

26. WEBSITE

In 1996, Bernard Cole, started the first website for SAAFoST (www.saafost.org.za) in preparation for the 1997 congress held in Pretoria. This was hosted at no cost by his service provider, Futurenet. It was a simple no-bells-and-whistles scientific website based on the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) website in the United Kingdom. In 2000 it gave way to a modernised website designed by a professional including “panes” but still using only Hypertext Markup Language (HTML) to ensure that it was searchable by Google and Yahoo search engines.

From 2000 the website had the latest 12 months of *Snippets* (starting with the 1999 Vol 4, No.4 issue). From time to time, various conference and symposia lectures were included where these papers were small enough for downloading by telephone, before the days of general use of ADSL.

There were some hiccoughs in regard to the website hosting and loss of Google searchability in the period from 2003 to 2005 but these have been resolved. Turners Secretariat has subsequently taken over the hosting of the website and, together with the Executive Director’s office, have developed it into a resource of which SAAFoST can be very proud.

In 2010, Bernard Cole still had a watching brief over the website.

See the latest website at www.saafost.org.za