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13th CITRUS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Champagne Sports Resort, Winterton
23–26 August 2026

The 13th Citrus Research Symposium will be held at the Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensberg from **Sunday, 23 August 2026 to Wednesday evening, 26 August 2026**. Nestled within the tranquillity of the Central Drakensberg, and offering spectacular views of Champagne Castle and Cathkin Peak, the resort combines an ideal location, luxurious accommodation, a country club atmosphere and friendly staff—making it a perfect venue for CRI's Citrus Research Symposia.

We welcome **AVIMA** as the main sponsor of the symposium. The programme will also include several sponsored events, such as the **BAYER Golf Day, UPL Welcoming Cocktail Mixer and Dinner, KING PRICE INSURANCE & RIVER BIOSCIENCE Happy Hour, LAEVELD AGROCHEM Tuesday Dinner**, and the spectacular **SAPPI Gala Dinner and MAFRODA Entertainment Evening**, proudly sponsored by **MAFRODA**.

The symposium will provide feedback on citrus research conducted for the southern African citrus industry, with a focus on progress made over the past two years. Research will be presented by scientists from CRI, universities, the ARC, and the private sector. In addition, international keynote speakers will provide insights and context to complement the scientific presentations.

The event attracts a broad spectrum of industry role players, including citrus growers and technical staff; SASCCON consultants; exporters; SACNA members; the CRI Postharvest Technical Forum (Packaging Working Group and Exporters Technical Panel); Cooling Working Group; PPECB; logistics and chemical industry representatives; and suppliers of fertilising, irrigation, and spraying equipment.

Early Bird Registrations

GROWERS ONLY
20 November 2025 – 31 January 2026
General registrations open **1 February 2026**.

Website: www.symposium.citrusres.com

COSTS (VAT Inclusive)

Category	Cost
Growers (RSA & SADC)	R2 900
Other Companies – from 1 Feb 2026	R3 300
SASCCON Members	R1 300
International / Non-SADC	US\$620
Late Registration (SADC) after 10 July 2026	R3 600
Late Registration (Non-SADC) after 10 July 2026	US\$720
Day Visitors	R1 600
SAPPI Gala Dinner & MAFRODA Entertainment (26 August, max. 500 guests)	R400
BAYER Golf Day – 23 August 2026	R300

Registration Fee Includes

- Teas & coffees
- Snacks and lunches
- Access to all social events:
 - **UPL Cocktails & Welcoming Dinner** – Sunday, 23 August
 - **KING PRICE INSURANCE & RIVER BIOSCIENCE Happy Hour & Street Food Festival** – Monday, 24 August
 - **LAEVELD AGROCHEM Sponsored Dinner** – Tuesday, 25 August

Registration & Payments

Register at: <https://symposium.citrusres.com>

Once your form is submitted, an invoice will be automatically emailed to you.

If you do not receive the invoice, please email: events@cri.co.za

Payments may be made via **Payfast** or **EFT**.

ACCOMMODATION / ON-ARRIVAL REGISTRATION / MEALS

Accommodation

Champagne Sports Resort Hotel:

- **R2 075 per person per room per night**, including breakfast
- **R1 565 per person per night sharing**, in either a hotel room or chalet, including breakfast
- **Spouses (non-delegates): R1 445 per person per night sharing**, including breakfast

Accommodation forms can be requested from:

Nomvelo Mngomezulu

Tel: **036 468 8050**

Email: bookings@champagnesportsresort.com

Once completed, forms must be returned to the hotel with proof of payment.

Alternative Accommodation

A list of nearby guesthouses, B&Bs and hotels is attached, as resort accommodation is limited.

On-Arrival Registration

Sunday, 23 August 2026

- **14:00–17:00** under the porte-cochère at the hotel entrance
- **Golf participants:** Registration at the golf clubhouse from **08:30** (golf starts at **09:30**)

Welcoming Drinks: from **18:00**

Welcoming Dinner: **19:00**

Meals

All dinners are included **except** the **Gala Dinner** on Wednesday, 26 August. Delegates must register separately for the Gala Dinner at their own cost.

A restaurant is available at the resort.

Spouse Meal Prices

- Sunday Dinner – **R710 pp**
- Monday Dinner – **R860 pp**
- Tuesday Dinner – **R410 pp**
- Gala Dinner – **R710 pp**
- Lunch (Mon/Tues/Wed) – **R350 pp per lunch**

Email events@cri.co.za for spouse meal bookings (an invoice will be issued).

Gala Dinner Notice

The **SAPPI Gala Dinner & MAFRODA Entertainment Evening** will take place on **Wednesday, 26 August**.

Only **520 seats** are available — **first-come, first-served**.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **29 May 2026** – Abstract submission deadline
 - **10 July 2026** – Last day for early registration & full payment
 - **10 August 2026** – Final cut-off for registration & full payment
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Correspondence / Contacts

General Symposium Enquiries & Sponsorships:

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Registration & Sponsorship Payments:

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Email: **christine@cri.co.za**

Delivery Address for Sponsorship Items (Deadline: 7 August 2026)

Citrus Research International

2 Baker Street

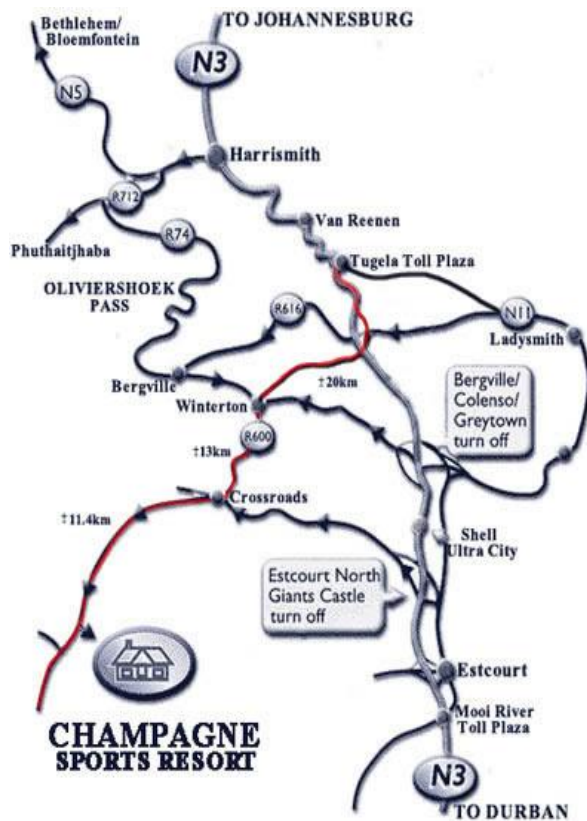
Nelspruit, 1201

Attention: Liezl van der Linde

Cancellation Policy

If a booking is cancelled **on or before 14 July 2026**, **50%** of the registration fee will be reimbursed.

DIRECTIONS TO RESORT



Directions from Johannesburg:

A) Scenic Route: Johannesburg to Harrismith on N3. At Harrismith turn right onto the N5 towards BETHLEHEM/BLOEMFONTEIN. Proceed for ± 5 km, turn left onto the R712 QWA-QWA/BERGVILLE road. Proceed for ± 10 km. Turn left again on the BERGVILLE/OLIVIERSHOEK PASS (R74) road. Continue past Sterkfontein dam, down Oliviershoek Pass, straight through Bergville and on to Winterton. At Winterton turn right onto the R600, CENTRAL BERG road, which is directly opposite the Engen garage; proceed for ± 13 km to the crossroad junction at Thokozisa. Cross straight over and continue for ± 11.4 km. The Hotel is situated on the left-hand side.

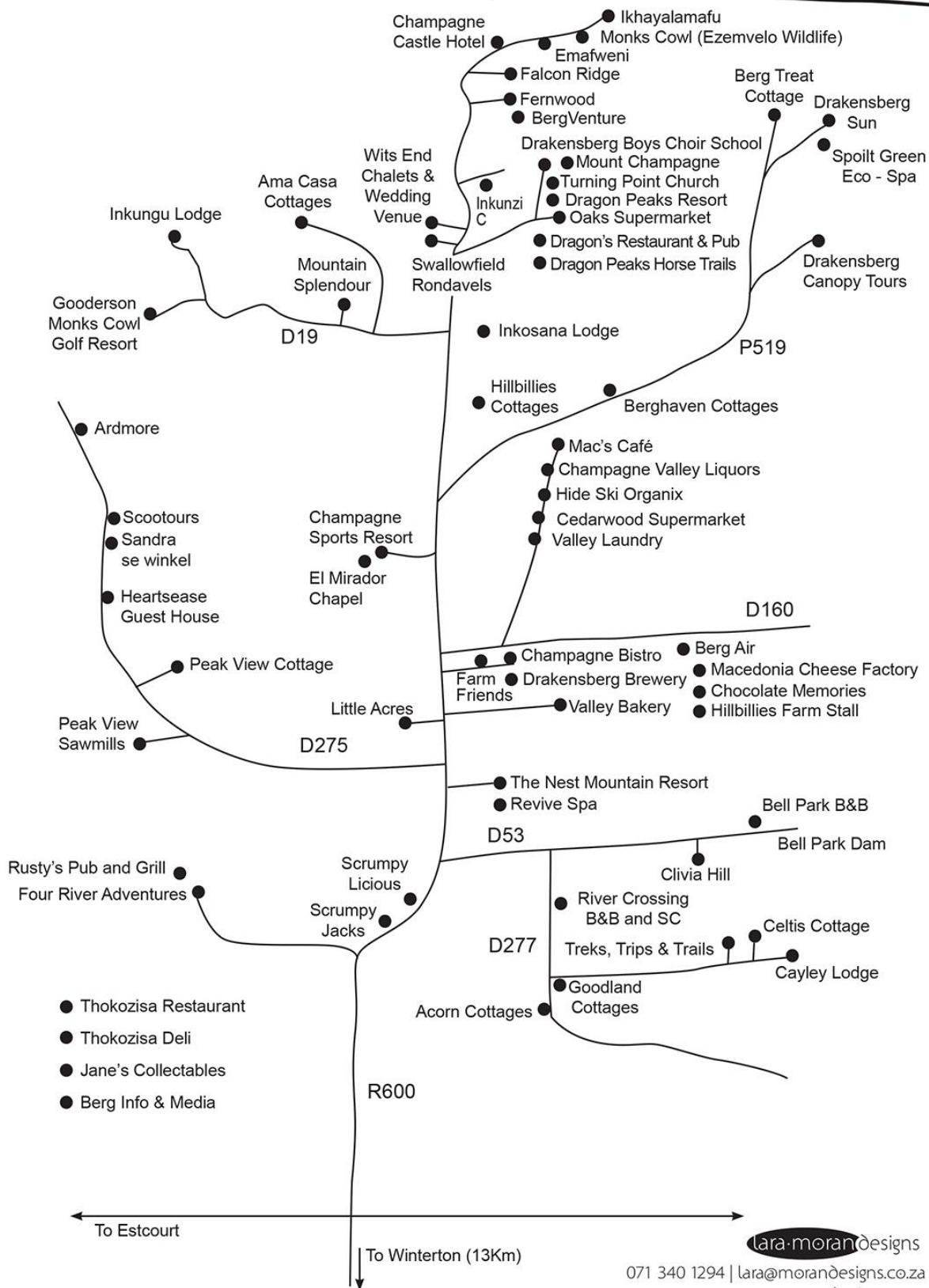
B) Freeway Route:

Johannesburg to Van Reenen's Pass on the N3. Pass through the Tugela Toll Plaza which is at the bottom of Van Reenen's Pass. Continue approximately 14 kilometers to the R616 BERGVILLE turn off, proceed left on the N11 towards Ladysmith for approximately 4 kilometers and turn right onto the R600 Spioenkop / Winterton Rd. Travel along over the highway, and past Spioenkop Lodge / Nature Reserve. When you reach a T-Junction, turn left to Winterton. Take a right over the railway line (R600) when you get into Winterton. This is directly opposite the Engen garage. Follow that road until you reach the crossroads at Thokozisa. Go straight over the crossroads and travel a further 11 km, until you see Champagne Sports on your left-hand side.

Directions from Durban:

Travel along the N3, past Pietermaritzburg and through Mooi River. You will pass the Wagendrift Dam on your left, and keep going until you reach the Estcourt North Giants Castle Central Berg Turnoff. Turn left at the glide-off, and carry on through Loskop for 28km. Please note there are lots of cattle and animals, be careful! You will reach a crossroads, with a sign saying Central Drakensberg, turn left. Follow this road for 11km, and Champagne Sports is situated on the left-hand side

Mama Bear's Map of Cathkin Park



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LIST OF ALTERNATIVE ACCOMODATION – CRI Symposium on 23 – 26 August 2026:

SUPPORTERS IN CATHKIN PARK

Acorn Cottages	082 8057354
Ama Casa Cottages	081 0211773
Ardmore Guest Farm	036 4681314
Bell Park B&B / Self Catering	083 5802186
Berg Air	082 5512592
Berghaven Cottages	036 4681212
Berg Media and Info	083 7737450
Berg Treat Cottage	082 8810764
BergVenture	036 4681221
Cathkin Park Reservations	082 7801356
Cayley Lodge	036 4681222
Celtis Cottage	084 2079704
Cedarwood Supermarket	079 3734463
Champagne Bistro	078 3586896
Champagne Castle Hotel	036 4681063
Champagne Valley Liquors	083 2964552
Champagne Sports Resort	036 4688000
Chocolate Bar	072 3103376
Clivia Hill	036 4681684
Drakensberg Brewery	083 2964552
Drakensberg Sun	036 4681000
Dragon Peaks Horse Trails	036 4681031
Dragon Peaks Resort	036 4681031
Dragon's Restaurant and Pub	036 4681218
Drakensberg Boys Choir School	036 4681012
Drakensberg Canopy Tours	083 6615691
El Mirador Chapel	083 2527768
Emafweni	082 5748555
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife at Monks Cowl	036 4681103
Falcon Ridge	082 7746398
Farm Friends	083 4681450
Fernwood	036 4681120
Four Rivers Adventures	083 7851693
Gooderson Monks Cowl Golf Resort	036 4681300
Goodland Cottages	078 8030087
Heartsease Guest House	082 3732345
Hide Ski Organix	083 2327880
Hillbillies Cottages	084 9857213
Hillbillies Farm Stall	087 9971734
Ikhayalamafu	073 4816331
Inkosana Lodge	036 4681202
Inkundu Lodge	084 4658648
Inkunzi C	082 4222846
Jane's Collectables	083 2305623
Little Acres	082 3053387
Macedonia Cheese Co	071 1256790
Mac's Café	083 2956548
Mount Champagne	036 4681341

Mountain Splendour Eco Resort	036 4681172
Oaks Supermarket	036 468 1171
Peak View Cottage	082 8280401
Peak View Sawmill	036 4681302
Revive Spa	078 5907017
River Crossing B&B and SC	082 4950912
Rusty's Pub and Grill	082 3763172
Sandra se Winkel	072 3712137
Scoutours	074 1033613
Scrumpy Jacks	036 4681308
Spoilt Green Eco Spa	036 4681000
Swallowfield Rondavels	082 9255508
The Nest Mountain Resort	036 4681068
Thokozisa Deli	036 4881952
Thokozisa Restaurant	036 4881827
Treks, Trips & Trails	083 3018412
Turning Point Church	072 1201515
Valley Bakery	036 4681257
Valley Laundry	082 8807150
Wits End Chalets & Wedding Venue	036 4681133

OUT OF VALLEY SUPPORTERS

All Out Adventures	079 4174989
Cathedral Peak Wine Farm	063 0751123
Farmers' Lawn Market	082 4647803
Hair Play Salon	082 9086517
KwaZulu Weavers	036 4881657
Montusi Mountain Lodge	036 4386243
Noodhulp Holiday Home	083 6542817
Owl and Elephant Lodge	082 4941422
Sew Much More	081 2711256
The Cavern Resort	036 4386270
The Griller	072 2646398
The Headmaster	072 2814742
Tower of Pizza	036 4386480
Waffle Hut	036 4881500
Winterton Accommodation	082 3732345
Sioux's Hair Salon	072 5684202

USEFUL NUMBERS

Biokinetiscist	082 5603546
Dr Ferreira	036 4881211
Dr Fola	036 4881145
Estcourt Vets Winterton	036 4881458
Physiotherapist	071 8625137
SA Police Winterton	036 4881502
Winterton Pharmacy	036 4881177