

**Founded in 1960 in Cape Town**

**National Secretariat in Durban**

**Three active centres: Cape Town, Durban and Gauteng, where the Cape, KZN and Northern Branches are based**

**Total members number up to 2,000**

**Institution and Custodian Members number about 250, including most of the major food companies**

**The Association launched its own magazine, *FST* in February 2012**

**Members receive *Food and Beverage Reporter, FST, Farmlink* and *Packaging and Print Media* as part of their subscription fee**

**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 held annually**

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 last biennial congress was held at the CSIR in October 2013. The next one will be held in Durban in the third quarter of 2015.

The Koeppen Memorial Scholarship and study grants, academic achievement awards, matric bursaries, travel grants, journalism bursaries, post graduate bursaries and other education-oriented prizes worth over R650, 000 are being made available in 2014. The Association launched the SAAFoST Foundation in 2013 to manage these educational awards.

A SAAFoST President's Award is presented to companies or individuals who excel in promoting the SAAFoST mission. See [www.saafofst.org.za](http://www.saafofst.org.za) for a list of these. The fifth President's Award was presented to Dr Aubrey Parsons in 2013. Distinguished food scientists are invited to deliver the prestigious, Congress-opening, "Ernest Newbery Memorial Lecture" and other key lectures. Dr Werner Bauer, Chief Technology Officer, Executive Vice President, Head of Innovation, Technology and R&D Nestlé, Switzerland, delivered this lecture at the SAAFoST organised, IUFoST World Congress held in Cape Town in 2010. Dr Janet Collins, IFT President, delivered the lecture at the SAAFoST Congress at the CSIR in October 2013.

Meritorious Journalism Awards are offered to the printed and electronic media in recognition of responsible, objective and scientifically-correct reporting on food issues. Ivo Vegter of the Daily Maverick, was the winner of the 2012/2013 prize for the printed media. No award was made for the electronic media.

The Food Advisory Consumer Service (FACS), a consumer-oriented source of scientifically-correct information on food,

is run by SAAFoST in conjunction with the Association of Dietetics SA, the SA National Consumer Union, and the Dept of Health: Directorate Food Control. It is a part of the International Network of Independent Food Information Organisations which has members in Europe, the USA, Argentina, China and New Zealand.

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) of which SAAFoST is a founder member.

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 university 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 and employment seeking students; scientific information and notices of FS&T events; career information; selected congress and other presentations & useful links to other FS&T oriented websites: [www.saafofst.org.za](http://www.saafofst.org.za)

***On the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, SAAFoST hosted, "Food Science Solutions in an Evolving World", the very successful, 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  
(2/14)

