

Editor's Note

This issue of the *South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition* is indeed a special edition. The Nutrition Society of South Africa is delighted to announce that we have entered into an agreement and have now officially become partner in the *SAJCN*. The *SAJCN* is from this issue on the official journal of the Nutrition Society of South Africa, and I would like to encourage members to make use of this forum to publicise their research results and engage in active debate on the nutritional issues that face us in Africa. My vision for this journal is that it will grow and become even better known for its scientific excellence, and that it will promote co-operation between, and enhance the understanding of, the various disciplines within nutrition. The nutrition community in South Africa is small and in many cases fragmented. It is indeed encouraging to know that this new joint journal of NSSA, SASPEN and ADSA will contribute significantly to solving many of the nutritional challenges of Africa.

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Since the inception of the *SAJCN* by SASPEN in 1988, the *Journal* has striven at all times to serve the nutrition community in the country. Over the years, the much-appreciated support the *Journal* has received from its readers as well as from the private sector has established it as a reference in matters relating to nutrition for many nutrition practitioners in this country. With regard to its growth, an important milestone was the adoption of the *Journal* by ADSA as its official publication in 2000. We are now extremely happy that the Nutrition Society of South Africa has also decided to adopt the *Journal* as its official publication, effective as of this issue, following intense, honest and constructive negotiations. This most welcome decision will undoubtedly contribute to the further growth of the *Journal*. Importantly, the decision of the Nutrition Society of South Africa to adopt the *Journal* as its official publication enlarges the *Journal's* scope and membership and at the same time enables it to serve the entire South African nutrition community. In this new role, the *SAJCN* will continue to strive for excellence and looks forward to benefiting from the collective wisdom of its members and its new Editorial Board, to be finalised and announced in the next issue, in attaining its aims.

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