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Accolades Boutique Hotel, Midrand, South Africa

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Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the International Symposium on Seed, Transplant and Stand Establishment (SEST) it is a privilege and pleasure to invite you to **SEST 2016, the Seed Indaba Africa**, which is the 7th SEST Symposium hosted by the ISHS (International Society for Horticultural Sciences).

It will be held from the **11th to the 14th of September 2016**. The venue is the beautiful Accolades Boutique Hotel in Centurion, which is ideally placed half way between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and an easy commute on the Gautrain from OR Tambo International Airport. It is also perfectly positioned to access excellent places of interest for the post-conference Field Excursion, as well as pre and post conference Safaris and visits to Cape Town - to showcase the very best that South Africa has to offer.

The Seed Indaba Africa will be a wonderful platform to interact with seed researchers and colleagues from many different countries.

The symposium will be an opportunity to show-case the cutting edge of seed technology, with many international speakers. The programme will cover a wide range of topics on seed and technology issues to encompass international priorities and aims and will run over 3 days with various scientific sessions.

The symposium will be expanded to cover a wide range of topics and draw on the expertise of international research groups and colleagues. Topics covered at the Seed Indaba Africa will include issues relevant to:

- seed technology including seed production, seed germination and seedling development;
- seed storage;
- seed physiology;
- seed pathology;
- seedling transplant and stand development;
- grafting;
- economics and marketing;
- plant breeding, and
- all other aspects of research related to horticultural seeds and seed quality.
- The Indaba will provide opportunity to explore strategies and possibilities, discuss problems, new technologies, methods and other aspects related to seeds and seed crops. The Seed Indaba Africa aims to promote research and other activities related to seed and soil, biotic and abiotic aspects in seedling growth, transplanting and other practices that could enhance the establishment of a healthy and vigorous crop from seed.

Please visit our website www.sest2016.co.za for more detail. We look forward to see you there!

Kind regards
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SEST 2016 Organising Committee Chair