

DAIRY SYMPOSIUM 2018

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH DAIRY

51<sup>ST</sup> AGM & SYMPOSIUM

24-25 APRIL 2018

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PRESS RELEASE & CALL FOR SPEAKERS

CHANGE OF VENUE

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Dear Dairy Industry Stakeholder

Change seems to be the new trend in our beautiful country. Please note that after much deliberation and consultation it has been decided that the 51<sup>st</sup> SASDT AGM and Symposium will be moved from the drought-stricken City of Cape Town to Pretoria. It was not an easy decision. The council could not with good conscience continue with the original plan to have the AGM and symposium under the difficult conditions experienced in Cape Town.

The SASDT (South African Society of Dairy Technology) will present its 51st Annual Symposium during April 2018. The theme for the symposium will be **“MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH DAIRY.”** The theme is in line with the IDF World Dairy Summit (WDS) theme of 2017 as we feel the need to discuss what is happening on the International Dairy platforms on a local platform as well. The relevance of a global market and the impact of global dairy trends and the impact thereof in South Africa will be one of the main sessions.

Prospective speakers are invited to send a topic and a 200-word abstract of their intended presentation for the symposium to Stephan ([info@sasdt.co.za](mailto:info@sasdt.co.za)) for processing and approval by the organising panel. Presentations must be theme based and not just an overview of the company's products and services. Presentations must also be relevant to the topic, as will enhance the quality of the program and give value to the delegates. Feedback from past events is that the content of the speakers was fantastic and scientifically and technologically sound, and added value to the producers and processors in the Dairy Industry.

The two-day long symposium will allow for 18 speakers. Abstracts are to be sent ASAP and reach Stephan by 16 February 2018 for finalisation of the program. A new addition to the program is the replacement of the surprise event with a dairy specific sensory event. During 2017 this was a great success and the council decided to keep this initiative to advance dairy and the sensory aspects related to dairy.

We further hope that the symposium will give stakeholders in the Dairy Industry the opportunity to interact with role players from all aspects in their innovation drive and give them the opportunity to expand their technical knowledge in a non-competitive environment to the advantage of the consumer.

**The shortened program is as follows:**

Monday 23 April 2018

- Set up of exhibition stands
- AGM Council and Council dinner

Tuesday 24 April 2018

- Society AGM (08:00-09:15)
- Keynote Speakers (Main sponsor, Academic, Industry and SAAFoST Keynotes)
- WDS feedback session and impact/relevance for the South African dairy industry
- Sensory event

Wednesday 25 April 2018

- Industry – Renovate & Innovate
- Food Safety
- General & trends
- Evening: Closing dinner and Society Awards

Registration forms and the draft program will be available on the website for download.

From the SASDT we sincerely hope that 2018 will be a year of change and making a difference with dairy!

Yours in dairy

Stephan Steyn  
National President – SASDT