

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR ENOLOGY AND VITICULTURE

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Dear Members

It is my privilege to present another year of SASEV activities on behalf of the SASEV Board. This time for the period July 2022 to June 2023. Unlike the previous two "Covid" years, during the past year, we were able to resume our typical SASEV activities.

1. Membership

There are currently 310 SASEV members, two of which are international (one from Italy, the other from the United States of America). This year SASEV attracted 14 new members and there are currently 25 active honorary members.

2. Finances

SASEV has maintained a healthy financial position in the past year (as can be seen in the financial statements) but closed at a loss. Income is mainly generated through the collection of membership fees, subscription fees (Journal), successful presentations of technology transfer events and sponsorships. I would like to thank all our members and especially our sponsors for their support during the past year, which was also a very difficult year for sponsors, and we sincerely appreciate every contribution received.

Many thanks to our treasurers for the past term, Tarryn Wettergreen and Andries Daniels as well as Mina Lourens (Financial Administrative Officer) for administering the Association's funds. A special word of thanks to Mina Lourens for the way she handled the finances of the Association this financial year.

3. SASEV Activities

3.1. SASEV Conference

No SASEV Conference was held during the 2022/23 financial year due to other, competing, international conferences that were held in South Africa. Instead, a decision was taken to delay the event until 13 & 14 September 2023.

3.2 Table and Raisin Grape Information Days

The Table and Raisin Grape Information Days were held in Marble Hall, Kakamas and Paarl on 15, 17 & 19 August 2022, respectively and were hosted in partnership with SATI and Raisins SA. In total 312 delegates attended these events. The information days play an important role in knowledge sharing and building relationships with industry. Board members who played a

critical role in ensuring the success of these events are Schalk Reynolds, Tarryn Wettergreen and Andries Daniels. A special thanks is extended to Mina Lourens from the SASEV office, who played a critical role in ensuring the events were organised well.

3.3 South African Wine Laboratory Association

This subgroup (SAWLA) that functions under the banner of SASEV, held 3 workshops this year. In total 118 people attended the events. The work group's main goal is to ensure standardised methods of wine analysis for industry. Lindi van Antwerpen, Fanie Kamfer and the committee are thanked for their arrangements relating to the SAWLA activities.

4. South African Journal for Enology & Viticulture (SAJEV)

SAJEV's impact factor increased by 0.2 to 1.981 in 2023. Volume 43 No. 2 was published in November 2022 and includes 8 articles. Volume 44, No.1 was published in June 2023 and also includes 8 articles. Subscriptions for a printed copy are currently at 29 local and 24 international subscriptions.

There are 26 editorial committee members of which 7 are international. SAJEV is published on SUNJournals.

Thanks is extended to Leon Dicks, the editor, as well as the assistant editors for their dedication and time in ensuring constant improvement of the journal. This is evident from the increased impact rate.

5. SASEV Awards

5.1 Medal of Honor and Honorary Membership

None

5.2 Lallemand SA/SASEV – Prize for the Best Students in Viticulture and Oenology (SU) and Cellar Technology (Elsenburg)

SASEV and Lallemand SA collaborate to reward the best final year student in Viticulture and Oenology at Stellenbosch University and the best final year student in Cellar Technology at the Cape Institute for Agricultural Training (Elsenburg) for their hard work. This prize has been sponsored by Lallemand SA for the past 23 years. Congratulations to Suzaan Krige from Stellenbosch University and Kalissa de Kok from Elsenburg, who are this year's winners.

5.3 SASEV SAJEV Prize & Young Researcher Prize

None – prize not awarded during this financial year.

5.4 Conference Prize

None – prize not awarded during this financial year

5.5 Table and Raisin Grape fund award

None – prize not awarded during this financial year

6. Website, marketing, association and sponsorship

6.1 Social media and marketing

While SASEV continues to use more traditional methods, such as newspapers and emails, to communicate and share information with members, SASEV is gradually switching to more modern methods. The SASEV website is one of the key tools for information sharing with members. As a reminder the URL is www.sasev.org. Additionally, Facebook (South African Society for Enology and Viticultural), Instagram (sasev_platform (conference); sviticulture (10ITGS)) and most prominently, LinkedIn (South African Society for Enology and Viticulture) have been used to actively promote events over the past year.

6.2 Sponsorship

Successful execution of projects cannot happen without the support and buy-in of sponsors.

Information Days: Laeveld Agrochem, TopFruit, Aerobotics, APL Cartons, Bayer, DuxAgri, ExperiCo, HKAL, Inteligro, NexusAg, ORPA, Philagro, Provar and Viking

South African Journal for Enology and Viticulture: WINETECH has continued to sponsor costs relating to the layout and design.

SAWLA workshops: Microsep, Metrohm, AQA Scientific, AE Solutions, Labmin, Biopharm, Basic Wine, MSP Management Systems and Progress Excellence

7. Acknowledgements

Thanks is extended to the following people:

- The active SASEV members who continue to support the organisation.
- Mina Lourens for your unwavering dedication and commitment to SASEV.
- The SASEV Board: Maret du Toit (Vice-president), Andries Daniels (Treasurer), Neil Jolly (Secretary), Schalk Reynolds, Jeanne Brand, Heinrich du Plessis, Fanie Kamfer, Lindi van Antwerpen and Leon Dicks.

SASEV has established itself as the preferred vehicle of technology transfer in the viticultural and oenological spaces – may the Board and the members continue to support and expand the goals of the organisation to the benefit of the South African grape and wine industries.

Tarryn Wettergreen



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