

Interim report on AFROFOOD activities in Southern Africa for 2002-2003

The following three AFROFOOD activities took place during the financial year 2002-2003. The activities formed part of the capacity building of food composition in Africa, co-ordinated in collaboration with the AFROFOODS co-ordinator for Southern Africa and the concerned parties.

First activity: Pan African Conference

ITANA 2000 - IT in the advancement of Nutrition in Africa. A conference on the "Use of Information Technology (IT) in Nutrition training". Was held during 21-25 July 2002 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. A oral presentation of 20 minutes was presented by Mrs Ina van Heerden (on behalf of Prof Hettie Schönfeldt who was pregnant and could not travel at the time) with the title: *Food Composition Programme of AFROFOODS*.

On Tuesday 23 July 2002 Mrs Ina van Heerden manned two posters during a poster session of 90 min.

- Does chicken make a significant contribution to the African diet? 2002. SM VAN HEERDEN, and HC SCHÖNFELDT.
- Is milk a homogenous product? 2002. Smith L, HC SCHÖNFELDT and SM VAN HEERDEN.

Second activity: Third ECSAFOODS Course

The Third ECSAFOODS Course on the Production and Use of Food Composition Data in Nutrition took place from 14 October to 1 November 2002 in South Africa. The venue was at the Agricultural Research Council: Animal Nutrition and Animal Products Institute (ARC:ANPI) at Irene. The course was organised by the ARC:ANPI in co-operation with the University of Pretoria and the Wageningen University, Netherlands. 23 Candidates attended the course with 13 countries represented (Ghana, Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Swaziland, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Benin, India, Botswana, South Africa).

Third activity: FOSNA

FOSNNA (Food Science and Nutrition Network for Africa). The first Biennial Conference was held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 12th –14th February 2002. The theme of the conference was: The role of Food Science and Nutrition for Sustainable Livelihood of People in Africa- Challenges in the New Millennium.

The specific objectives of the conference were two-fold: To deliberate and share experiences in Food Science and Nutrition for sustainable livelihood of the people of Africa. Secondly, to officially inaugurate FOSNNA (Food Science and Nutrition Network for Africa).

The conference, has drawn participants from 15 African countries and some International Agencies and Non-Governmental Organizations from Europe and other African countries.

Yours sincerely

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