


Itinerary for Southern Africa 26th Annual Conference 2024



Day One - 28 February - Wednesday

Pre-Conference Nursery Visits

 Nursery and Garden visits
Arboreta Nursery

 **Samgro Wholesale Seedling Plug Nursery**

Exclusive supplier to nurseries, garden centres, retail groups, plant brokers and landscapers, serving both local and international clients.

 **Fall Creek Nursery - Blueberry**

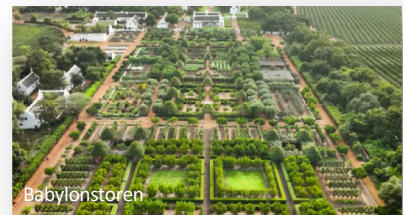
As a family-owned business, Fall Creek® is proud to play a part in the story of Africa's emerging berry industry. It's an honour to partner with knowledgeable farmers with a top work ethic and a proven track record in the fresh fruit industry to produce premium quality blueberries, together.

Lunch at Fairview, The Goatshed

 **Babylonstoren**

Babylonstoren is one of the oldest Cape Dutch farms, set at the foot of in the Franschhoek wine valley. It has a fruit and vegetable garden of beauty and diversity, fine food and wine, and evokes a sense of wellbeing.

The garden comprises 15 clusters spanning vegetable areas, stone and pome fruits, nuts, citrus, berries, bees, herbs, ducks and chickens, a prickly pear maze, and more. Gravity feeds water from a stream by rills into the garden, flowing through ponds planted with edible lotus, nymphaea lilies and waterblommetjies.



Local IPPS Board Meeting to take place at Boschendal Wine Estate

**Local Delegates attending two day, two nights join the Welcome Dinner.
Welcome Dinner at Boschendal**

Morning Conference Speaker Program

- 08:00 Welcome and Opening address
- 08:05 **Tom Saunders**
Thinking outside the Box (wood)
- 08:45 **Andy de Wet**
Our breeding of endemic South African Plants
- 09:35 Student Presentations
- 10:15 **TEA AND COFFEE BREAK**
- 10:45 **Gayle Suttle**
Lessons Learned: My 43 year journey with commercial micropropagation
- 11:20 **David Hancock**
Construction of a new nursery in Perth
- 11:55 **Coleen Cronje**
Scalable Hydroponics for boutique farmers in the South African Environment
- 12:15 **LUNCH**

Afternoon Nursery visits



Bristle Nursery

Specializes in propagating fynbos for the restoration of our natural spaces, as well as for the industry suppliers market.



Trees SA

Offering arguably the widest selection of trees – from indigenous to exotic and special feature trees



Nonke Plants Wholesale Nursery

The biggest non-specializing wholesale plant nurseries in the Western Cape

Gala dinner at the Devon Valley Hotel

Morning Conference Speaker Program

- 08:00 Welcome and Opening address
- 08:05 **Dr Robert Geneve**
Auxin use in cutting propagation – then and now
- 08:45 **Exchange Students feedback**
- 09:15 **Jean Roudier**
Evolution of Growing Media
- 09:35 **Jack van Batenburg**
Chemical Properties of Coir and reuse of Coir
- 09:55 **Tony Van der Staay**
Mechanisation in a Tasmanian Production Nursery
- 10:30 TEA AND COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00 **SA IPPS AGM Meeting**
- 12:00 LUNCH**

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Radical Seedlings



Pink Geranium Boutique Nursery

Specializing in succulents and water wise plants



Alimandi Boutique Wholesale Nursery

Family owned and run, specializing in indigenous and water wise plants grown in a drought conscious environment



Cape Garden Centre Joostenberg Vlakte

Opened in 1996, it has evolved into the largest Garden Centre in the Western Cape.



Dinner at Bamboo Restaurant at Cape Garden Centre