

Nutrition Society – News Bits

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The Nutrition Society of South Africa is a scientific organisation and the main aims are to advance the scientific study of nutrition; to promote objective dissemination of knowledge related to nutrition; and to promote strategies for the improvement of nutritional well-being.

At the recent Biennial General Meeting of the Nutrition Society, the following Council Members/Office Bearers were elected for the period 2004 - 2006:

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The Nutrition Society once again awarded several prizes for the best presentations by scientists at the Nutrition Congress 2004 held on 23 - 27 August at Goudini, Spa, Worcester, Western Cape.

The following prizes were awarded:

The Nutrition Society of South Africa/Unifoods Awards for Senior Scientists

First prize: Dr M Faber for her presentation:

The effects of a low-cost fortified porridge on the micronutrient status and development of 6 - 12-monthold infants.

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Second prize: Dr P J van Jaarsveld for his presentation:

Efficacy of orange-fleshed sweet potato to improve vitamin A status of primary school children.

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The Nutrition Society of South Africa/Unifoods Awards for Junior Scientists

First prize: Ms N Sayed for her presentation:

Identifying food insecure households in South Africa: comparison of different indicators of household food security.

Dietetics & Human Nutrition, University of KwaZulu-Natal Second prize: Mr A P J Hehir for his presentation:

A comparison between lean and obese dietary phenotypes: Differences in energy and substrate metabolism and appetite.

Nutrition and Dietetics Division, University of Cape Town

The William Fox Memorial award for the best presentation by a dietitian

Dr Mieke Faber for her presentation:

The effect of a low-cost fortified porridge on the micronutrient status and development of 6 - 12-monthold infants.

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