

Dear SAAFoST Members,

Plans are proceeding well for the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial SAAFoST Congress.

**The Exhibition** hall is full but arrangements are being made to see if one or two more exhibitors can be accommodated.

If you would like to be one of these please contact Ingrid Woodrow very early next week (Tel: 011 293 2035 or 082 450 8204).

**The Congress programme** is looking good and has had to be slightly re-arranged to avoid clashes but will be available for perusal soon. It is filled with mini symposia on food safety management, food security, water quality and safety, a leadership workshop for young professionals, a final year students' new product competition and sessions too many to list but including, sustainability; nutrition and wellbeing; novel ingredients and technologies; innovation; shelf-life testing; legislation; sensory and consumer science and a section for young scientists to present their research. The post congress, one-day, ICMSF Microbiological Sampling Workshop is steadily filling up - don't delay any further if you are interested in attending this!

Register here: <http://www.saafofst2013.org.za/registration.asp>

**Delegate Registrations** have been received from fifteen countries so far, six of which are in Africa.

**Delegates, "Out of Africa"** - if you have any food science and technology business contacts, partners, customers or colleagues in Africa who would be interested in the Congress, please let me have their names and e-mail addresses so that they can be invited to attend what has always been and what must always remain, the African Continent's premier food science and technology congress and exhibition! You can reply to this note with the name and e-mail address details - the Secretariat is ready and waiting to receive them.

**A SAAFoST Congress for SAAFoST Members** - this Congress is being tailor-made for you by your fellow members, most of whom are volunteers, all of whom are completely dedicated to compiling the best possible programme of speakers, presenters, exhibitors, topics and events possible for their professional food science and technology colleagues.

How unique is that!?

This is one event on the SAAFoST calendar that every Member deserves to attend and if ever there is to be a, "Full-House", of SAAFoST Members, this is likely to be it!

However, although we can't all attend, we can assist our spirited and risk taking compatriots by advertising and promoting our own Congress at every opportunity - such as this one:

let those of us who are able to, use the following promotional slogan at the bottom of all of our outgoing e-mails to market this fine event.

**Support the SAAFoST Congress & Exhibition - organised by Professionals for Professionals.**

**CSIR, Pretoria. 7 - 9 & 10 October 2013.**

**See: [www.saafofst2013.org.za](http://www.saafofst2013.org.za)**

Inevitably, many individuals active in the field of food science and technology will not be able to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial SAAFoST Congress and Exhibition but we can help to make certain that everyone in the food and allied industries and organisations knows about it and knows about our fine Association of food science and related professionals.

With thanks and best wishes,

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