



SAAFECS

South African Association of
Family Ecology and Consumer Science

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Dear SAAFECS member

The 2022 academic year has already started and the Executive Committee of SAAFECS would like to wish you a fruitful and successful academic year.

Resignation of EXCO president and interim arrangements

We regret to inform you that Prof Elizabeth Kempen resigned as SAAFECS EXCO president at the beginning of 2022. We would like to thank her for her devotion to the association and her dedicated service as SAAFECS EXCO president for several years. Dr Adri Du Toit will act as the interim president and Prof Corrie du Preez as interim vice-president until the SAAFECS general meeting when the EXCO for 2022 to 2024 will be elected. The meeting will take place on the last day of the SAAFECS conference and you are requested to be on the lookout for further information regarding the nomination of EXCO members and the election process.

SAAFECS conference

The 15th International SAAFECS virtual conference themed *Consumer Sciences at a distance: creating social and economic value*, will continue as planned from 10 to 12 May 2022. The new deadline for the submission of abstracts via the conference link on the website is 7 March 2022. Please refer to the website <http://saafecs.co.za/conference-2022/> for updated conference information. Those who already submitted abstracts do not have to resubmit and will receive feedback in due time. The call for abstracts will also be circulated via email. We would like to thank Dr Lorna Christie who agreed to assist with the planning of the conference. We look forward to welcoming you to the Conference!

Journal of Consumer Sciences

Prof Kempen has graciously agreed to stay on as editor of the Journal of Consumer Sciences until a suitable editor can be nominated and appointed. There will thus be no disruptions in the publication of articles and we encourage you to continue submitting your papers for publication. The Journal is hosted by African Journals Online (AJOL) and author guidelines and previous publications can be accessed on their website <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/jfec/>

SAAFECS membership and member information

We would like to update membership information to ensure that we have accurate contact details for each of you and we also want to know more about your areas of interest and specialisation so that we can expand the SAAFECS network. A short survey will be circulated in due time which we urge each of you to complete so that SAAFECS can better serve you.

Sincerely

Adri Du Toit, SAAFECS President (interim)