The Association for Dietetics in South Africa (ADSA) Nutrition Education Award, which is sponsored by the South African Sugar Association (SASA), is presented on a biennial basis. Nominations for the 2006 award are now invited.

The aim of the award is to promote interest and awareness in the field of Nutrition Education as defined by the Professional Board for Dietetics in “The scope of the dietitian”; and to highlight innovative work done by dietitians working in this field.

Registered dietitians who are full members of ADSA qualify to be nominated for the ADSA/SASA Award for Nutrition Education.

Nominations may be submitted by an ADSA member, colleague or employers. The candidate should be nominated for one specific measurable accomplishment, for example – a nutrition education programme/project in a specific area/field. Nominations should be submitted in English.

The nominee must be a living citizen or permanent resident of South Africa, and the work for which he/she is nominated must have been carried out in South Africa during the last 4 years (2002-2006).

The nomination should follow the specified format; details are available from SASA nutrition department. When completed the nomination, should be returned to: The Nutrition Manager – The South African Sugar Association – PO Box 700, Mount Edgecombe, 4300 – Tel: (031) 508 7111 or e-mail to priya.lalla@sasa.org.za

Selection Criteria
A committee of ADSA members appointed by SASA, using the following criteria, will make the selection of the winner:

1. WORK
   - To what extent is the work carried out in the community in order to bring nutritional care as closely as possible to where people live and work?
   - To what extent does the programme contribute towards meeting short and long-term objectives?
   - The innovativeness of the nominee in attaining these objectives by disseminating sound scientific knowledge to the lay public.
   - What evidence is available to indicate that the effectiveness and affordability of this project was evaluated and is appropriate for the specific group/community/region to continue with.

2. COMMUNICATION
   - To what extent was the outcome of the programme shared with colleagues and/or other community health workers?
   - To what extent has the nominee succeeded in promoting interest/awareness in nutrition education.

The Award
The winner will receive a certificate and cheque. 
Closing date for acceptance of nominations is 15 June 2006.