



NSSA newsbits

NSSA President elected as IUNS Council member



The South African **International Council for Science (ICSU)** Secretariat serves the South African scientific community and most of the ICSU scientific unions and affiliates to which South Africa adheres. The goal of the ICSU National Board of South Africa is to promote effective South African involvement in the organisation of the ICSU network. South Africa is also a national member, **via** the **National Research Foundation (NRF)**, of a number of ICSU Unions and Associates.

As a member of one such SA-ICSU committee, i.e. the national committee for the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (IUNS) and the International Union of Food Science and Technology (IUFoST), Prof Ali Dhansay, the President of the NSSA, was nominated and elected to serve as an IUNS council member for the period 2017–2021. The new IUNS council was elected at the IUNS General Assembly that was held in October 2017 during the IUNS-International Congress of Nutrition in Buenos Aires.

The IUNS aims to promote advancement in nutrition science, research and development through international cooperation at the global level and to encourage communication and collaboration among nutrition scientists as well as to disseminate information in nutritional sciences through modern communication technology.

NSSA international speaker for the 2018 Nutrition Congress



Prof Marianne Geleijnse of the Division of Human Nutrition at Wageningen University in The Netherlands is the NSSA international invited speaker for the 2018 Nutrition Congress. She studied Biomedical Sciences at Leiden University, The Netherlands. She completed her MSc training in Epidemiology at the Netherlands Institute of Health Sciences. In 1996 she obtained a PhD degree from Erasmus University, Rotterdam, with a dissertation on sodium, potassium and blood pressure. She currently holds a position as a Professor in Nutrition and Cardiovascular Disease (tenured) at the Division of Human Nutrition, Wageningen University. Her research focuses on the role of diet and lifestyle in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular diseases. Part of her research is embedded in the Top Institute of Food and Nutrition, Wageningen. Prof Geleijnse is the Principal Investigator of the Alpha Omega Cohort of 4837 cardiac patients. She is actively involved in the EU-H2020 funded SUSFANS project and in other multidisciplinary projects on sustainable and healthy nutrition. From 2011–2013 she was the chair of the Dutch Academy of Nutritional Sciences. She was involved in the formulation of the 2015 Dutch dietary guidelines by the Dutch Health Council. She is a working group member of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA), spokesperson of the World Action on Salt and Health (WASH) group, and a fellow of the American Heart Association. She participates in the FORCE consortium and in the Global Burden of Diseases Platform. Prof Geleijnse has supervised 20 PhD students and she has (co-)authored around 250 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals.



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