



**for your  
feedback!**



Thank you for completing the recent survey – we were thrilled at how many members, former members and students took part!

This is what you said:

- **Travel**

Members do not want to travel more than 30 minutes to an event. However, it is not always possible to use nearby venues as there are costs attendant to this. We make use of generous offers by tertiary institutions and companies who allow us to use their venues without charging.

To keep event fees down, we need venues that are free of charge so, if your company can offer us a lecture theatre or social area (in any of the main provinces), please contact Irene Burke on [saafost.irene@telkomsa.net](mailto:saafost.irene@telkomsa.net) or call her on 012 349 2788.

- **Event dates**

Preferred dates for events/workshops and factory visits were from the beginning to mid-month, with month-end meetings more difficult to attend due to work obligations.

- **Part-time study opportunities for members**

You asked for study opportunities for professionals, so we are making bursaries available for working SAAFoST members to study further in the Food Science and Technology field, part time in 2018 via the SAAFoST Foundation.

- **Webinars**

We are investigating webinars to potentially alleviate issues of travel and security. These would also allow national participation.

- **Trending topics**

You want workshops, talks and seminars on a variety of subjects - from food safety to trends and factory visits. By far the most popular events are those that combine science, fun and networking opportunities.

- **Membership renewal**

SAAFoST has invested in a new system to ease online membership registration and payment. This will soon be going live!

- **Work opportunities for students**

We re-launched *Student on Site* and *Select a Student* in May and the number of student members looking for part-time, full-time employment, internships or vacation employment has doubled. Industry has reacted very well and corporates have been in touch to recruit.

**Congratulations** to the following people who took part in the survey and who will each receive a Proline Tablet: Ilrienne Du Plessis (Danabaai), Kgomotso Modike (Doornfontein) and Elvina Smith (Bloemfontein).

The lucky draw was held during the Council meeting on 1 June 2017.

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