

SAAFoST Northern Branch Report August 2019 - August 2021

1. Branch Committee

MEMBERS OF NORTHERN BRANCH COMMITTEE 2019-2021		
Ingrid Woodrow	Chair	IMCD
Deon Gallus	Vice-chair	Deltamune
Silnia Badenhorst	Professional member	Massmart
Prof Naushad Emmambux	Treasurer	UP
Wendy Beneke	Professional member	Sensient
Lauren White	Professional member	Pick 'n Pay
Oluwafemi Adebo	Professional member	UJ Lecturer
Charys Barnes	Professional member	Sensient
Michael Jay	Professional member	Dischem
Nicolle Coulson	Professional member	Promigen/Holanathi
Shannen de Andrade	Member	Chemgrit/Savannah

Dr. Mathoto Thaoge, lecturer at TUT was also voted in as a committee member, but she retracted her availability soon after the BGM 2019.

2. Branch Events:

Events that took place from August 2019 till end of 2019:

28 August: Combined SAICHE and SAAFoST NBr meeting with 3 presentations: **Chemistry of coffee roasting; Extrusion technology for food and feed; Key areas of hygienic design.**

10 October: “**Global opportunities and challenges for bakers**” by Stan Cauvain, co-founder of BakeTran presentation. RSVPs received was 68 and 58 attended. Presentation was made available and sent to put up on SAAFoST website.

2019 Congress “**Food Science and Technology for the 21st Century**” organised by the Northern Branch.

16 October: “**Who is liable for food safety incidents such as the Listeriosis outbreak?**” by Janusz Luterek; a very informative and needed lecture. 73 people RSVP-ed and most attended. The presentation was made available and a YouTube video; sent for website.

25 October: UJ, TUT, UP and UNIVEM Student’s product development showcase at UP. Companies who sponsored were Tongaat, Symrise, Anchor Yeast and Ingredion. 36 people RSVP-ed

14 November: Mr. Aalwyn Kraamwinkel and Ms. Christine Leighton presented: **“The Future of the Dairy Industry world-wide and in SA – challenges, risks, innovations”** (feedback from IDF Summit) – combined meeting with SASDT where 38 members attended.

21 November: **Quiz night** and year-end function at Pizza e’ Vino; sponsors provided goodies for prizes and 57 members attended.

Events that took place during 2020:

9 June: **How Blockchain technology will transform the food industry”** - webinar by Oz Razak, Director of Digital at Auctus Strategy Partners, for which 119 registered.

19 August: **Aquaponics”** – webinar by Leslie Ter Morshuizen, Aquaculture Innovations South Africa, for which 61 registered.

Events that took place during 2021:

3 March: **InnoFoodAfrica**: A project to co-develop locally driven plant-based value chains for more sustainable African food systems, healthier diets, and export opportunities, presented by **Dr Raijja Lanto** (VTT Technical Research, Finland); **Prof Naushad Emmambux** (UP); **Prof Riëtte de Kock** (UP); **Dr James Makame** (UP) and **Dr Paula Varela** (Nofima, Norway) for which 172 registered.

2 August: Combined SAAFoST and SAChE meeting: **Another Taste of Chemical Engineering: Dr Ryan Merckel (University of Pretoria)** : Nutrient-loaded activated biochar to feed food production , **Klaus Shommarz (Urban Africa Distilleries)**: A Chemical Engineering career: Platinum, fuel, and gin , and **Philasande Cele (Siyazenzela Plant Biotech and Agricultural Consultants)**: Cannabis, food, and chemical engineering. 138 registrations were received.

11 August BGM: Short presentation: **“Extended Shelf life of Milk”** by Prof Elna Buys, incoming President of SAAFoST, followed by the BGM.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Income 1 July 2019 – 31 August 2021 : R29 765,22
Expenses 1 July 2019 – 31 August 2021 : R34 630,43

Current surplus funds held in Central: R46 471

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership as of July 2021:

Membership Category	Number
Consultant	4
Custodian	46
Institution	50
Members	179
Postgraduates	61
Professional members	265
Total paying members	492
Honorary Life members	4

Student members	408
Retired members	22
Retired Prof members	26
Total	952

5. General

The NBr Committee for 2021 – 2023:

Ingrid Woodrow	IMCD SA/TBC
Wendy Beneke	Sensient
Lauren White	Pick 'n Pay
Prof Naushad Emmambux	Univ of Pretoria
Silnia Badenhorst	Walmart
Dr Oluwafemi Adebo	Univ Johannesburg
Charys Barnes	Sensient
Michael Jay	Dis-Chem
Nicolle Coulson	Holanathi
Dr Shonisani Ramashia	University of Venda
Manzi Sishi	Pepsico

Ingrid Woodrow (Chair)
8 September 2021