29. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

IUFoST

In 1970, Mr J de Wit, while he was attending the Science of Survival (SOS) 70 conference, signed up SAAFoST as a Founder Member of the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST). Other founder members were Australia, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Hungary, Holland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, the Philippines, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom and the United States.

International Union of Food Science & Technology

The International Organization of Food Scientists and Food Technologists

This certifies that

The South African Association for Food Science and Technology

has qualified for membership in the

International Union of Food Science & Technology

In Witness Whereof I have affixed my signature and the seal of the Union at Davis, California.

August 14, 1970

FOISA Nov. 1970.

IUFoST was established at the final sitting the third international Food Science Congress held in Washington D.C in 1970. Five South Africans attended: Mr J de Wit who was Vice-President of SAFST and Chairman of the Northern Branch as well as Dr H de Muelenaere of Food Corporation, Dr S Hill-Haas and Mr J Kilroe of Tiger Oats and Mr J Hofmeyer of the Metal Box Company.

Mr de Wit's dual role of Director of the National Food Research Institute and Council member of SAAFST enabled him to serve our country admirably as our delegate to IUFoST. (FIOSA Oct. 1970. p61).

The establishment of IUFoST was a turning point for Food Science & Technology globally and facilitated the exchange of information amongst scientists engaged in food production, manufacturing and research. It was also in 1970 that the first SAAFoST Congress was held in Cape Town, a month after the IUFoST certificate of membership was signed. Past Presidents Pieter van Twisk and Nick Starke have remarked that as the association‘s biennial congresses became better known, the network widened and many life-long friendships formed and made possible the broad support enjoyed internationally over many years.

The International Academy of Food Science & Technology (IAFoST) was formed by IUFoST. This is a group of elected distinguished Food Scientists & Technologists who comprise a pool of scientific expertise from which IUFoST can draw expert advice on scientific matters.

Only three South Africans have so far been included in this list

Dr Pieter van Twisk (2003)
Prof. John Taylor (2010)
Dr Lucia Anelich (2010)

IFT

On June 19, 1992 SAAFoST received a CHARTER from IFT (Institute of Food Technologists) in the USA and became an Affiliate Organisation of IFT. The certificate was signed by John Litchfield (President) and Daniel Weber (Executive Director)

A close relationship between SAAFoST and IFT has been maintained since that time and several IFT Presidents have spoken at SAAFoST events over the years and these include:

Richard L Hall
Owen R Fennema (on several occasions)
John J Powers
Daryl B Lund
David R Lineback
Al Clausi
Frank F Busta
Mary K Schmidl
Mark R McClellan
Herbert Stone
John Floros
Sheri Schellhaass
Marianne Gillette

IFST

In 2001 SAAFoST signed an Agreement of Co-operation in matters of Food Safety, Website and Publications with the Institute of Food Science and Technology in the UK resulting in formal and ongoing contact with IFST.

Several IFST Presidents have spoken at SAAFoST events over the years and these include:

John Hawthorn
Ralph Blanchfield
Ralston Lawrie
Arnold Bender
Thomas Gorsuch
Peter Belton