

IUFoST 2010

15TH WORLD CONGRESS OF FOOD SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

With less than a year to go until the event takes place in August in Cape Town next year, the local organising committee (LOC) and the professional conference organisers (PCO), Turners, are hard at work finalising all the appropriate arrangements. The structure of the Scientific Programme has been agreed upon as has the choice of key note speakers for the plenary sessions. Based on the final requirements of the congress itself as well as the exhibition area, negotiations with the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) and the audio visual supplying company have now been finalised. The LOC now has firm numbers on most of the fixed and variable costs relating to the Congress so the registration fees can now be set. The second announcement of the Congress will soon be sent out electronically and this will include registration forms for delegates wishing to attend the Congress. Our PCO Turners have established a large data base of organisations linked to SAAFoST and IUFoST so the second announcement will be sent to tens of thousands of potential attendees. We hope to attract over 2000 delegates to the congress and the LOC target is 2010 for 2010!

In previous articles on the Congress we have given some details of the social events and pre and post conference tours. We are also offering a limited number of technical tours which are being arranged at the end of the Congress on 26 & 27 August. At this stage three have been finalised, although a fourth tour is still in the planning stages. These are to various places of technical interest in the Cape Metro region and offer delegates an opportunity to see facilities of a diverse nature, giving insight into the level of science and technology employed in the local industry. Places on these tours are limited and are offered on a first come - first served basis. Fees are moderate to cover costs of transport, some guiding, and lunches / refreshments where offered. All tours will depart from the CTICC.

A brief outline of the three tours currently finalised are as follows:

(1) Full day technical tour to the Institute of Wine Biotechnology, and to Distell Cellars in Stellenbosch. The Institute of Wine Biotechnology was started in 1995 as part of a knowledge partnership between Stellenbosch University, the wine industry and Government. It forms part of the Dept of Viticulture and Oenology in the faculty of AgriSciences at Stellenbosch University. Distell is the largest wine and spirits corporation in South Africa, and its award winning wine and distilled products are exported widely internationally. Consequently it employs a unique integration of local winemaking tradition, and the most modern technology.

(2) Full day technical tour to Backsberg Wine Estate. Backsberg wines are exported internationally. The estate and cellars are managed in a manner that assures both sustainability and minimises the environmental footprint of all processes in grape production, in the cellars, and the subsequent logistics chain to market. The estate is proud of its carbon neutral status, and during the tour, a presentation on the technical aspects of reaching this objective, will be made.

(3) Half day technical tour to Nampak Research & Development. Nampak is Africa's largest and most diverse packing manufacturer for food, beverages, and other household and consumer goods. It has manufacturing sites throughout Africa, in the United Kingdom and Europe. The Research Centre, in existence for over 60 years, is not only involved in packaging development, but also in technical support to Nampak plants, converting plastics, metal, glass, board, paper and laminates. Uniquely in South Africa, it offers customer support in food technology, food chemistry and microbiology.

As can be seen from the above from another aspect IUFoST 2010 if offering even more so there is every reason why you should attend the 15th World Congress of Food Science and Technology.