

16. SYMPOSIA and COURSES

SAAFoST, from the earliest times has realised that, because Food Science and Technology is multidisciplinary in nature, there is a great need for broadening the perspectives and updating the many individuals practising within the profession. Chemists, for example, need an introduction to microbiology, microbiologists need an understanding of physics and engineering. To this end, SAAFoST has always organised regular Branch lecture evenings, biennial congresses and numerous courses, symposia and workshops for its members. A list of the courses and symposia follows:

1962

Joint SAFST/Nutrition Society Meeting, February 1962 in Cape Town. SAFST (with Western Province Fruit Research Institute) organised 10 short lectures by members of the association. Attendance was from as far afield as the National Nutrition Research Institute (CSIR) in Pretoria.

1966

University of Stellenbosch Centenary Celebrations. Joint SAFST/South African Institute of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning (SAIRAC) Symposium, 5 - 6 May 1966 at Stellenbosch, addressed by Mr J P van der Walt (CSIR), Mr Ginsburg (Fruit and Fruit Tech. Inst.) Professor Doesburg (University of Stellenbosch), Mr Lewis (Irvine and Johnson) and Dr Dreosti (FIRI).

1969

Symposium on Packaging, 2 October 1969 at CSIR Pretoria.

1970

Control of Food in South Africa, 21 May 1970, CSIR Pretoria. Organised by the National Food Research Institute (CSIR) and SAAFoST Northern Branch and opened by Dr WP Steyn of the Department of Health.

1971

Control in the Food Industry, 6 May 1971, Pretoria. SAAFoST Northern Branch, in collaboration with the CSIR, to cover control exercised by factory personnel.

1973

Responsibilities of the Food Industry, 3 Oct 1973, Milner Park, Johannesburg, as part of the SA Food Processing, Packing and Distribution Exhibition. Organised by the Northern Branch (Dr Pieter van Twisk, Chairman). Nine papers on: Food Hygiene, Contaminants, Nutritional Quality, Consumer Needs, Cost and Quality of Meat, Distributor Responsibility by Raymond Ackerman (Pick 'n Pay), Environmental Pollution, Responsible Mass Communication and Research and Development.

1976

Food for the Future, 20 May 1976, Showgrounds, Pretoria West, in conjunction with the International Food and Products Expo. Organised by the Northern Branch (Chairman. Dr Pieter van Twisk).

1981

What the consumer ought to know about preserved food. 25 March 1981 and held at Southern Sun Hotel at Jan Smuts Airport. Organised by the Northern Branch Committee

1982

Sensory Workshops 29 September to 15 October 1982. Five workshops run over many days both in Pretoria and Stellenbosch and under the direction of Prof. John Powers, University of Georgia, Dept. of Food Science. Organised by Mr WA Parsons of Haarman and Reimer S.A.

1984

Food Quality Management, 27 to 29 August 1984, In association with Capsule Laboratories and organised by Alex von Holy in Pretoria. Presented at the University of Pretoria, Dept. of Food Science

1985

Quality Management Symposium, 7 November 1985, the Inanda Club, Johannesburg, organised by Mr Peter Gilbert and presented by Capsule Laboratories.

1986

Food Quality Management, 20 and 21 March 1986, Johannesburg by Capsule Laboratories. (Alex von Voly).

Emulsifiers, Stabilisers and Thickeners, 29 - 30 April 1986, Durban. Organised by the Natal Branch (Mr Peter Bush, President). This was a specialist symposium. It took place over three days. Three overseas speakers were invited for the event: Dr Doug MW Anderson from Edinburgh University, Dr JR Mitchell from University of Nottingham, and Prof. Gwynn O Phillips from the North West Wales Institute. This technical symposium was considered to have been an enormous success, especially as all the presentations were published in book form.

1988

Food Additives in the Food Industry, 3 and 4 May 1988, Durban. Organised by the Natal Branch. (Chairman: Mr PB Bush). Invited Speakers: Prof. RL (Dick) Hall (Immediate Past President of IFT), Prof. Ron Walker (University of Surrey) and there were three more overseas speakers provided by industry.

Sensory Evaluation Workshop (Intermediate), 5 and 6 October 1988. The Meat Science Centre, Irene. Presented by the Northern Branch in collaboration with the Animal and Dairy Science Research Institute and the University of Pretoria, by and organised by Prof. AEJ (Bert) McGill, Dr IB Zondagh and Mr WA Parsons.

1989

Microwaves and Food Symposium and Exhibition, 6 to 7 March 1989, Eskom Training Centre, Midrand. Organised by Ernest Newbery. Two overseas speakers were invited: Phil S



L to R: Dr Mike Lindley, Nick Starke, Ken Avery, Margaret Bender, Prof. Arnold Bender.

Richardson of the Campden Food and Drink Research Association UK and RV Decareau of Microwave Consulting Services, USA. This symposium was attended by over 130 people and so was considered valuable and successful.

1990

“Facing the Food Issues of the 1990s.” SAAFoST’s Thirtieth Anniversary Symposium. September 1990, Sandton.

Organised by the Northern Branch. Chairman: Mr OJ Frisby of Fedfood. Subjects addressed were Nutrition, Environment, Water Quality, Pesticide Residues, Anti-Oxidants and Health, Biotechnology, Animal Testing and Facts behind the Headlines.

Celebration Banquet at Sandton Holiday Inn. Keynote Speaker Dr Brian Clarke President CSIR. Historical presentation by Mr Ernest Newbery.

Invited Speaker:

- Prof. Arnold E Bender a Private Consultant from the UK and Emeritus Professor of Nutrition, University of London, UK.

1992

Food Safety Technical Symposium, 10 and 11 June 1992, Durban, organised by the Mr Peter Bush - Natal Branch.

Invited speakers:

- Prof. Bevan Moseley. Head, AFRC Institute of Food Research, Reading, UK.
- Dr Tom Gorsuch. OBE, President of the UK Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST).
- Mr Michael Young. Food Safety Advisory Centre, London, UK, was also instrumental in the formation of the Food Advisory Consumer Service (FACS).

1993

Advanced Sensory Analysis Workshop, - 26 and 27 October 1993, Meat Industry Centre, Irene. An ARC course made available to SAAFoST members. Presenter: Riëtte de Kock.

1994

Practical Sensory Analysis Workshop, - 22 and 24 March 1994, Meat Industry Centre, Irene. An ARC course made available to SAAFoST members. Presenters: Riëtte de Kock, Dr Beryl Zondagh and Dr Hettie Schönfeldt.

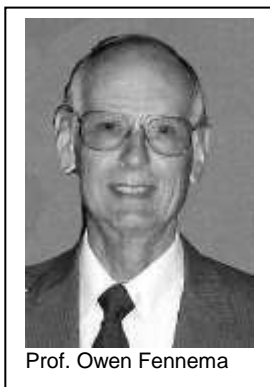
1994

New Insights into Food Stability, 30 August 1994, at MINTEK, Randburg.

Organised by Ron Timm - Northern Branch.

Presented by Prof. Owen Fennema, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. He is also the editor of the Textbook “Food Chemistry”.

His authoritative discussion on the limitations of Water Activity (Aw) as a predictor of food stability and the introduction of the concept of Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) was a privilege for SAAFoST and a boon for its members. At the end of the day, Prof. Fennema was presented with a Kruger Rand to show SAAFoST’s



Prof. Owen Fennema

appreciation for his efforts.

1995

Food Irradiation Symposium, 7 March 1995, University of Pretoria. A combined SAAFoST and University of Pretoria (Amanda Minnaar, Aubrey Parsons & Owen Frisby) symposium delivered at the conclusion of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)/International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Research Co-ordination Meeting on Irradiation in Combination with other Processes for Improving Food Quality.

Invited Speaker:

- ◆ Mr Paisan Loaharanu of the FAO / IAEA).

Overseas speakers:

- Mr Frank Fraser. (Nordion, Canada).
- Dr Joseph Farkas. (University of Horticulture and Food Industry, Budapest).
- Prof. Bert McGill. (University of Plymouth, UK).
- Mr Morton Satin. (FAO).
- Dr Ari Brynjolfsson. (USA).

Foodex '95 Symposium, 13 March 1995, National Exhibition Centre, Crown Mines, in conjunction with TML Reed Exhibitions, Johannesburg. Organised by Aubrey Parsons & Owen Frisby

Overseas speakers:

- Dr Michael Knowles. Director, Scientific and Regulatory Affairs, Coca-Cola International, Brussels.
- Mr Arne Pedersen. Technical Area Mgr., Aarhus Oliefabrik A/S, Denmark

Advanced Sensory Analysis, 19 to 21 April 1995, Irene. A workshop provided by The Meat Industry Centre, Irene Animal Production Institute, in conjunction with SAAFoST. Organised by Beryl Zondagh

1996

World Trends in Food Microbiological Control, 27 and 28 May 1996, at CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria, with the Dept. of Microbiology of the University of the Witwatersrand (Prof. Alex von Holy) and SAAFoST (Mr OJ Frisby) and in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting of the International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods (ICMSF).

ICMSF Speakers: Terry Roberts (UK), Tony Baird-Parker (UK), Rus Fowler (USA), Jean Louis Jouve (France), Bob Buchanan (USA), Anna Lammerding (Canada), Mike van Schothorst (Switzerland), Paul Teufel (USA), Bruce Tompkin (USA), Mike Doyle (USA), Michael Eyles (Australia), Josef Farkas (Hungary), Martin Cole (UK), John Pitt (Australia), Fernando Quevedo (Peru), Zahara Merican (Malaysia), Frank Bryan (USA).

1996

Flavour Symposium and Introductory Sensory Workshop, 15 to 17 April 1997, Animal Nutrition and Animal Products Institute, Irene. Organised by Aubrey Parsons & Beryl Zondagh

2000

Food Industry and Consumer Health. SAAFoST's 40th Anniversary symposium, 1-3 August 2000, Gallagher Estates, Johannesburg.

Held in conjunction with Africa Bio, the Fresh Produce Industry of SA and Food Industries Exhibitions (FIE).

SAAFoST Consumer Health, 2nd August 2000 organised by OJ Frisby.

The 40th birthday historical presentation was given by Mr Ron Timm during the Banquet held at the Hilton Hotel, Sandton, Johannesburg.

Overseas speakers:

- Prof. Chris Smit. Retired Professor of Food Science and Associate Dean, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia, USA, and Founder Member of SAAFoST.
- Prof. Bevan Moseley. Previously, Head of the Institute of Food Research, Reading Laboratory, UK.
- Dr Katrine Baghurst. Cross-Institutional Consumer Science Programme. CSIRO: Health, Nutrition and Food Science, Australia .
- Dr Maureen Edmondson. Head, International Scientific Affairs, Mars Confectionery.

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The Perfect Flavour Technical Symposium, 6 November 2001, CSIR Conference Centre, Pretoria.

Organised by OJ Frisby.

Overseas speakers:

- John GG Smith, Global Marketing Director, Quest International, Netherlands.
- Poul Juul Rasmussen. Danisco, Denmark.
- Peter Roël. European Applications Manager, Beverages, IFF, Holland.

2002

First Food Industry Expo and Talk Shop, 16 and 17 October 2002. Eskom Convention Centre, Midrand. Allowing commerce and industry to present their products and services under the auspices of SAAFoST.

Organised by OJ Frisby

International speakers:

- Dr Andre D Siemensma. Quest International, Holland.
- Mr Albert Boom. Loders Crocklaan, Holland.
- Dr Joseph Hulse. Siemens Hulse Ida Inc., Ottawa, Canada.

Taste Matters Symposium, 12 and 14 November 2002; Pretoria and Cape Town.

International speakers:

Organised by OJ Frisby.

- Mairi Coia (Quest International), Giles Bovill (RC Treatt and Co. Ltd), Charles Lohmeyer, (Red Arrow Smokes and Grills), Dr Phillip Ashurst (Flavex International), Jankees van der Have (Director, Flavour Creation, IFF), Mark Lewis (Managing Director, Duckworth Group).

2003

Towards a New Food Control and Food Safety Dispensation, GMA / SAAFoST one-day conference; Johannesburg. Organised by Mr Nick Tselentis

Featuring:

- Mr Geoffrey Podger. Chief Executive, UK Food Standards Agency.
- Mr Raymond Ellard. Director, Audit and Compliance, Food Safety Authority, Ireland.
- Ms. Ethene Whitley. Public Relations Manager, Lever Ponds.

2004



HIV and AIDS and Nutrition Symposium, 8

June 2004, Dimension Data Campus, Bryanston, Sandton, Johannesburg. Organised by Northern Branch Committee)

This attracted a capacity crowd and considerable media attention. The problem at the time was the Government Minister of Health's opposition

to anti-retroviral medications and her insistence that the correct foods were the answer to the AIDS pandemic.

This symposium was attended by several media representatives and was widely reported.

Ingredients Symposium, 10 March 2004, at the Peninsula Technikon, Cape Town. Organised by Rosie Maguire

Overseas Speakers:

- Cecily Fullerton Smith. Chr. Hansen (UK) Ltd.
- Jean Francois Vazelhes. Aqualon Frances B.V., a division of Hercules Inc.
- Dr Charles Murray. CP Kelco UK Ltd.
- Bert van der Griendt. DMV International.

NOTE. An excellent CD of many of the presentations was made available.

SAAFoST Second Expo and Talk Shop, 14 and 15 September 2004, CSIR, Pretoria.

This event consisted of four parallel sessions in separate auditoria together with 28 exhibitors and was organised by Owen Frisby

On the 14th September the subjects were Flavours, New Products and New Frontiers Symposium. The Expo Programme of Commercial Presentations.

On the 15th September the subjects were Food Legislation and Labelling Workshop and the Expo Programme of Commercial Presentations.

Overseas presenters:

- ◆ Gerry Friel. Technical Manager, NutraSweet AG, Switzerland.
- ◆ Bodo Fritzsching. Palatinit GmbH, Area Manager, Germany.
- ◆ Dr Glynn Shore, Technical Director, Quest Savoury Flavours, The Netherlands.

2005

Probiotics and Prebiotics Symposium, 2 November 2005, Volkswagen Conference Centre, Midrand. (Organised by Northern Branch Committee)

Delegates – 132.

Overseas speaker:

- ◆ Dr Anders Hendriksson. DSM Australia. (Strain-specific health benefits).

2006

Third SAAFoST Expo and Talk Shop, 17 and 18 October 2006, CSIR, Pretoria.

28 Exhibitors organised by Owen Frisby

Delegates ca. 798

First day:

Current and Innovative Approaches to Microbiological Food Safety – ICMSF symposium.

Sugar Confectionery symposium

Bakery symposium

Commercial presentations

Second day:

Dairy Quality and Safety symposium.

Meat Quality and Safety symposium.

Soft Drink symposium.

Commercial presentations.

IN-gredients with a Functional Twist Symposium. Organised by Rosie Maguire 16 November 2006, Cape

Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), Belville, Cape Town.

2007

What is the Ideal Sports Beverage? 21 February 2007, Volkswagen Conference Centre, Midrand. (Organised by Northern Branch committee)

Delegates ca. 220

Speakers included.

- ◆ Prof, Tim Noakes, UCT
- ◆ Dr Andrew Bosch, UCT
- ◆ Dr Stefan Siebrecht, DSM Netherlands

Draft Labelling Regulations Workshop, 6 September 2007. Sun Coast Casino, Durban. Organised by Owen Frisby. Delegates – 83

Discussion with Department of Health representatives.

2008



Food Ingredients Africa, 22 and 23 January 2008, Cape Town International Conference Centre, in association with Food Industries Exhibition (FIE) Africa Expo. Organised by Rosie Maguire

Overseas speakers:

- ◆ Louis Fernandez. Cargill, Netherlands.
- ◆ Markus Beba, Firmenich, Switzerland.
- ◆ Patrick Mannion. Innova Database, Netherlands.

Draft Labelling and Advertising Regulations Symposium. 13 May 2009. Burgers Park Hotel, Pretoria. Organised by Owen Frisby

Delegates 172.

Presentations and discussions with representatives from Department of Health.

2009

Food Safety Symposium, 11 September 2009, CSIR, Pretoria and repeated on 15 September at the University of Stellenbosch. Organised by Owen Frisby
Delegates (Pretoria) – 77.

Overseas speakers;

- Prof. Chris Griffith. Emeritus Professor, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff, UK
- ◆ Dr Herman Koëter. Orange House Partnership, Brussels, Belgium.

Food Safety symposium 2009 speakers.

**l to r: Dr Herman Koëter, Linda Jackson, Prof Maureen Taylor
(UP), Prof Elna Buys (UP)**