

Dear SAAFoST Members,

The Biennial Congress is traditionally the prime occasion on the SAAFoST calendar for recognising special contributions towards food science and technology. This year at the CSIR, from 7 – 9 & 10 October, will be no exception with the following five awards and honours coming under the two yearly spotlight.

The Dreosti and the Ginsburg Awards, named after prominent Founder Members of the Association, are going to be up for grabs as usual. They are available to the young scientists, under thirty five years of age, who report on basic or applied FS&T research done in South Africa and who, in the opinion of confidentially appointed and independent adjudicators, present the best papers and posters at the Congress. The winner of each Award will be presented with a certificate and cash prize of R5,000 at the SAAFoST- Sunspray Congress Banquet at the CSIR on the evening of 8 October.

To what better use could membership fees, like ours, be put?

The courageous adjudicators, who between them will have to sort through over 150 paper and poster abstracts beforehand and then possibly fifty or so of these in the poster section and various auditoria during the Congress, will receive no reward other than the satisfaction of having been able to make a contribution towards the advancement of FS&T in South Africa. That is pure food science professionalism and is what drives this largely volunteer-run Congress and Association!

So, during the Congress, make use of your age estimation skills and be on the look-out for what you think are the best under-35 oral presentations and posters and see whether you agree with the decisions of the panel of judges. Refer to the lists below for previous winners of these awards - you may know some of them, you may even be one of them. If you happen to be a previous winner whose name does not appear on one of the lists, please drop me a line and claim your bottle of Port Wine.

The President's Award is one presented to honour an individual or organisation that has made a significant contribution towards SAAFoST's mission of advancing food science and related technologies in the provision of wholesome, safe, appealing and affordable food. You may remember or have seen a photograph of the huge framed President's Certificate presented to Woolworth's at the 50th Congress banquet in Cape Town in 2010. The choice of the winner is entirely up to the SAAFoST President, in this case, Dr Gunnar Sigge. However, we the Members may want to try and influence his decision by sending him our well-motivated and heartfelt suggestions. This can be done by replying to this circular with your suggestions - the reply will go to the SAAFoST Secretariat who will forward the mail to Gunnar for his consideration. A list of previous winners of the President's Award appears below.

The SAAFoST Meritorious Award for Journalism is another prize often presented at SAAFoST Congresses. This one is for objective reporting and for providing scientifically correct information to consumers and the public, that contributes towards a sound and proper knowledge and understanding of important, everyday food issues. This year's winner, for articles published during the course of last year, is Ivo Vegter for his article published in the Daily Maverick on 1 July 2012 and titled, *GMO's: Hacking Genes to Save the World*. Mr Vegter has won the Award before, and as a keen researcher of the subjects he reports on, is likely to win it again. He has received his prize money of R6,000-00, let's hope he is able to accept our invitation to attend the Congress Banquet to receive his Meritorious Award for Journalism Certificate. Both of his winning articles appear on the SAAFoST Website, see here: <http://www.saafoست.org.za/Awards/MeritoriousJournalism/MeritoriousJournalism.asp>, a list of some of the previous winners appears below.

The Ernest Newbery Memorial Lecture – while celebrating the achievements of the present, let's not forget enormous contributions of the past. Honorary Life Member Ernest Newbery served SAAFoST in two branches, in several capacities for over twenty years and until his death in 1996. He was the chairman of the committee that organised the first SAAFoST Congress in Cape Town in September 1970 when the registration fee per Member was R2-00 per day and R5-00 for the full three days! The first scientific paper at a SAAFoST Biennial Congress, always delivered by a prominent and respected scientist, is named in his honour. On this occasion the Ernest Newbery Memorial Lecture will be presented by the President of the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT), Dr Janet Collins. The presenters of previous ENM lectures are shown below - the two that have been highlighted will be presenting papers at this year's Congress.

Members looking back to the R5-00 registration fee must be thinking how easy it would have been to recoup that pittance many times over through thoughts, ideas and innovations taken from the Congress and applied in the workplace afterwards. The fees are higher in 2013 but the rewards are immeasurable, so register all colleagues at R4,500 per head with a brief to exploit this three day jamboree of learning for all it has to offer and make sure to

monitor the surely vast return on this investment afterwards. The International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods (ICMSF), world class, one-day Food Safety Workshop for food safety specialists on 10 October, is a rare but particularly good investment at R1,700 (incl VAT) so be sure to give it your close attention.

For Awards, Congress, Mini Symposia, One-Day workshops, a Banquet and more than sufficient high powered food science and technology to recharge your professional batteries, register here:

<http://www.saafofst2013.org.za/registration.asp> and do so before 15 July to enjoy the (extended) early bird fees.

Regards,

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Winners of the Dreosti Award for Congress Papers

2010	Debora van der Merwe
2007	Donna Cawthorn
2005	Ms Mathilda Mostert
2003	Mr Naushad Emmambux
2001	Winston Leukes
1999	S de Kock
1997	Mr Gunnar O Sigge
1995	A von Gadow, E Joubert
1993	John Hastings
1991	Daneel van Lill
1989	Miss C Raffray
1987	Mr K van der Watt
1983	Miss S Barnes

Winners of the Ginsburg Award for Congress Posters

2010	Monique Muller
2007	Celeste Pretorius
2005	Ms Mariza Botha
2003	Ms Minah Phadi
2001	M P Roux van der Merwe, J Badenhorst, M A Smit, Mtjatji L Masetle

1999	Miss Onicha O'Kennedy
1997	Ms Gerda Lombard
1995	L J Raubenheimer & W C Botha
1993	Lizette Kuyper
1991	Frans Gous

Winners of the SAAFoST President's Award - since inception

2010	Woolworths Food Technology & NPD Departments. (Chosen by Rosie Maguire. SAAFoST President 2007 - 2010)
2007	DSM South Africa (Pty) Ltd. (Chosen by David Watson. SAAFoST President: 2005 - 2007)
2005	Orley Foods. (Chosen by Nigel Sunley. SAAFoST President: 2003 - 2005)
2003	Nampak Research and Development. (Chosen by Ron Timm. SAAFoST President: 2001 - 2003)

The Meritorious Award for Journalism

2013	Ivo Vegter (<i>printed media</i>) "GMOs: Hacking genes to feed the world". <i>Daily Maverick</i> on 1 July 2012
2012	Catherine Boome (<i>printed media</i>) "Slicing into the organic debate". <i>Business Day, HEALTHNEWS</i> , 20 July 2011
	Karen Key "Heath Matters" (<i>electronic Media</i>) An interview on expired food products. Conducted on SAfm on 29 November 2011
2011	Ivo Vegter "That finger-licking, lip-smacking taste". <i>The Daily Maverick</i> . 19 September 2010.
2010	Lydia van der Merwe (<i>Sarie Magazine</i>)
2009	Dr Ingrid van Heerden (<i>DietDoc</i>)
2008	Jane Badham (<i>Shape Magazine</i>)
2007	Carol Browne (<i>Weighless Magazine</i>)
2007	Hantie Schrader (<i>SABC 2, Focus</i>) [<i>Electronic</i>]
2006	Dr Carl Albrecht (<i>Die Burger</i>)
2005	Dr Penny Love (<i>Weighless Magazine</i>)
2004	Taryn Lamberti (<i>Femina</i>)
2000	Freek Robinson (<i>SABC 2, Focus</i>) [<i>Electronic</i>]
2000	Prof Jennifer Thomson (<i>Sunday Times</i>) [<i>Printed</i>]
1995	Gudrin Kaiser (<i>Fair Lady</i>)
1991	Debbie Collings (<i>Fair Lady</i>)

The Ernest Newbery Memorial Lecture. Presenters since inception

2010	Prof Werner Bauer. Chief Technology Officer. Nestle, Switzerland
2007	Prof. Vincent Marks. University of Surrey. UK.
2005	Prof. Ralph Blanchfield. President Elect, International Academy of Food Science and Technology (IUFOST) UK.
2003	Dr Marc McLellan. Immediate Past President of IFT, Texas A and M University, USA.
2001	Prof. Walter Spiess. President of IUFOST. Federal Research Centre for Nutrition. Karlsruhe, Germany.
1999	Prof. Trevor Britz, HoD Food Science. University of Stellenbosch.
1997	Prof. Fergus Clydesdale HoD Food Science, University of Massachusetts. USA.

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