NSSA newsbits

Council members

The following NSSA members were elected as Council Members at the recent Biennial General Meeting of the Nutrition Society for the period 2016 to 2018:

Ali Dhansay *(President)*, South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC)

Corinna Walsh *(Chairperson)*, University of the Free State

Paul van Jaarsveld *(Honorary Secretary /Treasurer)*, SAMRC

Mieke Faber, SAMRC

Carin Napier, Durban University of Technology

Christelle Crickmore, African Heart Network

Averalda van Graan, SAMRC

Branch chairpersons are:

Northern Branch, Elize Symington, University of South Africa

Cape Branch, Maretha Opperman, Cape Peninsula University of Technology

Eastern Branch, Thobe Dlamuka, South African Sugar Association

Cape Branch meeting

The Cape branch had a meeting on Wednesday 26 April 2017 at the Bellville campus of the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. The President of the Society, Ali Dhansay, opened the meeting with a brief background about the history and activities of the NSSA, which is 60 years old this year. Four speakers presented papers during the meeting.

Prof. David Sanders of the School of Public Health at the University of the Western Cape presented a paper on "Health, nutrition and food security in South Africa and Africa: what role for nutritionists?"

Prof. Spinnler Benadé of the Functional Foods Research Unit, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, presented a paper on "Nutritional and inflammatory status of pre-school children attending an informal crèche in Bethelsdorp, Eastern Cape".

Prof. Tollulah Oni of the School of Public Health, University of Cape Town presented a paper on "Urban consumption and health: implications and framework for strategies to address NCDs in South Africa".

Dr Lisanne du Plessis of the Division of Human Nutrition, Stellenbosch University presented a paper on "Exploring stakeholder commitment and capacity to address infant and young child nutrition in the capital of the Breede Valley, Western Cape, South Africa".