

EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION: A CHALLENGE FOR AFRICA



Invitation



On behalf of the Organising Committee of the **College of Agriculture, Elsenburg, South Africa**, it is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the 23rd International Course on Vocational Education and Teaching in Agriculture, supported by CIEA, for the first time to be held **in Africa, for Africa**.

This seminar with the theme,

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will be held from **Monday 3 – 14 December 2001**, at the College for Agriculture, Elsenburg, near Cape Town, South Africa.

The program is aimed at participants from the agricultural educational sphere of teachers and trainers, human resource and social managers and will introduce them to a pool of knowledge and skills. It is a unique opportunity to network and establish educational partners from the multitude of different situations in Africa. The program was designed to include seminars, work-groups, group reporting, group assignments, demonstrations, educational and recreational excursions and informal social events.

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Presented by

ELSENBURG

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

SEMINAR VENUE

ELSENBURG, situated 13 km north of Stellenbosch, is the focal point of the Department of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Tourism in the Western Cape, and offers a wide range of development and support services to the agricultural sector. In 1898 the government bought the farm for the use of an agricultural school for young farmers. In that year 22 students enrolled and this was the beginning of scientific agricultural training in the country. Currently Elsenburg accommodates the Agricultural College and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture's administrative headquarters.

Today the College accommodates 250 residential agricultural students per year. The Kromme Rhee training center forms part of Elsenburg. Agronomy and pasture technology, large and small stock science, viticulture, vegetable production and pomology are the major subjects in the Higher Certificate, which stretches over a two-year period. A diploma in agriculture can be obtained after the completion of a further year's study. The diploma in wine technology is very popular amongst perspective winemakers.

Because Elsenburg's training programmes emphasize the management aspects of practical farming, prospective farmers, farm workers, farm managers and agricultural extension officers mostly attend these programmes.

AIM of the SEMINAR

The objectives of the seminar will be:

- ◆ To expose African teachers and educationist to the pool of knowledge and skills of world-renowned educationists. It will assist them in their challenge to educate the local people to such a level of excellence that it will improve their quality of life to such an extend that they will cope with the demands of life in their respective countries.
- ◆ To enhance networking amongst educationists in Africa as well as the rest of the world.
- ◆ To improve communication between the different role players in education so that they can get to grips with the different situations in African countries and learn from one another.
- ◆ To expose a greater percentage of African people to the excellent educational opportunity presented by the CIEA.
- ◆ To expose the experts in education from abroad to hands-on experience of the African situation. This experience can only enhance their much-appreciated contribution towards educational excellence to Africa.

With these objectives in mind, the following program was designed:

PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 2 DECEMBER

14:00 – 18:00	Arrival of participants Registration at Elsenburg, College of Agriculture, Western Cape
18:00	Meet and Greet in Elsenburg Manor House

MONDAY, 3 DECEMBER, DAY 1

08:30 **OPENING SESSION** – In Percheron Assembly Hall

Welcome – *Mr CO du Preez, Dept of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Tourism*

Welcoming Address - *Mr HG van Rensburg, Minister of Agriculture, Property Management and Works*

Opening address – *Ms Bonge Njobe, Director General: National Department of Agriculture*

10:30 - Introductory lecture – Why a CIEA Seminar in Africa – *Mr Roland Stahli, Director, CIEA*
13:00 Lunch

14:00 - **SESSION 1: Agricultural Education in Africa**

Out of Africa: Lessons in agricultural education for the developing world;

Characteristics of agricultural education in Africa – *Prof Mandi Rukuni, Kelloggs, University of Zimbabwe*

Assignment for work-groups; Report-back/presentations of work group results.

19:00 Social evening & dinner

TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER, DAY 2

08:30 **Agricultural education in Africa (Continued)**

Out of Africa: Lessons in agricultural education for the developing world;

Characteristics of agricultural education in Africa

Implications for agricultural education in Africa – *Mr JRL Kotsokoane, Agricultural and Rural Development Practitioner, Lesotho*

Assignment for work-groups

Report-back/presentations of work group results

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Agricultural Training at Elsenburg, College of Agriculture – *Dr GJO Marincowitz, Deputy Director: Training*

Tour of Elsenburg farm and facilities

18:00 Dinner

19:00 Preparation for Information Market

WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER, DAY 3

08:30 **Importance of accountability in agricultural education**

Educational accountability – *Dr Danie Jacobs, CEO, SERTEC, South Africa*

Assignment for work-groups

Socio-economic accountability – *Mr M Patrick Sokhela, Agribusiness Consultant, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa*

Assignments for workgroups

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Presentations of work group results

15:00 Guided tour of Stellenbosch

18:00 Dinner

19:00 Preparation for information market

THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER, DAY 4

08:30 **Overview of agriculture in the Western Cape (Excursion)**

➤ Malmesbury

➤ Ceres

➤ Paarl

18:00 Dinner

19:00 Preparation for Information Market

FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER, DAY 5

- 08:30 **The South African education system** – *Prof Rolff Stumpf, Vice Rector University of Stellenbosch*
- 11:00 Information Market – *Mr Urs Muhlethaler, Switzerland*
- 14:00 Conclusion in plenary session
Evaluation of first week
- 15:00 The role of Environmental Affairs in South Africa
(Excursion to Jonkershoek)
- 18:00 South African Evening, Jonkershoek

SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER

- 08:30 Optional Excursion – Cape Peninsula & Waterfront shopping

SUNDAY, 9 DECEMBER

- 09:00 Optional Excursion – Robben Island & Waterfront shopping

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**MONDAY, 10 DECEMBER, DAY 6**

- SESSION 2: Educational strategies to overcome the restrictions of limited resources in the educational environment**
- 08:30        **Staying abreast of the changing educational environments** –  
The position of agricultural education within the political framework –  
*Prof George Abalu, UN Economics Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*  
Assignments for workgroups  
Presentation of workgroup results
  - 13:00        Lunch
  - 14:00        Transformation of curricula to meet the changing agricultural environment –  
*Dr A van Niekerk – Consultant, RSA*  
Work in groups  
Presentation of workgroup results
  - 18:00        Dinner
  - 19:00        Cultural presentations by participants

**TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER, DAY 7**

- 08:30        Teaching methodologies to satisfy present day needs – *Dr Ethney Genis (Ms), Pretoria Technikon, South Africa*  
Assessment in present day education – *Dr van As Jordaan, Educational Consultant, SA*  
Discussions
- 14:00        Excursion – wine estate

### WEDNESDAY, 12 DECEMBER, DAY 8

- 08:30 Teaching excellence with limited resources – *Dr Keith Andrews, Zamorano College of Agriculture Honduras*  
Assignments for workgroups
- 11:00 Teaching excellence with hi-tech resources – *Prof Tobie de Coning, University of Stellenbosch; SA*  
Assignments
- 14:00 Presentation of workgroup results  
Discussions
- 15:30 Demonstration of the use of electronic media in education
- 18:00 Dinner
- 19:00 Cultural optional presentation by participants

### THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER, DAY 9

- 08:30 The nature of support needed by modern day students – *Prof Charles Machethe, Acting Principal of University of the North, Pietersburg, SA*  
The role of the teacher in supporting the modern day student – *Prof Elias Bitzer, University of Stellenbosch*  
Assignments  
Discussions
- 14:00 How to access support in the changing educational environment – *Dr Johan van Rooyen, Director, Chamber of AgriBusiness*  
Discussions

### FRIDAY, 14 DECEMBER, DAY 10

- 08:30 Does agricultural education fulfil its rightful role in rural development?  
- *Dr Ruvimba Chimedza (Ms), University of Zimbabwe*  
Discussion
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Final Evaluation & Wrap-up
- 15:00 Departure of participants

### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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## REGISTRATION

|                   | <i>Before 15 November 2001</i> | <i>After 15 November 2001</i> |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Participants      | \$ 990                         | \$ 1100                       |
| Travel companions | \$ 800                         | \$ 900                        |
| Day Visitors      | \$125                          | \$160                         |

Payment by foreign participants will be received in US \$, and South African participants in Rand (R).

**Delegate registration** entitles participation in the day meetings, a program-abstract booklet, delegates contact list, the Welcoming Reception, lunches and dinners and social evening functions, tea/coffee breaks and lunches during sessions. The week day excursions are all included, but please note the weekend excursions are optional extra.

**Travel companions** are welcome to the lunches, dinners and tea/coffee breaks during sessions and social functions. Companions are welcome on the excursions, pending seating availability. Bookings essential.

**Day Visitors** may register for a single day of their preference to attend that day's sessions and join in lunch, refreshments and the evening function. Tariffs for single night accommodation indicated on registration form.

**Registration fee includes residence accommodation. Alternative accommodation can be arranged through the secretariat at a different rate structure.**

Refunds will be made only if written cancellation is received:

Before 15 November – 80 %

After 15 November – 50 %

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for participants and travel companions have been reserved in the Residence of the College of Agriculture, Elsenburg, situated on the campus of the College. Details in registration form. Accommodation will include bed & English/continental breakfast. Please advise of specific dietary requirements.

Please bring own personal items including towels.

## TRANSPORT

Participants will be met at the airport, provided they note their arrival schedule on the registration form. A representative from the Seminar, will meet you in the Cape Town International Arrivals Hall. These shuttles will occasionally wait for other delegates arriving within a one-hour time frame. Participants arriving on a domestic flight should wait in the domestic arrivals hall.

## ENTRY VISAS

It is important to note that the immigration requirements for South Africa make it mandatory for travellers to obtain their visas from their country of origin before travelling to South Africa.

## GENERAL

The official language of the Seminar will be English.

The South African unit of currency is the Rand (R). Several Forex Bureaus are available at the airport and in the Stellenbosch business areas.

The western Cape is not in a malaria endemic area but travellers intending to visit the Mphumalanga area are advised to take preventative prophylactics against malaria. Medical insurance should be arranged privately by the participants, at their own expense.

# REGISTRATION FORM: CIEA SEMINAR 2001

## DELEGATE INFORMATION

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Surname: _____             | Initials: _____ |
| First Name: _____          | Title: _____    |
| Company: _____             |                 |
| Address: _____             |                 |
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| Tel: _____                 | Fax: _____      |
| E-mail: _____              |                 |
| Accompanying person: _____ |                 |

## REGISTRATION FEES (Full payment including accommodation for full duration)

|              | Before 15/11/01 | After 15/11/01 | <u>Amount US \$</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Delegate     | US \$ 990       | US \$ 1100     |                     |
| Accompanying | US \$ 800       | US \$ 900      |                     |
| Day visitors | US \$ 125       | US \$ 160      |                     |

I am prepared to share with: \_\_\_\_\_

## ACCOMMODATION (Only for single day delegates – per person per night)

|                     | Before 15/11/01 |         | After 15/11/01 |         | Occupation dates |     | <u>Amount US \$</u> |  |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|------------------|-----|---------------------|--|
|                     | Single          | Sharing | Single         | Sharing | In               | Out | Full                |  |
| Elsenburg Residence | \$25            | \$35    | \$40           | \$50    |                  |     |                     |  |
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## FLIGHT DETAILS (All delegates requiring transport)

| Arrival date   | Flight No | Time |
|----------------|-----------|------|
|                |           |      |
| Departure date | Flight No | Time |

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disabilities (wheelchair, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (Mark block with X)

*I authorize payment by:*

**TOTAL PAYMENT**

**US \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- Bank Cheque** made payable to: CIEA Seminar 2001: Please attach cheque.
- Bank Transfer** to ABSA BANK, Stellenbosch, South Africa: **Acc No 405 270 7319**  
 Branch code 334410 Acc Name: CIEA Seminar 2001

**Please note!** Full payment of registration fee is due by 15 November 2001. Your registration and accommodation reservations can only be confirmed with receipt of payment.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO: (accompanied by cheque or proof of payment)

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# FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM: CIEA SEMINAR 2001

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| Nationality: _____                          |
| Professional address:<br>Institution: _____ |
| Street or PO Box: _____                     |
| City: _____ Code: _____                     |
| Country: _____                              |
| Contact details:<br>Fax: _____              |
| E-mail: _____                               |
| Professional position: _____                |
| Sphere of activity: _____                   |

**I wish to take part in the International course on Vocational Education and Teaching in Agriculture, organised by Elsenburg College of Agriculture in South Africa.**

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|                                                                     | <b>Indicate with v</b> |
| <b>I wish to attend the whole seminar:</b>                          |                        |
| <b>I wish to attend certain days only:</b><br>Please specify dates: |                        |
| <b>I require:</b><br>Full accommodation & meals                     |                        |
| Meals only                                                          |                        |
| <b>Place and date of application:</b>                               |                        |
| <b>Signature:</b>                                                   |                        |