

28th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
IPPS Southern Africa Region
Theme: "Startups, Reboots and Mainstays"
Tuesday 3 March - Thursday 5 March 2026
Goedgedacht Farm, Riebeeck Kasteel

Tuesday 3 March	Cape Town International Airport - Nursery visits - Goedgedacht Farm, Riebeeck Kasteel		
08h45	Depart Cape Town International Airport - BUS	Atlas driver will meet delegates, escort to bus	There will be 1 bus - 36 seater
09h30	Bus arrives at Cape Garden Centre - Joostenberg, meet local delegates		Local delegates may park cars securely at Cape Gardens, continue tour on bus
09h30 - 10h30	Presentation by Alan van Niekerk of Cape Garden Centre - Vredendal	Alan van Niekerk	Wholesale grower / supplier to Cape Gardens
10h30	Depart for Box Tree Company - Banhoek		28km / 45 min
11h15-12h30	Visit Box Tree Company	Gielie De Waal	Fruit and Ornamental Grower/ Wholesaler
12h30	Depart for The Pink Geranium - Joostenberg		25km / 45 min
13h15 - 14h30	Lunch and talk at The Pink Geranium	James Fisk	Plant Breeder and Retail
14h30	Depart for Malmesbury Groothandel Kwekery		54km / 50 min
15h20-16h30	Visit Malmesbury Groothandel	Johan Retief	Ornamental Grower / Wholesaler
16h30	Depart for Goedgedacht		28 km / 40 min
17h10	Arrive at Goedgedacht, District Riebeeck-Kasteel	Board Members check in first, followed by delegates	
	Free Time		
17h10 - 18h30	BM'S CHECK IN FIRST - BOARD MEETING	IPPS Southern Africa Region BM	Goedgedacht Farm
18h30 for 19h00	Welcome dinner	Drinks on Tree House Deck at 18:30, dinner at 19h00	Goedgedacht Farm
19h00		Australian exchangee to give presentation at dinner, between courses	Goedgedacht Farm
Wednesday 4 March	Half day conference, half day nursery visits		
07h15 - 08h00	Registration & Breakfast		Goedgedacht Farm
08h00 - 08h15	Welcome & opening address	Dr. Andy Hackland	President - IPPS Southern Africa
	Session Chair - Nomama Mei		
08h15 - 08h45	Daryl Sampson	Starting up again	L&G Nursery / Cape Hedge & Shrub
08h45 - 09h15	Cherise Viljoen	Plants with Potential	Cherish Plants
09h15 - 09h45	Natasha-Lee Van Der Schyff	Nurturing Growth: Journey of empowering women through micro farming	A New Leaf
09h45 - 10h15	Tea		
10h15 - 10h45	Dr Adelle Roux	Virology in micropropagation	Frontier Laboratory
10h45 - 11h45	Exchange nominees x 4 Talks / Videos	Roché/Demi/Anika/Anjosene	Hans: introduction & background
11h45 - 12h00	Vote for two exchangees		
12h00 - 12h15	Bathroom break, take bus	Hotel will provide packed lunch to have on bus	60-seater bus
12h15	Bus departs for Tulbagh Bosbou Kwekery	Lunch on bus	46km / 45min
13h00 - 14h30	Tulbagh Bosbou Kwekery	Bredell Roux	Wholesale grower of ornamentals and fruit trees
14h30	Bus departs for Vitro Plant Ceres		57.2km / 1h00
15h30 - 16h30	Vitro Plant Kouebokkeveld - Ceres	Annemarie Van der Westhuizen	TC Growers of Apple rootstock
16h30 - 18h00	Bus departs for Goedgedacht		99km / 1h30
18h30 for 19h00	Gala Dinner		Goedgedacht Farm
Thursday 5 March	Half day conference, nursery visits on return journey to Cape Town International Airport		
07h00	Breakfast - check out, luggage on bus		
	Session Chair - Richard Faber		
08h00 - 8h30	Dr Miranda Deutschlander	Air Layering of Olinia emarginata	UNISA
8h30 - 9h00	Dr Ren Hoekstra	Discovering and describing new <i>Erica</i> spp.	CREW
9h00 - 9h30	Dr Eugenie-Lien Louw	Where Agronomy Meets Algorithms: FarmNode for Precision Water, Nutrition and IPM.	Firstfruits
9h30 - 10h00	Ulrich Feiter	Botanicals for local and international markets – more opportunities or more challenges?	Parceval Pharmaceuticals
10h00 - 10h30	Tea		
10h30 - 11h30	AGM Meeting	Election of Board Members	
11h30 - 12h00	Reportback from SA exchangees to NZ /Aus	Franzél Gruber & Wenza Ngobeni	
12h00 - 13h00	Lunch at Goedgedacht		
13h00	Bus departs for Ellepot - Fisantekraal		36- seater bus, 56km / 1h00
14h00 - 15h30	Ellepot	Shaun Biggs	Propagation Solutions
15h30	Bus departs for Cape Garden Centre - Joostenberg		10,4km / 20 min
15h50	Drop off delegates at Cape Garden Centre		
16h00	Bus departs for Cape Town International Airport		32,4 km / 45 min
17h00	Drop off last delegates at airport		
	Conference ends		