

Dear Members,

Just when it feels that we're running out of time, the SAAFoST Congress organisers come to our rescue and extend the early Congress registration date to 30 June. What a relief and what an opportunity, if you haven't registered yet, to do so and save R850 and a further R850 if you want to attend the ILSI Workshop afterwards. Register here: <http://www.saafofst2015.org.za/Registration.asp>

The SAAFoST Congress and Exhibition, as the premier FS&T event on the African Continent, remains the single most important event on the Food Science Professional's SAAFoST Calendar - miss the other events if you really have to but don't miss this one. About two hundred authors will be spending thousands of hours on their presentations and posters and a full-house of exhibitors will be bursting with enthusiasm to share their new ideas, technologies, products and services with you.

A list of exhibitors follows below.

For a list of congress presenters and titles to date, see here:

<http://www.saafofst2015.org.za/Newsletters/ORAL%20PRESENTATIONS.pdf>

For a list of congress posters see here:

<http://www.saafofst2015.org.za/Newsletters/POSTER%20PRESENTATIONS.pdf>

What a fantastic learning and networking opportunity this Congress and Exhibition is - as always SAAFoST events, organised by professionals, for professionals, easily offer twice the amount of food science at half the normal cost so exploit this occasion to the full.

In popular Durban style, and to maximise networking and meeting opportunities, the Congress, Exhibition and Accommodation will all be available in the same venue, namely the Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel Complex. Rooms are available in limited numbers so book yours early to be at the heart of matters! The SAAFoST-Sunspray Congress Banquet will be held at the Greyville Racecourse.

This e-mail is being circulated to SAAFoST Members, all of whom, by virtue of their Membership, have signed the SAAFoST Code of Conduct. This is an undertaking to demonstrate our dedication to Food Science Professionalism and our desire to promote it in our working environment and throughout the food industry and allied organisations. Let's not be satisfied with this and take a further step forward by encouraging the many others amongst us, to join us in advancing FS&T for the common good by recruiting new members in time for our premier event.

Download a membership application form from the website, forward it to as many potential food science professionals that you know and tell them everything you know about SAAFoST and its mission to support the individual, the food industry and the consumer of food through educational events, magazines, bursaries, awards for good journalism, prizes and jobs for students and a website dedicated to consumer education. Mention also the three dozen or so dedicated and selfless volunteers throughout the country who serve on branch committees and run the Association at a membership fee that would have to be about ten times higher if they were paid!

There is still time for new members to sign up, pay the membership fee of R513-00 pa (includes VAT) and save R1,450-00 on registration before 30 June and R2,050 afterwards!

Download an application form

here: <http://www.saafofst.org.za/Membership/MembershipApplicationForms.asp> and the impressive and highly regarded SAAFoST Code of Conduct here:

<http://www.saafofst.org.za/Membership/SAAFoSTCodeOfConduct.pdf>

Thank you, as always, for your continuing and valued support and looking forward to seeing you in Durban from 6 to 11 September 2015.

With best wishes,

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