

21ST ANNUAL SASVEPM CONGRESS



21-23 AUGUST 2024



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21st Annual SASVEPM Congress - Event Summary

The 21st Annual SASVEPM Congress was held from 21-23 August 2024 at the Lagoon Beach Hotel in Cape Town a hybrid event.

Executive Committee



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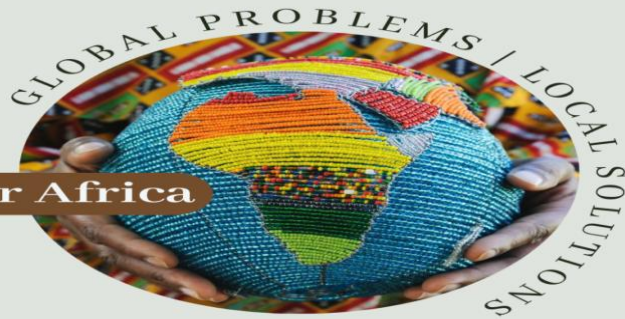
Dr Wonderful Shumba
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Dr Tandile Ndobeni
Communication Officer

Pre-congress

The SASVEPM hosted a pivotal two-day pre-congress workshop on 19th to 20th of August 2024 at the Lagoon Beach Hotel, Cape Town, focusing on critical aspects of veterinary biosafety principles and method validation. The workshop, facilitated by esteemed Laboratory experts Dr. Paidamwoyo Mutowembwa and Dr. Alison Lubisi both from the Agricultural Research Council, together with 28 officials from various provinces within South Africa, including the SASVEPM Executive Committee.



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Keynote speakers

Dr Locksley Messam (University College Dublin): The (un)Common Sense of Epidemiologic Inference: Why Training is A Must

Dr Anne Conan (French Agricultural Research and International Cooperation Organization): One Health: Is Conceptualisation a Barrier to its Operationalisation?

Dr Nenene Qekwana (University of Pretoria): Antimicrobial Stewardship: understanding the African context

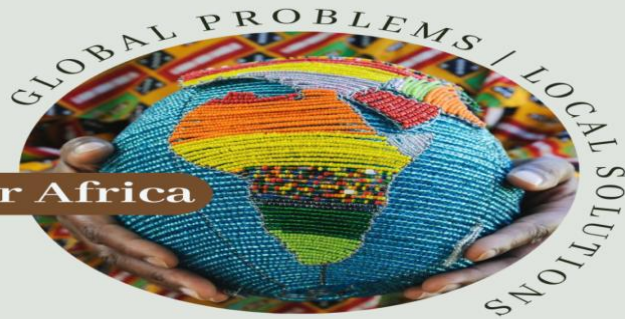
Virtual Access

The event was streamed live. Recordings were made available to delegates post-event for convenience and further engagement - <https://eventee.com/e/21st-sasvepm-congress-22433>

Congress

The event welcomed 176 in-person attendees and 161 online participants from 10 countries, with the majority (95%) coming from South Africa and a smaller group from Zimbabwe, USA, UK, Botswana, and others.

Attendees by country - SA 95% | Zimbabwe 1.4% (5 attendees) | Botswana & Kenya 1.1% (3 attendees each) | Other countries (UK, USA, Ireland & UAE) 1.4% (1 attendee per country).



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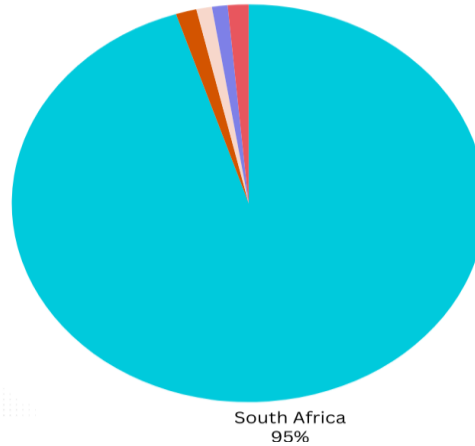
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South Africa Zimbabwe Botswana
Kenya Other (UK, USA, UAE, Ireland)

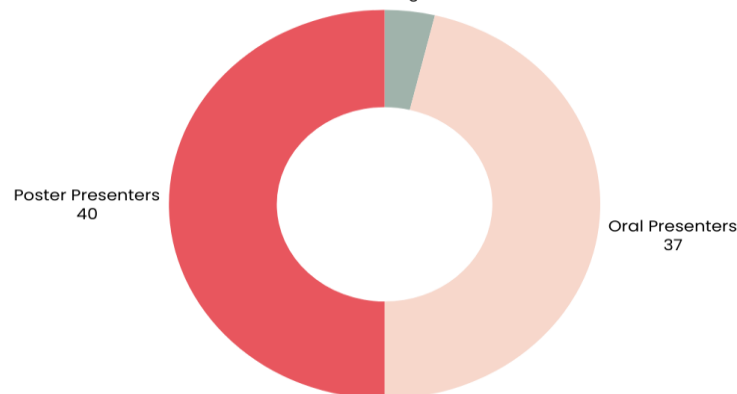
Zimbabwe
1.4%



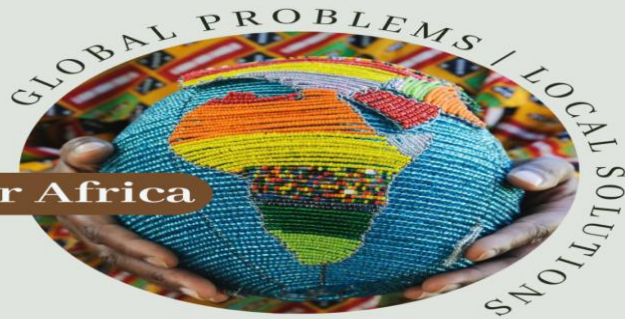
Speakers: 3 Keynote speakers (Dr Locksley Messam, Dr. Anne Conan & Dr. Nenene Qekwana), 37 Oral and 40 Poster Presenters.

Keynote Oral Presenters
Poster Presenters

Keynote
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Professions of the attendees



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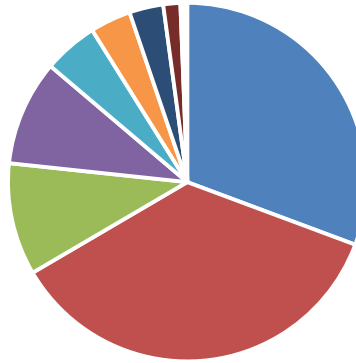


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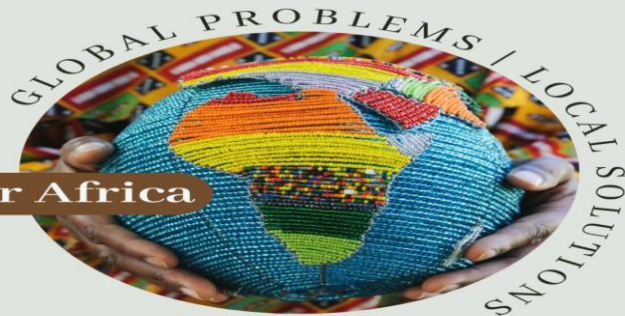
- Animal Health Technicians
- Veterinarians
- Researchers
- Post graduates
- Academics
- Epidemiologists
- Veterinary Technologists
- Scientists
- Environmental Practitioner
- Editor

Awards

Best Postgraduate Oral: Dr Joshua Ngwisha (Attended online)



Lifetime Achievement: Dr Sewellyn Davey Willie Ungerer Memorial: Dr Moetapele Letshwenyo



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Prof Gavin Thompson: Dr Kgaugelo Lekota Best Poster presentation: Ms Tshenelo Mbaba

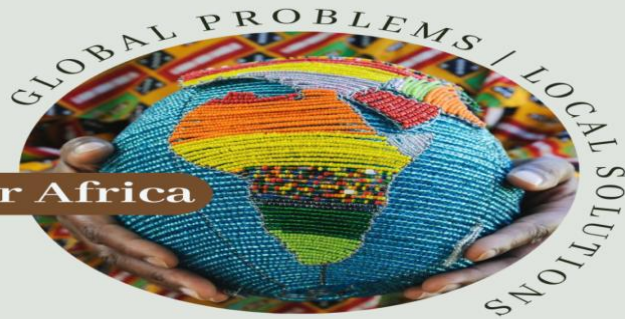


OBP Best Oral AHT presentation: Nozipho Maphori

Annual general meeting summary

During the meeting, a proposal was made to change the banking account to better align with the society non-profit organisation(NPO) registration status. Dr Nolvuyiso Magadla, the Chair of the 2027 ISVEE18 Local Organizing Committee provided an update on the planning and progress for hosting the 2027 ISVEE18 conference in Cape Town, including venue changes, time line adjustments, and ongoing efforts to engage the broader African continent. A proposed amendment to the SASVEPM Sponsorship Policy was discussed, which would allow the society to hold sponsored delegates financially responsible if they fail to meet their responsibilities without valid cause. A vote was held to determine the location of the 2025 SASVEPM Congress, with Mpumalanga province selected as the host.

Vote of thanks



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As we have reached the end of this amazing congress, the SASVEPM ExCo is filled with overflowing gratitude towards its members that participated through attendance and presentations, keynote speakers, and events manager, VetLink. The incredible success of the congress journey would not have been possible without the dedication and passion of so many individuals and organisations. The organising committee would like to extend a sincere appreciation to our incredible sponsors; HWSETA (Platinum), OBP (Gold), Inqaba Biotech (Silver), ARC (Bronze), and Deltamune (Exhibitor). Their generous support made this event truly special. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us create this vibrant platform for learning and connection.