

## FREE STATE BGM REPORT

During 2022 the Northern Branch of SAAFoST appointed Prof Arno Hugo as representative for the Free State Province. Dr Lize van Wyngaard was appointed as the “My SAAFoST” representative. The Free State is isolated and Food Processing activities in the Free State is not well known. The main aim is to get more Food Processors and Food Scientists in the Free State involved in SAAFoST. We also hope to recruit some Custodian Members from the Free State. The “My SAAFoST” representative is currently busy recruiting Food Science students and students from food related disciplines, such as consumer science, as student members. Prof Ryk Lues from the Central University of Technology presented a Webinar titled **“Food Safety Culture in the developing context: The Importance of Methodological and Ethical Best-Practice”** on 22 June 2022. We are currently approaching more scientists to present webinars. Food and Food Science training are currently being reorganized by the Department of Sustainable Food System and Development. It will strengthen training and research in Food and Food related disciplines at the University of the Free State as well as collaboration with other institutions.