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SAAFoST Northern Branch.
Chairman's Report (2013 to 2015)
National BGM 2015-9-7

Ladies and Gentleman,

Firstly, I would like to apologize for not being able to attend the BGM in person to present this report but unfortunately have to be in Europe on business. Thanks are due to Vice Chair Lorraine Geel for taking over on so many other occasions that I have had to be abroad.

The committee members of the Northern Branch for the period 2013 . 2015 were as follows:

Jannie van Aswegen .Northern Branch Chairman
Lorraine Geel .Vice Chair
Prof Naushad Emmambux .Treasurer
Lebogang Harris . Secretary
Romy Hochfeld .Communication officer (resigned in 2014)
Dr Louise Mare
Silnia Bardenhorst
Reinette van den Berg
Owen Frisby .Ex Officio . Executive Director: SAAFoST
Irene Burk . Ex-officio . Membership Development Officer
Prof Amanda Minnaar . Immediate Past Chair
Prof Piet Jooste and Dr Papiso Tshabalala - both were co-opted

Unfortunately during our two year stint we lost Romy Hochfeld halfway through the first year as she emigrated to Australia . She was replaced by Catherine Chisindi (Novozymes) who was co-opted.
We also had some pleasant news when Silnia Badenhorst gave birth to twin identical daughters.

The new committee started off a busy and productive two years by holding an inaugural meeting on the 14th of November 2013 at the Dept of Food Science, University of Pretoria, where a speaker programme was planned for the two years ahead. The programme turned out as follows

- 1) 2013-11-28 Sensory Forum Northern Branch Year end Function - a five course meal with wine pairing, Pieter Swanepoel of Glen Carlou being the host. Venue: SHT, UJ Johannesburg.
- 2) 2014-1-23 A Prof John Taylor Sabbatical Seminar together with two visiting academics guests: i) Tropical Cereals as Alternatives in Dough-Based Staple Foods. Prof John Taylor, University of Pretoria. ii) Development of a coconut flavoured infant formula from cereals supplemented with protein isolate using response surface methodology, Prof Kolawole Falade, Professor of Food Technology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria. iii) Development of novel healthy foods to address some of the major world health issues, Prof, Vijay Jayasena (Sri Lanka) School of Public Health, Curtin University. Other lectures were as follows:
- 3) 2014-3-27. Food Waste in SA - The Magnitude, Cost and Impacts. Dr Suzan Oelofse, Principal Researcher and Research Group Leader for Waste Management for Development (CSIR) and President of the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA). Venue: University of Pretoria.
- 4) 2014-4-10. Substantiation of the human health benefits of lupin consumption: current evidence and future studies. Dr Stuart Johnson, Curtin University, Perth. Venue: University of Pretoria.
- 5) 2014-5-29. Climate Smart Agriculture and What it Means for Food Security. Prof Mary Scholes. School of Animal, Plant and Environmental Sciences. University of the Witwatersrand. Venue: 3M Jhb.
- 6) 2014-6-18 & 19. Sensory Statistics Training Course. Ann Hasted, Qi Statistics Ltd UK in Association with and presented at the University of Pretoria. Attendees: 36 (full house).
- 7) 2014-6-20. Development of Natural and Beneficial Food Ingredients with Focus on Consumer Safety. Dr Anne Constable, Senior Food Safety Scientist, Nestlé Research Centre, Switzerland. Executive Breakfast. Jhb Country Club Woodmead.

8) 2014-7-9 The Labelling & Advertising of Food: Amendments (R429) Workshop. Chair: Ron Timm. Speakers: Janusz Luterek (Hahn & Hahn), Prof Edelweiss Wentzel-Viljoen (North-West University), Nigel Sunley, Jane Badham (both Consultants in Food Labelling). Venue: 3M Jhb. Attendees: 106.

9) 2014-7-29. Fixing the future. Mr John Kane-Berman, Former Chief Executive, SA Institute of Race Relations. Custodian Breakfast, Tenth Anniversary. Venue: Jhb Country Club, Woodmead.

10) 2014-7-31 Food Factory of the Future: Sahar Nikouie Adl, Buhler Pty Ltd. 3m Jhb.

11) 2014-9-18 Food Science, Food Sense and Food Regulations . a SAAFoST session at the Nutrition Congress, %Optimal Nutrition for All+, 16 . 19 Sept. Speakers: Janusz Luterek, David Watson, Jacques Rousseau, Nigel Sunley. Jhb.

12) 2014-9-30 Water Talk Shop, Tour and Tasting. Speakers: Carsten Orzol (Memcon), Philip Nel (Radical Waters), John Bewsey (Trailblazer Technologies), Prof Jannie Maree (TUT), Prof Bettie Lodolo (SAB), Charlotte Metcalfe (SANBWA).

13) 2014-10-21 Student Day: See, Smell, Touch & Taste. Universities of Jhb, Pretoria, Tshwane & Venda at the UP.

14) 2014-10-28. SACNASP on the Move. Dr Rolf Becker. Executive Director: SACNASP. 3M Johannesburg.

15) 2014-11-13 Bühler Factory Tour & Braai. Hostess: Dr Sahar Nikouie Adl. Buhler Site, Muldersdrift.

16) 2015-2-26 Food Dehydration, an African Perspective. Speaker: Prof Ingegerd Sjöholm, Department of Food Technology, Engineering and Nutrition, University of Lund, Sweden. Venue, Dept Food Science, UP.

17) 2015-3-31. A double lecture: i) Yeast and mould incubation . the long wait in Microbiology. Jonathan Mark Walsh. 3M Technical Manager for the Food Safety Department in Europe, Middle East and Africa. ii) Pathogenic and commensal E. coli from irrigation water show potential in transmission of Extended Spectrum and AmpC β -lactamases determinants to lettuce. Speaker: Dr Patrick Njage. Post-doctoral fellow, University of Pretoria & IUFoST Young Researcher. Venue: 3M Jhb.

18) 2015-5-26 Cost Savings with Enzymes . Using Low pH Amylase in Starch Processing. Speaker: Mads Weibye, Grain Processing Division, Novozymes, Denmark.

19) 2015-8-13 Human Behaviour as a Risk Factor in Food Safety and Quality: The Hard vs. the Soft Sciences. Speaker: Prof Ryk Lues, Professor in Food Safety, Faculty of Health and Environmental Sciences. Central University of Technology, Bloemfontein. Venue: Dept Food Science, University of Pretoria. Presentation was followed by the Northern Branch BGM.

20) 2015-8-27 Meeting consumer demands for healthier dairy & beverage products. A joint meeting with the SA Society of Dairy Technology (SASDT). Speaker: Christian Heiss, DSM Regional Sales Manager, Food & Dairy Enzymes, CISMEA Region. Venue: IMCD Randburg.

Two further events already planned for later in the year are: i) the SAAFoST students day on 20 October at UJ and ii) An end-of-year visit to the, %World of Beer %a Beer museum run by SAB. Date: 27 October 2015.

Thanks are due to Dr Louise Mare for making the 3M facility available on many occasions during 2013 -2015 and also to Prof Amanda Minnaar, for frequent use of the Dept of Food Science and also for introducing Members to a number of visiting academics.

Further thanks to the outgoing 2013-2015 Northern Branch Committee, whose names are listed above, for their hard work and support and wishing the members of the newly elected Northern Branch Committee, whose names follow, everything of the best for the period 2015 . 2017: Denise Metcalfe (Chair, University of Johannesburg), Nicola Brook (Vice Chair, Foodpath), Lorraine Geel (Consumers in Focus), Naushad Emmambux (University of Pretoria), Deon Gallus (Deltamune), Catherine Chisindi (Novozymes), Thierry Regnier (TUT), Amit Galal (3M), Sahar Nikouie Adl (Buhler) and Petra Muller (Swift-Silliker). Irene Burke (SAAFoST Membership Development Officer), Owen Frisby (SAAFoST Executive Director) and myself, to be ex-officio committee members.

Jannie van Aswegen
Northern Branch Chair (2013 . 2015)