



## NSSA newsbits

Prof Marius Smuts, President of the Nutrition Society of South Africa attended the 10th Congress of the International Society for the Study of Fatty Acids and Lipids (ISSFAL) in Vancouver, Canada during May. Prof Marius Smuts was an invited speaker and co-organiser of a post congress one-day symposium on Maternal, Infant and Child Nutrition and Development with emphasis on long-chain poly-unsaturated fatty acids. Prof Smuts submitted a bid to host the 2016 ISSFAL Congress in Cape Town and was successful. Nutrition scientists, dietitians and nutritionists interested in nutritional aspects of fatty acids and lipids can look forward to this exciting international congress in South Africa. The preliminary date for the congress is during the last week of May 2016.

At the Nutrition Congress Africa 2012 in Bloemfontein from 1-4 October, Prof Alan Jackson of the University of Southampton will be an international speaker invited by the African Nutrition Society and will present on reproductive health and fetal origins of non-communicable diseases. Prof Esté Vorster of North-West University will be one of the invited national speakers and will do a presentation on the nutrition transition. A number of updates or master classes will be presented. The master classes on the evaluation of scientific publications, health promoting schools, dietary methodology, food security and working with the media will be particularly of interest to Nutrition Society members. Information about the master classes is available on the website [www.nutritioncongress.co.za](http://www.nutritioncongress.co.za) or via the NSSA website.