

## 20. JOURNALS

### The official journal

From the very beginning of SAFST (The first acronym for the Association) the importance of communication was well recognised and one of the first acts of the new association in 1961 was to appoint *Food Industries of South Africa* (FIOSA) as the official Journal. They did a great deal to support and promote the fledgling organisation and even supplied secretarial services until 1972.



**EDITOR**  
Brian McCormack

Problems developed in the relationship with FIOSA based on the lack of publication of technical papers in the journal. In 1973 the Executive Committee decided to seek another official journal. Brian McCormack, who had previously been an editor of *Food Industries of South Africa*, had returned to South Africa after living in New Zealand for a while. He agreed to

start a food magazine in collaboration with SAAFoST. Together with his associate John Wade they started the *South African Food Review* in April 1974. This grew from strength to strength and was acquired by Horters Ltd. In 1975 Review Publications were themselves taken over by National Publishing.

*Food Review* regularly published scientific and technical papers, but SAAFoST were required to pay for its members to receive five or six copies a year.

In 1988 Review Publications waived all payments from SAAFoST for *Food Review* and in 2010 it was being still received free of charge by every member 11 or 12 times a year. At least two pages of SAAFoST news were covered in every issue.

SAAFoST had a contractual arrangement with the publishers of *Food Review*. However, the relationship was always very friendly and cordial. Brian McCormack was succeeded by Doug Lincoln (mid 1975 to Jan 1979) and in turn by Gill Loubser (pictured), (Feb 1979 to Nov 1993) Roxanne Reid (From Dec 1993 to Feb 1999) and then Brenda Neall (Mar 1999 to Jun 2007). Juliette Hillman was the editor at the time of the SAAFoST 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and she compiled and published a 28 page supplement entitled “SAAFoST 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” which summarised the events since 1960.



**EDITOR**  
Mrs Gill Loubser

### *SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION*

In 1989, during the presidency of Peter Bush, SAAFoST undertook the publication of the *SA Journal of Food Science and Nutrition*. This was a joint venture with the Association of Dietetics of South Africa (ADSA) (Dr Elsa Alberse) The Nutrition Society (Dr J

Pettifor) and the SA Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (SASPEN) (Professor D Labadarios) who shared the funding and the numbers of papers published. Aubrey Parsons was the SAAFoST representative on the editorial board and he strongly promoted the enterprise and the Journal received international recognition thanks greatly to the efforts of Professor Owen Fennema.

Publication continued for a few years but, towards the end, it appeared that support from local international authors had waned, probably because there were more prestigious journals in which to publish. The acceptance of papers between the main disciplines had become unbalanced. Mainly for these reasons, financial support from international and local advertisers decreased, Government support could not be maintained and, sadly, publication had to cease.