

SASBI-SAGS 2014 AT KWALATA RANCH

The joint congress of the South African Society for Bioinformatics (SASBi) and the South African Genetics Society (SAGS) took place at Kwalata Ranch outside Pretoria, which is part of the Dinokeng Conservancy in September (2014). The programme included international keynote speakers such as Chandra Verma of Singapore Bioinformatics Institute, Mikhail Gelfand from Moscow State University, Yves van de Peer of Ghent University, Rasmus Nielsen from UC-Berkeley, Jerry Tuskan of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USA and Pedro Crous of CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre, The Netherlands. Oral presentations and poster sessions alternated with traditional performances and the best of South African food. Two FABlans were elected to the SAGS executive committee, Dr Albé van der Merwe as vice president and Dr Sanushka Naidoo as secretary. The next SASBi-SAGS congress takes place in 2016.

