



S. A. LARGE HERDS CONFERENCE

THE BOARDWALK, PORT ELIZABETH

3-5 JUNE 2019

20 years on . . . Stop! Recalibrate! Repeat!

FINAL PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 2 JUNE 2019

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
17:30	Meet and greet	
	Opening of exhibitions	

MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2019

Chair:	<i>Simon Matthews</i>	OVER THE HORIZON
09:00	Welcome and opening prayer	
09:10	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: TACKLING THE FUTURE HEAD-ON <i>The 4th industry revolution – the meshing of physical and digital technologies – is a reality, not a buzzword. We need specific leadership techniques to guide the dairy industry into developing new, higher-value business models.</i>	Dr Gerhard van Rensburg, Director: Future Leaders Africa – Innovationext's exclusive Africa partner.
09:50	GLOBAL TRENDS SHAPING THE HORIZONS FOR SOUTH AFRICAN DAIRY PRODUCERS <i>An overview of current global dairy trends and the effect it will have on our industry in the next 20 years</i>	David Richmond - Trade Strategy Manager, Fonterra, NZ
10:20	DISCUSSION	
10:30	TEA	
Chair:	<i>Mark Hauff</i>	RECALIBRATING – AND RESETTING THE BAR
11:10	PROFIT FROM PASTURE – A FUTURE PERSPECTIVE <i>Analysing the potential impact of emerging forage technologies on the South African dairy industry.</i>	Prof Kevin Smith, Australia
11:50	THE PRUDENT USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS <i>Antimicrobials: A valuable toolAn awesome responsibility</i>	Dr Christiaan Scherpenzeel, The Netherlands
12:20	DISCUSSION	
12:30	LUNCH	

Chair:	<i>Basil Doonan</i>	THE PEOPLE POWERHOUSE
13:30	ENHANCING PERSONAL WELL-BEING <i>Because your well-being matters to ensure the health, welfare and productivity of your cows</i>	Dr David Bartram, UK
14:10	THE ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE <i>Technology and robotics are changing the way we product milk – how will this affect the workforce?</i>	Lior Yaron, Delaval
14:50	DISCUSSION	
15:00	TEA	

Chair:	<i>Basil Doonan</i>	FOLLOW FACT NOT FASHION
15:20	A BLUEPRINT FOR DAIRY COWS <i>The right cow for you depends on your farming system.</i>	Dr Richard Shephard, Australia
16:10	RIDING THE CYCLE AND WINNING NUMBERS <i>harvesting the highs and managing the lows</i>	Aidan Bomford, Intelact South Africa
16:50	VIRTUAL FARM TOUR	Hayden Stokes
17:30	HAPPY HOUR	

TUESDAY, 4 JUNE 2019

Chair:	<i>Nigel Lok</i>	FIGURING IT OUT FASTER!
08:30	Overview of day 1	
09:10	GETTING THE MOST OUT OF ADVANCED FARM MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES <i>Will Big Data make a big difference in transforming the dairy industry?</i>	Dr Callum Eastwood, DairyNZ
09:50	DAIRY GENOMICS <i>Testing within herd selection and breeding strategies to advance the health and profitability of your dairy</i>	Dr Steven Larmer, Semex, Canada
10:30	DISCUSSION	
10:30	TEA and poster session	

Chair:	<i>Nigel Lok</i>	CONVERTING DATA TO KNOWLEDGE
11:30	TURNING BIG DATA INTO BIG OUTCOMES <i>It will change how we communicate, consume, produce and – ultimately – it will change mankind and the dairy industry.</i>	Pieter Oosthuizen Cargill
12:10	QUANTIFYING THE BENEFIT OF USING GENOMIC BULLS, AND THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF TESTING NEW-BORN HEIFERS. <i>What does the future hold?</i>	Prof Dorian Garrick, NZ
12:50	DISCUSSION	
13:00	LUNCH	

Chair:	<i>Jo Viviers</i>	ARE WE THERE YET?!
14:00	FROM GOOD TO GREAT <i>It's better than you think. How to join the world's winners</i>	Leon Louw Free Market Foundation
14:40	DISRUPTOLOGY <i>What you need in order to succeed in an ever-changing world</i>	Juanita Vorster , USB
15:20	DISCUSSION	
15:30	TEA	
Chair:	<i>Rob Stapylton-Smith</i>	TACKLING THE FUTURE HEAD-ON
16:00	FARM BUSINESS GOVERNANCE <i>Best practice to achieve Clarity, Confidence & Control that delivers consistent success</i>	Greg Mills, NZ
16:40	THE EMERGENCE, DEVELOPMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF DECISION RULES FOR PASTURE BASED DAIRY SYSTEMS <i>The relationships between various validated decision rules (made with computer simulation) and the principles that underpin them for pastures will be discussed against observations made on actual farms.</i>	Prof Kevin Smith
17:20	VIRTUAL FARM TOUR	Tshilidzi Matshidula
17:40	VIRTUAL FARM TOUR	Joubert Fourie
17:50	DISCUSSION	
18:00	HAPPY HOUR	

WEDNESDAY, 5 JUNE 2019

Chair:	<i>Dr Chris van Dijk</i>	FROM GOOD TO GREAT
08:30	Overview of day 2	
08:40	EFFECTIVE APPROACHES TO EXTERNAL BUSINESS RISKS <i>Circles of concern, circles of influence – identifying actions you control to make the best of situations when the “manure starts flying”</i>	Greg Mills, NZ
09:10	VIDEO – <i>Warren Parker</i>	
09:20	CUT OUT THE NOISE <i>Stop, recalibrate, rethink, repeat</i>	Basil Doonan
10:00	DISCUSSION	
10:10	BE PATIENT – START SMALL BUT THINK BIG <i>“The old way is dead. Learn how to work differently”.</i>	Dr John Westwood
11:10	CONFERENCE CLOSURES - TEA	