

SAAFoST in a nutshell

Founded in 1960 in Cape Town

National Secretariat in Durban

Three active centres: Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal and Northern Branches

Total members number up to 1600

Institution Members number about 250

Food Review is the official journal

SAAFoST Snippets, a food science newsletter, is mailed to all members

Technical dinner-lectures are held on a monthly basis

Workshops, seminars and symposia are regularly held

A SAAFoST Food Industry Expo and Talk Shop is organised every two years

The SAAFoST International Congress & Exhibition is held biennially - it is the

African continent's premier food science and technology event

The Dreosti Award is presented for the best original Congress research paper.

The Ginsburg Award is presented for the best Congress poster.

The Koeppen Memorial Scholarship and study grants, education awards, matric bursaries, travel grants, journalism bursaries and other prizes worth over R 250, 000 are available annually.

SAAFoST oversees the IUFOST World Congress Student Scholarship.

A SAAFoST President's Award is presented to companies or individuals who excel in promoting the SAAFoST mission. See www.saafofost.org.za for a list of these.

Distinguished food scientists are invited to deliver the prestigious, Congress-opening, "Ernest Newbery Memorial Lecture" and other key lectures.

Meritorious Journalism Awards are offered to the printed and electronic media in recognition of responsible, objective and scientifically-correct reporting on food issues.

The Food Advisory Consumer Service (FACS), a consumer-oriented source of scientifically-correct information on food, is run by SAAFoST: www.foodfacts.org.za

SAAFoST is affiliated to:

The Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) in the USA, to the Institute of Food Science and Technology (IFST) in the UK and also to the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST).

SAAFoST is represented on:

FLAG - the Food Legislation Advisory Group of the Department of Health; the regional IUNS* / IUFOST committee under the auspices of the National Research Foundation; the FoodBev SETA**; the FoodBev Standards Generating Body (SGB), on several education advisory committees and on the International Union of Food Science and Technology's Governing Council and several IUFOST specialised Task Force committees.

In 2004, the SAAFoST Custodian concept was launched - a programme, in partnership with selected organisations in the food industry, to further promote and advance food professionalism in South Africa. A list of Custodian Members appears on the SAAFoST website.

The SAAFoST website provides important information on the Association and includes: the code of conduct; a list of consultants; scientific information; selected congress presentations & useful links to other websites: www.saafofost.org.za

On the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, SAAFoST will be hosting the 15th International Union of Food Science and Technology World Congress in Cape Town in 2010. A first for the African continent!

* THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES

** THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SECTOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING AUTHORITY

