charl van Loggerenberg, Operations Manager, Prophet SA (Masters in Organizational Leadership and B.Com (Hons) Forensic Accounting)*

12:30 Labour management in the Agricultural industry (example topic)

Teachers' Event hosted CGT by PMA and JuniorTukkie (open to students/graduates)

12:45 Welcome and Introduction, *Lindie Stroebel, General Manager, Produce Marketing Association*

12:55 Agricultural Training and Future Careers *Prof Eddie Webb, Vice Dean, Department of Natural & Agricultural Science*

13:10 Vegetable seed industry – careers! *Matome Ramokgopa, General Manager, Enza Zaden Southern Africa*

13:30 The Fourth Skills Revolution, *Jacomien de Klerk, General Manager, Citrus Academy*

13:50 Defenders of the Tree Crop – combining agronomy, drone imagery and artificial intelligence
Devan Osborne, Head Agronomy, Aerobotics

14:15 Teacher's lunch & networking (private event)

Animal & Wildlife Sciences

- 14:15 Animal Feeds AFMA
14:30 Animal Breeding
14:45 Wildlife Science/Agriculture – integration of legal aspects *Theo Boshoff Head Legal Intelligence Agbiz MPhil Wildlife Management, BA LLB (UP)*
15:00 Animal Health *BASF*

Engineering, IT, Technology and Agriculture

- 15:15 Crop spraying with drones – it is happening, *Tim Wise, Agridoc, DC Geomatics*
15:30 Remote Sensing in the Cloud and the Implications for Nature Conservation and Agriculture, *Maryn vd Laarse, Business Data Analyst, African Parks (B.Eng Hons Industrial Engineering)*
15:45 Optimising Efficiency and Productivity in Horticultural Production Systems, *Yolandi le Roux, Operations Manager, PicoGro (micro-vegetable production) (B.Eng Industrial Engineering)*
16:00 The use of Biotechnology in Tree Health – future careers, *Prof Bernard Slippers, Director of FABI (Forestry and Agricultural Biotechnology Institute and Director of Future Africa)*
16:15 Human Capacity and Future Food Systems *Frederike Paasterink, Lecturer, HAS University of Applied Sciences, 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands (to be confirmed)*

16:45 Keynote Speaker (to be announced)

17:15 Networking Cocktail Event

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