

Dear **SAAFoST Members**,

Please make a note of this date, 29 March, for a workshop, in conjunction with IUFOST (the International Union of Food Science and Technology) on Food Fraud to be held at the CSIR International Convention Centre in Pretoria.

Guest speaker on the programme on this occasion will be Dr Pamela Byrne, Chief Executive Officer, Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI).

Dr Byrne has a PhD in Environmental Toxicology and having held senior positions in the Department of Agriculture, has expertise in risk assessment and food safety management at national and international level. As an environmental toxicologist and risk assessor, she also has a deep knowledge and experience of the food sector. She has worked in the cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation and chairs the strategic Advisory Board of the Institute of Food and Health in University College, Dublin. It is a great privilege to have Dr Byrne on the programme.

A particular focus of this event will be on food safety as it relates to food fraud.

Any SAAFoST members with experience of food fraud in South Africa or knowledge of individuals or companies who have experienced it and who should be participating in this workshop, are invited to contact me at the number or e-mail address below - I look forward to hearing from you. By the end of this event, all members and indeed all food science and technology professionals, need to be well informed on the situation in South Africa and be fully aware of the nature, presence and dangers presented by food fraud.

With kind regards,

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