

The AFMA Congress Report (16-21 November 2014)

African Farm management Association is an organisation of farmers and agribusiness industries as well as private and public agricultural sectors that aims to advance the knowledge of farm business management and to exchange ideas, information, and experience about farm management theory and practice throughout the continent of Africa and the world. The 9th Africa farm management conference took place on the

16th till the 21st of November 2014 in Cape Town. It was an integration of delegates from African countries and outside the continent. The theme of the event was “*Transforming African agriculture from production to markets and beyond*”.



There were plenary sessions during the congress where delegates presented their research work as well as students from Agricultural Colleges and Universities who presented posters. It was a great experience to Fort Cox College of Agriculture and Forestry students

(left: Mapipa, Middle: and Right: T. Ndlangisa) who attended this workshop since they have managed to share their poster. Noteworthy, the students also had an opportunity to meet important representatives from other countries.

Delegates also enjoyed congress tours that took place on the 18th and 20th November where they gained farm level experience in



fruit, vegetable, wine and dairy industries. The farm visit included Ceres Fruit Growers, Laastedrif Farming of



Rossouw Cille, Trevor's Farm who is South

African farm of the year, Rubert wine, Rhodes Food group and lastly the wines of Durbanville Hills.

One of the aims of the congress was to create partnerships/links as much as possible with different representatives around the world, therefore this was achieved by social events that took place during the congress which were the welcoming cocktail function, the conference dinner, the gala dinner as well as closing session. Delegates who were outstanding in presenting their papers



and posters received awards which encouraged them to contribute more on the agricultural sector.



The congress provided an exciting and stimulating programme and many were inspired, entertained both during the conference and also through the tours that took place. It was a great privilege for students who attended the

conference because they were exposed to greater opportunities as well as having to meet and share information with important people such as president of the congress, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Professors and Doctors.