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Peter Edwards in memorium

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Background

The Peter Edwards Trophy is presented in recognition of the sound application of the principles of grassland science and resource conservation. This prestigious award recognises top land-users who practice and encourage the sustainable use of natural resources, and is presented annually at the Congress of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa to a land-user, or community of land-users, in the province in which the Congress is held.

The land-user should apply sound cultural and management practices that are recommended to ensure the optimum economic utilisation, conservation and reclamation of natural resources. The successful nominee will also have a proven track record of contributing to his/her community by way of participation and leadership in study groups, soil conservation committees and organised agriculture. The trophy, first presented in 1981, commemorates Peter Edwards, an internationally recognised pasture scientist who was born in the Eastern Cape.

In memorium: Peter John Edwards was educated at Dale College, King Williams Town, and at the University of Natal, where he attained his Ph.D. He worked for many years as a Pasture Scientist at Cedara, Thabamhlope and Potchefstroom, and is remembered for his pioneering work on radical veld improvement and his contributions to the local farming and conservation communities. During the 1970s he was one of the most eminent grassland scientists, publishing more than 80 scientific papers and book chapters and presenting his research worldwide. Peter played a major role in the Grassland Society of Southern Africa from its inception in 1966, being variously Council Member, Trustee and President.

Nomination Criteria

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Previous winners:

YEAR	AWARDED TO	PROVINCE
2019	Not Awarded	N/A
2018	Shimi Jonas Mokoka	Gauteng
2015	Michael Rennie of Palmiet	KwaZulu-Natal
2011	No award given	Eastern Cape
2010	Op de Aarde Bonsmara	Northern Cape
2009	No award given	Gauteng
2008	APNR	Mpumalanga
2007	Trenly Spence of Kriegerskraal	Grahamstown
2006	A Neethling	Limpopo
2005	K & R Landman - Pongola Nature Reserve	KwaZulu-Natal
2004	Stollie Esterhuyse	Western Cape
2002	Ponki Makenita	
2000	Ben Norton	
1998	Clive Bunting of Strathearn	KwaZulu-Natal
1990	CL Bryden	
1989	PJH Jacobs	
1988	GKL Hart	
1987	LT Mphafudi	
1984	Toby Hilliar	Eston, Natal