

Technology at the forefront

The South African Society of Dairy Technologists (SASDT) held its annual symposium in the Western Cape town of Stellenbosch this year. The symposium, which took place from 21 to 23 April, was well-attended and jam-packed with the latest information on the dairy technology front. Dries de Klerk, national president of the SASDT, opened the events.

Speakers included Melt Loubser, chairperson of the South African Milk Processors' Organisation and Fair Cape; Wayne Withhöft of Johnson

Diversey; Darren Hutcheson of GEA Westfalia Farm Technologies; Dermot Horan and Adrian Pollard of Chr Hansen; and Christine Leighton and Maretha Vermaak of Milk SA's consumer education project. Papers were divided into sessions catering for dairy technology, dairy education and nutrition, food safety and quality, and dairy research.

Karin Changuoin-Duffy, *Milk & Juice's* advertising consultant, attended the symposium and took some time to meet and chat with the exhibitors and speakers.





- 1** Jompie Burger (left) of the Dairy Standard Agency with Eckard Leicher of La Montanara Dairy. Jompie addressed the symposium on the role of food safety ethics in local dairy products
- 2** Melt Loubser, chairperson of Sampro, addressed the symposium on challenges in the dairy industry. Alwyn Kraamwinkel and Gerhard Venter of Sampro also delivered papers on the economy and learning materials
- 3** Maria van der Merwe and Anza Bester of Swift Laboratories. Anza addressed the symposium on challenges with the implementation of ISO22000
- 4** Dalene Koekemoer of PHT-SA delivered a paper on hygiene concepts and solutions
- 5** Leon Van der Westhuizen, Prime Pharma, addressed attendees on proteolysis and NSLAB activity during cheese ripening
- 6** The friendly staff from Lake Foods International. From the left are Jenny Lombard, Jenny Grové, Leah Muller, Sunet Gildenhuys and Hanzubeth Labuschagne
- 7** Frik Grobler (left) received an award of merit for his outstanding service to the dairy industry from SASDT president, Dries de Klerk
- 8** Brian Lanton (left), regional director of Cape Food Ingredients, with colleague, Willie du Randt
- 9** From the left: Alrina Fourie, Frank Sarrancino and Marilene van Schalkwyk of Tate & Lyle. Frank delivered a paper on optimising the quality of reduced fat dairy products with starch-based fat replacers
- 10** Nicolette Elrick of Carst & Walker discussed new cultures for pizza cheese and yoghurt