

The International Protea Association in collaboration with Cape Flora SA would like to invite you to a unique conference incorporating

**XVIII International Protea Association Conference,
II International Symposium on Ornamentals and
XIII International Protea Research Symposium**

The International Protea Association Conference will take place at the tip of Africa (South Africa) and will offer delegates various experiences including a technical tour to working farms and a grower's day addressing various relevant issues pertaining to the protea cut-flower industry.

The International Protea Working Group (IPWG) and the Ornamentals Symposia are arranged under the auspices of the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) and more information can be obtained from <http://ishs2017 Stellenbosch.co.za/>. This website also offers suggestions of possible accommodation in Stellenbosch, which is where all conference activities will be based.

XVIII International Protea Association Conference:

Proposed conference outline:

Pre conference tour: A 2-day tour will be organized for IPA members only (max 60 participants; see the Membership section of this website on how to become a member). The tour will depart from Stellenbosch and will include visits to protea producers. This tour will be an extra cost in addition to the conference registration fee.

- **Thursday 31 Aug 2017:** Registration, evening welcome reception in Stellenbosch
- **Friday 1 Sept 2017:** Tour will depart from Stellenbosch and will visit Western production areas (delegates will visit a nursery, pack houses and plantations). Delegates will stay over at Piekenierskloof Mountain Resort and both lunch and dinner will be provided (cost of accommodation and meals will be included in the tour cost).
- **Saturday 2 Sept 2017:** Tour will depart from Piekenierskloof Mountain Resort shortly after breakfast and will visit more farms in the Western production areas. Lunch will be included. Tour will visit a wine farm in the Cape Winelands before delegates return to Stellenbosch in the late afternoon. Dinner for own account.
- **Sunday 3 Sept 2017:** spend the day at own leisure

Grower's Day: Monday 4 Sept 2017: a full day of discussions, talks, demonstrations and country reports are planned and will take place at STIAS (Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study) in Stellenbosch.

Since the finer details of the tour and grower's day are still being finalised, the final cost is to be determined. Cape Flora SA and IPA hopes to give you these details not later than end of Feb 2017. If you have any urgent questions you can contact Cape Flora SA Manager, Karien Bezuidenhout at karien@hortgro.co.za

Monday 4 Sept 2017 (late afternoon): Registration for IPWG and Ornamentals Symposium will take place in Stellenbosch.

II International Symposium on Ornamentals in association with XIII International Protea Research Symposium

The International Protea Association would like to cordially invite you to attend the **XIII International Protea Research Symposium** to be held at **Stellenbosch University, South Africa**. The symposium will be held in association with the VII International Conference on Managing Quality in Chains (MQUIC2017) and II International Symposium on Ornamentals. Combining these three conferences will offer delegates more opportunities to hear from an extensive line up of speakers, while the social program and conference tours will provide opportunities to socialise and connect with a broader network of researchers across industry.

The symposia will be hosted from **4 - 8 September 2017** in Stellenbosch and aims to be inclusive of the entire Ornamental Section. Protea related talks will be concentrated on one-day of the conference, (probably Tuesday 5 September) and it will be possible for delegates to attend as a day-registration only, if you are not interested in attending the entire conference. The Management of Quality in Chains is a working group within the Postharvest Section of the ISHS (International Society for Horticultural Sciences) and as such will provide additional value for money for delegates, since there is significant overlap between cold chain management for protea and ornamental postharvest. The symposia will also offer a technical tour to flower producers, including a fynbos farm, so please visit <http://ishs2017 Stellenbosch.co.za/> for more information.

The goal of the **XIII International Protea Research Symposium** is to highlight the most recent and exciting developments in *Proteaceae* research around the globe, with an emphasis on quality management and production, propagation, ecology, pre- and post-harvest physiology, storage and transport technologies, pest and disease management, flowering manipulation and all quality aspects throughout the supply chain, marketing and distribution systems. We hope you can join us.

Conference dates:

Please reserve the dates of September 4 - 8, 2017 in your calendar.

ISHS Conference convenors: Dr Lynn Hoffman, Prof Linus Opara and Ms Emily Rigby

ISHS Conference organizer: Retha Venter