



South African Society of Dairy Technology

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President Report

Northern Division

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Most of us entered 2021 with optimism and relief that 2020 was behind us and we looked forward to a year where Covid-19 and its restrictions would be forgotten, but alas, this was not to be. Numerous efforts to return to normality were thwarted by new outbreaks and Covid- 19 variants and the usual way of doing things remained elusive. Despite every intention to host one or 2 in-person meetings it soon became evident that the restrictions would remain with us for the foreseeable future.

These limitations taught us to move away from our more traditional way of doing things and required us to take on new skills of hosting webinars, forge new partnerships with webinar hosts, review at our approach to membership, and to be bold in rethinking, and re-imagining our society. The pandemic also required us to sharpen our digital and social media activities and exposure. In all these spheres we have responded well and consequently, the Northern Division of the South Africa Society of Dairy Technology was able remain true to its purpose of promoting and encouraging technological and scientific advancement in the Dairy Industry by:

the dissemination and application of knowledge,
and the provision of opportunities for
discussion, co-operation, education, training, and research.

Webinars

On the 13th and 14th April short lunchtime webinars we hosted with the theme of Protein in Dairy. Prof Gary Osthoff presented "*The Chemistry of Dairy Proteins*" and Simone Kemp, "*Formulating High Protein Dairy and Dairy Analogue Products*"

The traditional August students' event was held on 26 August and was hosted by Dr Thulani Sibanda of the University of Pretoria, where Ursula Thomashoff, Anja Steyn and Jané du Plooy delivered presentations on their research as part of the Probiotic Yoghurt Project.

More "*Consumption Moments for Dairy*" was the theme of the webinar held on 15 September and presented by Janet Deel-Smith.

Our planned Year-end function coincided with a new wave of Covid-19 restrictions was postponed as a precaution.

Furthermore, our members were also encouraged to participate in Webinars hosted by the Western Cape branch of the SASDT. Our sincere thanks go to all the presenters, sponsors, organizers, webinar hosts and participants for their contribution to the success of these webinars.

Membership

Membership has been strongly encouraged, with free membership being extended to students along with membership being promoted at each of the webinars. Each one of these measures have yielded new members.

Given the nature of our virtual connectedness and where we find ourselves geographically, becoming less relevant, national membership of the SASDT had become available as announced by our national president Christine Leighton in her newsletter earlier this year. We encourage member to participate in Western Cape activities and extend the same invitation to Western Cape members.

Management Committee

Our thanks and appreciation go to all the management committee members for their dedication and skill in serving the SASDT in the last year. The following management committee members have indicated their willingness to continue to serve for 2022.

Wayne Witthoft – President
Adri Venter – Vice President
Suzanne du Plessis - Secretary
Stephan Steyn - Treasurer
Janice Harmse
Christine Leighton
Lezel De Vos
Elna Buys

Chane Pretorius (DSA) and Jeandre Johnston (Milk SA – CEP) have been nominated for election to the management committee.

Finances

It was resolved to manage and merge the finances of the Western Cape and Northern Divisions with those of national. Special projects and sponsorship specific to a division will however, still be allocated as such. Despite challenging times, the finances of the SASDT remain strong. For this we thank our members and sponsors.

SA SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY
 INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2021 - 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
INCOME	R 18 401	R 8 848
Regional Fees - Received from National body (Received 2020 for 2019 Members)	R -	R 4 250
Sponsor - Received 2021 for 2020	R 4 000	R -
Sponsorships received	R 14 000	R 4 000
Interest received	R 401	R 598
Min: EXPENSES	R 4 278	R 11 678
Bank Charges	R 1 028	R 1 980
Meeting Expenses	R 3 250	R 9 698
Gifts for Speakers / Sponsors	R -	R -
Student Prize money	R -	R -
SURPLUS / (SHORTFALL) for the YEAR	R 14 122	-R 2 830
ACCUMELATED FUND BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	R 27 017	R 29 847
ACCUMELATED FUND END OF THE YEAR	R 41 139	R 27 017

SA SOCIETY OF DAIRY TECHNOLOGY - NORTHERN DIVISION
BALANCE STATEMENT

Friday, 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
ACCUMULATED FUNDS	R 41 139	R 27 017
Represented by:		
Market Ink Account 254565964 at Standard Bank 31Dec2021	R 38 249	R 26 849
Cheque Account 012140627 at Standard Bank 31Dec2021	R 2 889	R 168
	R 41 139	R 27 017

JS STEYN

JS STEYN - Treasurer Northern Division of the SASDT

06 February 2022

Date

Auditor Declaration

The Financial Statements of the Northern Division Branch of the SASDT has been inspected and verified by myself.
 I can therefore confirm with a fair amount of assurance that the above figures are correct.

AUDITOR
 Name: **WAYNE WITTHOFT- President Northern Division of the SASDT**

8 February 2022

Date



