

The South African Association for Food Science and Technology



SAAFoST COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of SAAFoST Council held at the Boardroom, Dept of Food & Science, Stellenbosch University on 9th February 2012 at 09h30.

MEMBERS			
Dr Gunnar Sigge	President	Dept. Food Science, SU	GS
Mr Ryan Ponquett	President-Elect	Kerry Ingredients SA	RP
Mr Johan Visser	Vice President	Nampak R&D	JV
Ms Rosie Maguire	Past President	In Essence	RM
Ms Kareline van der Spoel	Cape Branch Representative	Savannah	KVDS
Mr Dieter Nelles	Northern Branch Representative	Gelita	DN
Mr Nigel Sunley	IUFoST Liaison	Sunley Consulting	NS
Mr Owen Frisby	Executive Director	SAAFoST	OJF
Mr Dudley Randall	National Secretary	Turners Conferences	DR
BY INVITATION			
Ms Irene Burke	Membership Development Officer	SAAFoST	IB
Ms Tricia Fitchet	Editor: FST	SAAFoST	TF
APOLOGIES			
Mr Jacques van den Berg	Cape Branch Chair	Appletiser SA	JVDB
Madelein Jansen	KZN Branch Chair	Kerry Ingredients SA	MJ
Dr Gerda Botha	Northern Branch Representative	CSIR	GB
Prof. Amanda Minnaar	Northern Branch Chair	Dept. Food Science, U.P.	AM

No	Item	Action	Date
1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES		
1.1	GS Welcomed everyone to the new facility at the Dept of Food Science at Stellenbosch University.	GS	
1.2	Apologies were received from Madelein Jansen (MJ), Gerda Botha, Jacques van den Berg (JVDB) and Amanda Minnaar (AM).		
2	READING AND CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONAL ITEMS		
2.1	There were no additional items to be placed on the agenda.		
3	READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES: APPENDIX A		
3.1	The minutes of 8 th September 2011 have been circulated.		
3.2	There were no matters arising from the previous minutes other than those that would be covered under the agenda items.		
3.3	Approval of Minutes: Proposed by JV and seconded by NS.		
4	MOTIONS		
4.1	Congratulations were extended to JVDB on the birth of his daughter Anja.		
5	FINANCES OF THE ASSOCIATION: APPENDIX B	RM/DR	
5.1	Bank Accounts:	RM	
5.1.1	The bank balances as at 31 st January were: ABSA 92058200197 R204,190 ABSA 9205820252 R46,567 ABSA Money market R190,367 BOE R2,499,500		

5.1.2	RM suggested that SAAFoST close the ABSA “Congress” accounts (9205820252 and 920 582 0333 Money Market) after transferring the funds to the BOE Bank account. The meeting agreed.	RM	
5.2	Financial Statements	RM/DR	
5.2.1	The financial report has been circulated by RM.		
5.2.2	The total income for 2011 was R4,090,344.69 Revenue from membership was in line with the budget. R 25,000 donation from FoodBev Seta. R 590,000 FoodBev Seta bursaries. R 26,000 bursary from MacCallum for 2012. Income generated from workshops (R251,452). FST advertising income R141,720 Interest R63,150 Income generated from the branches was R162,790 2012 award and bursary commitments are expected to be R530,000		
5.2.3	Total Expenditure R2,069,865 Bursaries and awards R312,516 Food Bev Seta bursaries R584,000 Expenses for workshops R152,253 Expenses from branches R63,745		
5.2.4	The total surplus was R2,020,479		
5.2.5	Branch Status: Retained income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Branch R79, 446 • Cape Branch R93,796 • KZN Branch R22,326 The total Branch money held in the central account is R196 565		
5.2.6	FST: Net surplus for the first issue is in the region of R79,000 Cost for the second issue are covered and there is a small surplus of approximately R10,000		
5.3	Budget 2012	RM	
5.3.1	Membership fees at the end 2011 have been factored into the 2012 budget which consequently now projects a profit. RM believes that these numbers are realistic.		
5.3.2	The amount of income from workshops and expos was increased to R125,000 RM reported that this is a balanced budget.		
5.3.3	RM called for the acceptance of the budget as presented. Proposed by RM and seconded by RP. The budget was accepted.		
5.4	SAAFoST Foundation		
5.4.1	NS proposed that a sum of R2.5 million be ring-fenced for SAAFoST Foundation, subject to the finalisation of its financial requirements. Seconded by JV. The proposal was carried.		
5.5	Branch Funds		
5.5.1	RM said that the branches should be spending some of the money in their accounts and they should also generate new money. RM suggested that the Northern Branch and the Cape Branch should each consider funding a student to IUFoST 2012. The criteria for participation were to be established. Refer to 5.6 Branches are to come back to council by 9 th March with their ideas	AM JVDB	
5.6	IUFoST Travel Grants		
5.6.1	Criteria for travel grants: GS has the details of the CST-SA criteria schedule. GS suggests that we adopt most of the CST-SA criteria and add that recipients must at least have submitted an abstract which should be accepted as a Congress oral presentation or as a poster. RM suggested that recipients must be at least a post-graduate student. SAAFoST may		

	<p>have to judge the abstracts internally due to time constraints to satisfy themselves of the quality of the content.</p> <p>GS to set up the criteria for the Travel Grants and circulate to Exco for confirmation.</p>		9.3.2012
	The successful candidates should make a contribution to FST as well.		
5.6.2	In addition there will be two travel awards of R25, 000 from Central funds/Foundation to sponsor students to IUFoST. These awards would be available on a national basis and includes all provinces.		
5.6.3	OJF suggested that SAAFoST consider ways of keeping Romy Hochfeld involved in the organisation as she was an asset. Perhaps Romy could put a paper together and SAAFoST could look at some way of arranging joint funding with a sponsor for her to travel to IUFoST 2012. It was decided that SAAFoST cannot make exceptions to the criteria for individuals.		
5.7	Investments	RM	
5.7.1	<p>The total investments value as at 20 January 2012 was R3,144,617</p> <p>Investments achieved an 8.8% growth return overall since February 2011, indicating that the majority of the funds are in the right place.</p>	RM	
5.7.2	<p>All funds except Cadiz are performing to, or above, sector norms.</p> <p>RM proposed that SAAFoST move the Cadiz funds to BOE to form part of the Foundation 2012 bursary and award costs. Seconded by OJF and the proposal was approved.</p>	RM	
6	MEMBERSHIP	DR/OJF/ GS/IB	
6.1	Matters arising from the previous Minutes:		
6.1.1	GS reported on the challenge to Council from the previous meeting to recruit new Custodian members.		
6.1.2	<p>The meeting to update the benefits of being a member of SAAFoST was not held and this is an ongoing matter.</p> <p>GS, IB and OJF are to make sue that all membership benefits mentioned on the webpage are up to date,</p>	GS IB OJF	7.6.2012
6.1.3	The list of companies with the potential to become Custodian members who have been contacted is to be circulated to Council.	OJF	23.2.2012
6.2	Custodian Membership	OJF	
6.2.1	<p>Custodian Membership Drive</p> <p>OJF has developed a list of potential companies that should be approached to become Custodian members and has issued eighty invitations. Seventeen people indicated that they would come on board.</p> <p>OJF will circulate the list to Council members within the next two weeks.</p>	OJF/GS OJF	
6.2.2	SAAFoST lost Foodspec as a Custodian member last year and more members could potentially be lost as a result of mergers and acquisitions.		
6.2.3	OJF has developed a newsletter for Custodian members of approximately 12/15 pages on SAAFoST activities and benefits of membership - to be circulated. OJF welcomes input from Council regarding the content for this newsletter.	OJF	
6.3	New Memberships/Terminations/ Suspensions		
6.3.1	IB submitted a report with membership numbers.		
6.3.2	Five hundred and fourteen members were suspended due to non payment during 2011 and 2012. Some initially indicated that they were not receiving invoices but were subsequently able to trace them in their junk mail.		
6.3.3	<p>Pro-rating of fees:</p> <p>Pro-ration was discussed as there was a feeling that some potential members who were financially limited would wait to join in the next full year.</p> <p>NS proposed that fees for new members be pro-rated on a six month basis. Within the first six months of the year, they must pay the full membership fee. After the first six months, new members could pay a reduced fee equal to half of the full year fee.</p> <p>Suspended members do not qualify for pro-rated membership if they rejoin in the same year of suspension.</p> <p>IB is to contact all suspended members by SMS.</p> <p>Romy is to publish details of the membership and suspension process on Facebook in the section "Update your details".</p>	IB Romy	

6.3.4	People should be encouraged to register as individual SAAFoST members in their own right so that they can all receive details of the benefits which are sometimes not filtered down through the institutions communication channels.		
6.4	Custodian Dinner 2012		
6.4.1	OJF suggested that a Custodian dinner should be held in each of the three regions. This function creates a good opportunity for members to network with existing and prospective Custodian members and to provide information about the organisation to them.		
6.4.2	RM needs to know how many paid-up Custodians members there are in each region as at end of January 2012 so that appropriate budgeting can be done for a per branch event. DR is to make a list of all Custodians by branch and send it to Council. Currently, Northern Branch has fifty Custodian members, Cape Branch has eleven and KZN branch has nine. NS said Custodian dinners require critical mass be to meaningful events.	DR	16.2.2012
6.4.3	It was suggested that the smaller regions consider breakfasts instead of dinners.		
6.4.4	R25 000 has been factored into the budget for Custodian dinners in total for 2012. Custodian members do not pay for their dinners but their guests are required to pay. OJF mentioned that the cost of the Custodian dinner is built into the Custodian membership fee. It will be difficult to spread the R25, 000 into three dinners.		
6.4.5	GS proposed that the current format be retained in the Northern Branch and that the Cape and KZN Branches arrange an event with a combined informative presentation and recruitment element.	OJF Branch Chairs	
6.5	o Student membership		
6.5.1	IB has been phoning all the students to get their updated study and qualification details and is upgrading them to the appropriate membership categories. Some students have been studying for six years and are getting free membership and this poses a challenge for database.	IB	
7	QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ED Report / Branch Reports: APPENDIX C	OJF/AM /MJ/JvdB	
7.1	Executive Director: As tabled		
7.1.1	GS requested that OJF make fund-raising an objective in the coming year. A plan of events and topics is to be submitted with the proposed dates as soon as possible. Consider a date in May /June for the first event and September for next event. OJF mentioned that the SALT workshop was coming up and that it was time for a Favour Symposium to be held again throughout the country.	OJF OJF	ASAP Mid March
7.1.2	NS suggested that OJF advise people that SAAFoST will not be holding a congress this year and to explain the reason for this. This should also be mentioned in the next issue of FST – on the President's page of the May Issue	OJF GS	ASAP 27.2.2012
7.2	Cape Branch: As tabled		
7.2.1	GS would like to see a bit more definition in terms of planning for the year. Nail down the events calendar with more finality, detail and firm dates.	JVDB	Mid March
7.3	Northern Branch: As tabled		
7.4	KZN Branch: No Report was presented but it was being prepared.	MJ	
8	BURSARIES AND AWARDS	GS/Edu& Aw Com	
8.1	Previous minutes		
8.1.1	Grahamstown Science Week. GS is not sure if this event will be the appropriate forum for food science and suggested that perhaps school visits are a preferable way to go.		
8.1.2	Updates with SAAFoST Promotional CDs. This matter is ongoing and should be finalised before the next council meeting in June. It was suggested that the sub-committee rather look at the content of the existing CDs and include pertinent information on the SAAFoST website. Information tends to become outdated and the website is easier and less expensive to update. GS AM KVDS OJF JVBD OJF is to circulate the Word document of the CD content to those involved in updating the content.	GS AM KVDS JVDB OJF	7.6.2012 ASAP

8.2	FoodBev Seta bursaries	IB	
8.2.1	<p>Twenty three students obtained FoodBev Seta bursaries last year. The value of the bursaries was increased from R20, 000 to R25, 000.</p> <p>FoodBev Seta requires students to disclose details of any other bursaries they have obtained.</p> <p>IB has received eight applications for bursaries so far but expects more soon as the closing date is 15th February 2012.</p>	IB	
8.3	Matric & SAAFoST Undergraduate bursaries	IB	
8.3.1	<p>IB has a list of all undergraduates who have received SAAFoST bursaries.</p> <p>In the current SAAFoST will award one Undergraduate bursary, one Matric bursary and a second Matric bursary provided by MacCallum Associates, bringing the total number of bursaries being awarded in 2012 to thirteen.</p> <p>IB is waiting for nominations for Koeppen and Aubrey Parsons awards.</p> <p>The Aubrey Parsons bursary for 2011 was awarded to a student who had also received other bursaries and her mother was attempting to draw cash for purposes other than study fees. SAAFoST bursaries were strictly for study fees hence the request was denied.</p>	IB	
8.4	Award & Bursary Criteria & dates (incl. Koeppen)	GS	
8.4.1	The criteria are all up to date.		
8.5	Meritorious Award for Journalism	OJF	
8.5.1	<p>The closing date is 28th February 2012</p> <p>OJF has sent the information out to 120 people in the media asking for nominations.</p> <p>SAAFoST has made significant progress in developing media contacts over the past ten years</p>		
9	STUDENTS INITIATIVE	JVDB	
9.1	<p>Student involvement in SAAFoST – “The Way Forward”</p> <p>JVDB was not at the meeting to report on this portfolio. . Initiatives going forward are to be proposed at the next Council Meeting.</p> <p>GS reported that some students are now sitting on Branch committees and that students are attending SAAFoST events</p>	JVDB	7.6.2012
9.2	A possible “Student Day” meeting could be held for which students could submit abstracts and at which they could make presentations.		
9.3	AM has some ideas for involvement of students in the SAAFoST 2013 Congress.		
9.4	Ideas are to be put forward by the next Council meeting by the branches and they are to report on how they will involve students in the future.	Branches	7.6.2012
10	SAAFoST FOUNDATION	GS	
10.1	<p>GS gave feedback to Council.</p> <p>David Watson has agreed to head up the SAAFoST Foundation as its Chairman.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees consists of David Watson, Janusz Luterek, Cliff Samson and Lucia Anelich</p> <p>David Watson is finalising the registration of the Foundation and of the trustees.</p> <p>The philanthropic division of BOE Bank is assisting with the registration administration.</p> <p>After the registration has been set up, a bank account will be opened and money will be transferred into it. RM suggested that it be a BOE bank account as they offer a competitive interest rate.</p>		
10.2	The Executive Committee of SAAFoST is to select a representative to the Foundation for each term of office. The nominated representative will report back to Council on the activities and affairs of the SAAFoST Foundation.	Exco	As soon as Foundation is set up
10.3	<p>Once the SAAFoST Foundation is up and running, SAAFoST Council in liaison with trustees will formulate the criteria applicable to bursaries. The administration of the bursaries will still be carried out by IB. It is understood however that it may reach a stage where the SAAFoST Foundation needs to take over the responsibility of administering the bursaries.</p> <p>David Watson is to report to Council meetings with feedback and participate in a question and answer session. GS to set up date for Exco to meet with David Watson</p>	GS	ASAP
10.4	Once established, the SAAFoST Foundation may also administer outside companies’ sponsored bursaries and these companies can contribute to the SAAFoST Foundation bursary fund. MacCallum is an example of this and perhaps the opportunity can be		

	<p>advertised to other companies.</p> <p>Private companies' criteria and conditions must be specified up front so that there can be no confusion or expectations by SAAFoST or by applicants and recipients. For example Black Empowerment Equity conditions must be specified if the company intends claiming BEE credits as this would obviously exclude certain applicants. The SAAFoST Foundation is to take responsibility for setting these criteria.</p>		
11	SAAFOST 50TH BIRTHDAY BOOK	GS/OJF	
11.1	OJF gave an update on the SAAFoST 50 th Birthday Book. Basically the matter is in hand with ongoing efforts to obtain relevant information and content.	OJF	
11.2	OJF is getting quotes from a local printer and projects that the book should be completed in a couple of months.		
11.3	OJF is to attempt finalise the Birthday Book by the next council meeting.	OJF	7.6.2012
11.4	It was suggested that the SAAFoST Birthday Book be reviewed in FST.		
11.5	OJF enquired about giving each SAAFoST member a copy of the book as a public relations exercise. This can only be considered once the costs were known.		
12	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	OJF	
12.1	A number of government laboratories are closing down due to lack of funds.		
13	FOODBEV SETA ISOE STATUS 1340 1345	GS/OJF OJF	
13.1	Nomination to FoodBev SETA Board		
13.1.1	The Nomination of LA to the board was not successful.		
14	THE FOOD ADVISORY CONSUMER SERVICES (FACS) 1400 1410	OJF	
14.1	<p>FACS is having a difference with Soleil at the moment as are several other organisations. SANCO have asked for money to contribute towards the production of obesity booklets. A copy of the booklet was handed out at the meeting. SAAFoST will need to be able to edit the content before considering any funding. A previous decision was made not to make a contribution but without having seen the booklet or having considered its potential value in promoting FACS.</p> <p>OJF suggested that this could be an opportunity to promote the FACS website.</p> <p>OJF recommended that the "Choices" programme should be supported by FACS, implying support for the idea by other FACS representatives ADSA, SANCU and the Directorate of Food Control in addition to SAAFoST.</p>		
15	SACNASP 1410 1420	GB	
15.1	<p>Gerda was not present to report.</p> <p>GS received a letter from Minister Naledi Pandor asking SAAFoST to nominate someone onto the SACNASP Council. GS asked whether GB can also represent SAAFoST, as she already sits on the Council as Chair of the Food Science PAC of SACNASP. If this was not acceptable, GS would be available to serve on SACNASP Council.</p> <p>GS has been in communication with Happy Molefe but there has been some difficulty with the responses.</p>	GS	
16	RELATED SOCIETIES & ASSOCIATIONS	JV/KvdS	
16.1	IPSA	JV/GS	
16.1.1	<p>The Gold Pak Awards banquet was held at the Cape Sun on the 25th October 2011. SAAFoST sponsored the Gold medals in the food category and the SAAFoST logo was prominently displayed. GS presented the medals on the evening.</p> <p>A large SAAFoST contingent including GS, Tricia Fitchet, JVDB, Grant Mople, and Morongwa Themba was present at the awards function and a photo was taken.</p>		
16.1.2	SAAFoST should tap into packaging companies as sponsors for the 2013 Congress and involve them in the event.	AM	
16.1.3	GS mentioned that there would hopefully be a joint IPSA/SAAFoST function this year.	Branches	ASAP
16.1.4	JV is not standing for another term of office with IPSA, however all SAAFoST branches are welcome to submit content for the IPSA publication.	Branches	
16.2	ADSA	KvdS	
	SAAFoST has received an invitation from ADSA to do a session at their congress	All	ASAP

	which takes place between 30 th September and 5 th October 2012 in Bloemfontein. Council members are to let OJF know if any they have any material that they would like to include in the session.		
17	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS		
17.1	IUFoST	GS/NS	
17.1.1	SAAFOST have put a nomination together with a CV for NS for the position IUFoST president elect.		
17.1.2	SAAFoST's nominations for Young Scientists need to be sent to IUFoST. GS will look into this so that appropriate applicants can be selected.	GS	ASAP
17.1.3	Global Food Awards. Everything needs to be in by 30 th March 2012. OJF is to liaise with GS on the procedures and GS will contact Grant and Brenda to see if they will take care of that aspect.		
17.2	IFT	RM/GS	
17.2.1	GS contacted Barbara Byrd Keenan at the time of planning FST, about linking in to their magazine and getting editorial content on a regular basis. RM had a meeting with Barbara at FEI in November 2011. Gerry Bouman, Bob Swientek and GS held discussions and it was agreed in principal that SAAFoST can contact them for articles published in "Food Technology" to appear in FST. They should not appear in FST prior to being published in FT. They have sent resources, links, and calendar of stories for the year and put SAAFoST on their alert list. They are interested in looking at the articles that FST is publishing and want to be able to reciprocate by publishing them if they believe that will be of interest to FT readers.		
17.2.2	IFT are very keen on continuing the tradition of sending the IFT President to the SAAFoST Congress and would like us to reciprocate. They are also keen on a student exchange to the respective organizations' annual meetings. IFT is happy to work with us going forward and would like SAAFoST to promote their annual meeting and expo.		
18	CONGRESSES & EVENTS		
18.1	IUFoST 2012	NS	
18.1.1	NS reported on the history of IUFoST 2012 and developments to date. NS went to a meeting in Brazil during November 2011. They are behind with the programme but there is some good material content. NS feels that this should be a successful congress if political differences can be resolved.		
18.1.2	Discussion was taken on the possibility of a South African Pavilion at the IUFoST event but it was felt that there would not be enough interest. NS will convey the decision to DW.	NS	
18.2	Travel Package to Brazil	GS/DR	
18.2.1	DR presented four options for travel packages to the IUFoST Congress. Prices fluctuate because elements of the packages are based on the US Dollar exchange rate. Turners will structure a package price that is to be based on the worst case exchange rate scenario. The travel packages, once approved will be published on the SAAFoST website.	DR	
18.3	SAAFoST 2013	AM	
18.3.1	Amanda is the Chair of the Congress but was not available to report to Council. OJF enquired if a date change from 2-5 September 2013 to early October could be considered. Recent discussions with Turners established that they would not be available to manage the logistics in September due to other commitments and their experience with SAAFoST events would add value to the organisers. There was no objection from Council to changing the date to 6-10 October 2013.	OJF	
18.3.2	OJF reported that the CSIR was the probable venue for Congress but recognised that space is limited in auditoria to four hundred and fifty people. However there were very few venues, other than the large international congress centres capable of accommodating eight hundred delegates.		
18.3.3	GS advised that a report was needed on the planning of the 2013 Congress relating to the committees, programme structure, registration, budget and student participation etc.	AM	16.3.2012
18.3.4	Barbara from IFT is keen to host an IFT workshop at the SAAFoST 2013 Congress.	AM	

18.3.5	GS observed that it was important that the nominated Northern Branch congress organising committee should control and run this event with input and assistance from OJF rather than OJF taking the lead role which would not be fair to the other regions.	AM OJF	
18.4	Additional Events		
18.4.1	SALT and Flavour symposiums were being considered for later in the year	OJF	Mid March
19	PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA	GS/OJF	
19.1	SAAFoST's South African Food Science & Technology (FST) magazine		
19.1.1	Copies of the inaugural edition of FST were presented to the meeting. Council congratulated TF on the production and quality of the magazine and RM was congratulated on her exceptional effort in raising funds through the sale of advertising.		
19.1.2	It was mentioned that in the future, a person would be need to be employed to pick up from RM and maintain the momentum in selling advertising. Council was asked to apply their minds to this matter and contact GS, RM or TF if they have suggestions. The position will be commission based.	All	
19.1.3	Subscription rates for non-members were discussed at length. It was decided not to have a subscription offering initially but a fee of R25 per copy for local distribution and R100 for international distribution would apply. Additional copies for members and contributors would be available at R25 per copy plus R5 postage. Digital versions of the magazine would be considered in the future but Council agreed that at present the processes should settle and stabilise so that TF could have a better feel for the sale and distribution aspects of the product.	TF	
19.1.4	The First edition of the magazine is to be signed asap by all the people on the Editorial Board and Scientific Content Team. A few signed copies should be retained in the archives.	OJF	
19.1.5	A low resolution PDF version of FST is to be considered for the SAAFoST website. A login and password process would need to be set up. It was noted in many parts of Africa, the internet is very slow and documents are difficult to download. Consideration should be given to sending the magazine on CDs with PDF files.	TF	
19.1.6	A SAAFoST membership application form is to be a printed in the magazine. This would not be as a separate insert. There would also be reference to the online application form. In addition mechanisms should be set up for people to phone in and register as a member.	TF IB	
19.1.7	2400 copies were printed of the first edition.		
19.2	Food & Beverage Reporter		
19.2.1	Nothing new to report.		
19.3	Farmlink Magazine		
19.3.1	Nothing new to report.		
19.4	Packaging & Print Media		
19.4.1	Nothing new to report.		
20	WEBSITE	GS/OJF/IB	
20.1	OJF and IB reported that delays were being experienced in having material published on the website. DR promised to look into this matter and ensure that all updates were made timeously.	DR	16.3.2011
20.2	Council members were encouraged to let OJF and IB have their comments and suggestions for content for the website.		
20.3	Membership Fees for 2012 are to be posted on the website, currently only fees for 2010/11 are listed.	IB	asap
21	SENSORY FORUM	RM	
21.1	Lorraine Geel has sent RM a summary of ideas for three Sensory Forum sessions to be held around the country. The first would be in Johannesburg on 23 rd February and titled" Autumn Colours". The next would be on 5th July with a winter theme and a further session would be held in the spring.		
22	ADDITIONAL ITEMS		
22.1	There were no additional items raised.		
23	Closure		

23.1	The meeting closed at 15h30 and was followed by a tour of the Dept. of Food Science's new facilities and a small reception and Custodian Membership Certificate handover ceremony for overseas visitors Jacqui Finnegan, Raimund Hoenes and Bernhard Barthlott representing Glanbia Nutritionals, SAAFoST's first foreign based Custodian Member .		
24	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
24.1	The next meeting would be held on 7th June 2012 in Johannesburg	GS	