



Second Announcement & Call for Abstracts

The 54th Congress of the Southern African Society of Plant Pathology, themed “Ukuqinisekisa Ikusasa Elisimeme Ngempilo Yezitshalo” (“Ensuring a Sustainable Future through Plant Health”) will be held at the Premier Hotel Umhlanga from 18 – 21 January 2026

The congress is a premier gathering of leading experts, researchers, students and industry in the field of plant pathology.

Join us as we explore the latest advancements, engage in stimulating discussions, and network with peers from around the world while enjoying the beauty of Umhlanga and the hospitality of the Zulu kingdom.

Abstract Submission

Abstracts of 300 words can be submitted directly on the [platform](#) or via the link on the congress website: <https://saspp2026.carlamani.com/>

Keynote Speakers



Prof. Carolee Bull



Prof. Evariste Gueguim Kana



Dr. Jesús Navas-Castillo



Dr. Eugene Rogozhin



Prof. Mark Laing



Prof. Tafadzwanashe Mabhaudhi

Key Dates

Online registration opens	2 May 2025
Abstract submission deadline	30 June 2025
Outcome notification to authors	31 July 2025
Provisional programme available	8 September 2025
Early bird registration close	30 September 2025
Online registration close	11 December 2025
Congress dates	18 – 21 January 2026

Congress Sub-Themes

- Pathogen identification, characterisation & taxonomy
- Ecology & epidemiology
- Disease management
- Post-harvest pathology & mycotoxins
- Plant-Pathogen/Insect interaction
- Biosecurity