



proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology) is a sector of the NSTF representing about 40 professional and learned societies. This section shares news about members and introduce new [members](#) of the [proSET sector](#).

- **New member: South African Association for Food Science and Technology (SAAFoST)**

The [South African Association for Food Science and Technology](#) (SAAFoST) is a nonprofit, largely volunteer run, national association of food science and other technical professionals. It is concerned with advancing the knowledge of food science and technology. The Association publishes a membership magazine titled, Food Science and Technology, encouraging scientific research and the publication of papers and articles. Other activities include organising meetings, seminars, workshops, exhibitions, congresses and assisting in educational activities. Currently the Association has in the order of up to 2 000 members throughout Southern Africa. The Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Northern branches attend to the regional affairs of the Association. The national secretariat is situated in Durban.

- **South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)**

Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden celebrates 100 years: Throughout 2021 the Karoo Desert National Botanical Garden will celebrate their 100 years of existence. Various events are planned including wine pairing, show & shine event as well as art and landscaping competitions for kids. [Read more.](#)

- **South African Society of Plant Pathologists (SASPP)**

On 20 January 2021, [FABI](#) hosted a virtual congress of the [SASPP](#). The [52nd Congress](#) of the Society was scheduled to take place at the [University of Pretoria's Future Africa Institute](#), which was not possible due to COVID-19. The four-hour long virtual event marked the ending of the United Nations [International Year of Plant Health \(IYPH\)](#), an important global milestone focusing attention on the urgent need for greater global collaboration to protect plant health. The meeting was attended by 335 registered delegates from 27 countries. [Read more.](#)