



Professional Board for Dietetics

The first meeting of the new 2004 - 2008 Professional Board for Dietetics was held on 9 February in Pretoria.

The Professional Board was constituted in terms of the regulations relating to the Constitution of the Professional Board for Dietetics, Regulation No. R 1058 of 28 July 2003.

The current Professional Board will hold office until December 2008, and consists of the following members:

Elected Members:

Professor Xikombiso Mbhenyane (Chairperson)
Dr Penny Love (Vice-Chairperson)
Ms Chantell Witten
Mr Alpheus Rasekhala
Dr Nelia Steyn

Appointed to represent educational institutions:

Professor André Dannhauser

Appointed to represent health authorities:
Ms Cynthia Mgijima

Community representatives appointed by the Minister of Health:

Ms Joan Matji
Ms R Mentoer

The composition of the three committees dealing with education, preliminary enquiry and executive matters was also finalised as follows:

Education Committee:

Dr Nelia Steyn (Chairperson)
Ms Chantell Witten
Prof André Dannhauser
Ms Joan Matji
Ms Gerda Gericke (previous Professional Board)

Committee of Preliminary Enquiry:

Mr Alpheus Rasekhala (Chairperson)
Dr Nelia Steyn
Prof André Dannhauser
Ms Cynthia Mgijima

Executive Committee:

Professor Xikombiso Mbhenyane (Chairperson)
Dr Penny Love
Mr Alpheus Rasekhala
Ms R Mentoer

Outcomes of meetings of the Professional Board for Dietetics and its committees will be shared with you in subsequent issues of *Directions*.

Penny Love

Publications: ADSA Executive Committee

Allergy Advisor Update

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Version 6.20 of Allergy Advisor has been released. On this update disk you will find the following:

- Lipid transfer protein diet sheet, Nitrate/nitrite diet sheet, Maize/milk diet sheet
- Patient information sheet: Allergy prevention strategies for pregnancy and infancy
- Introduction to diet sheet: Benzoate
- List of vehicles for a double-blind placebo-controlled food challenge

To update current versions or for any information, contact tammy@allergyadvisor.com

For a demo copy, send an e-mail with your postal address to tammy@allergyadvisor.com

You can also visit www.allergyadvisor.com to download a smaller demo version of the software.

Allergy Advisor Digest

The Allergy Advisor Digest can be accessed via <http://allallergy.net/abstracts/index.cfm>. To subscribe, send an e-mail to tammy@allergyadvisor.com with 'Subscribe Digest' in the subject line.

Allergy Advisor Educational Newsletter

Compiled by dietitian Karen du Plessis, the Educational Newsletter covers the field of allergy and intolerance and is distributed via e-mail. Chief editors are Dr Harris Steinman (South Africa), Professor Janice Joneja (dietitian, Canada) and Sabine Spiesser (dietitian, Australia). The newsletters focus on a different topic each month, illustrated by a case study. The study includes a step-by-step guide to clinical approaches and an information piece on the allergy/intolerance in question. CPD accreditation is awarded in South Africa. The Educational Newsletters can be accessed via <http://www.allergyadvisor.com/Educational/index.html>.

To subscribe, send an e-mail to tammy@allergyadvisor.com with 'Subscribe Educational' in the subject line.

Congresses and Conferences

Nutrition Congress 2004

23 - 27 August 2004

Goudini Spa, Rawsonville, Western Cape

Congress theme: **'Diversity in Nutrition'**

Congress sessions that will be included are: Glycaemic index, Food fortification, Lipids and heart disease, Micronutrients, Evidence-based nutrition, Ageing, Functional foods, Nutrition in the critically ill patient, Labelling legislation, Nutrition in the prevention of chronic disease, Sports nutrition, HIV and nutrition, Ethics, Management and marketing, Nutrition and women's health, Paediatric nutrition and Allergies — diagnostic procedures.

Master classes on the programme will include: Nutrition and genetics, Essential fatty acids, Food-based approach, Food fortification, GIT disorders, Nutrition education, metabolic syndrome, PNI (psychoneuroimmunology) and Micronutrients.

CPD points

The organisers will apply for accreditation of the congress for at least **33 CPD points** including **2 ethics points**.

Important dates to diarise:

15 April 2004	Early registration
15 April 2004 (12h00)	Submissions of abstracts
1 August 2004	Late registrations

Registration:

Register online at www.ebsconsulting.co.za: go to Nutrition Congress 2004 and then to registration.

Contact detail:

Contact the Secretariat, Edelweiss Wentzel-Viljoen, at edelweis@iafrica.com or tel/fax (053) 433-0770 (between 09h00 and 13h00) if you have any queries.

2nd Africa Nutritional Epidemiology Conference

14 - 18 February 2005

Riverside Hotel and Conference Centre, Vanderbijlpark, South Africa

Congress theme: **'New challenges and innovative tracts in nutrition, public health and human development'**

The conference will be preceded by various workshops on topics including Community diagnosis and nutritional assessment, Study design in nutritional epidemiology, Project monitoring and evaluation, Rapid assessments in emergency nutrition and Food safety and standards.

Conference topics include:

- Nutrition and reproductive health — maternal nutrition, birth outcomes and child survival
- Adolescent nutrition — adolescent nutrition, reproductive health and HIV infection
- Approaches to poverty alleviation and food security in developing countries — community, clinical and dietetic applications
- School health — challenges, actions, interventions and their impact on child health and development
- Non-communicable diseases — an ever-increasing challenge in developing countries
- Safe food — better nutrition, recent developments in the food safety portfolio to draw alongside the 21st century.

Important dates to diarise:

30 April 2004	Submission of abstracts
31 July 2004	Acceptance of abstracts
30 September 2004	Early registration
30 November 2004	Final registration

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