

## Editor's note

With the start of the New Year, the continuing ravages of changing weather patterns and their adverse potential, and real, consequences on health and nutrition and food security globally, the launch of the International Food Policy Research Institute's 2016 Global Food Policy Report<sup>1</sup> is a timely addition to the pool of current knowledge. The report is remarkable for, among other issues in its rich content, the poll carried out among agricultural, economic development, and health and nutrition field workers, the majority of whom are in the whole pessimistic about our ability to eliminate hunger and undernutrition by the 2025, and more than half (60%) of whom are not satisfied with current global food policies. With regard to the latter, the report also calls for the creation of "a food system that is more efficient, inclusive, climate-smart, sustainable, nutrition- and health-driven, and business-friendly", indeed a mammoth task. Equally mammoth is the call to shift people's diets from the energy rich and animal foods based Western type diets to more sustainable plant foods based diets, a call that is not in itself new, in principle at least.

The transfer of the SAJCN to the Taylor and Francis manuscript management platform (Editorial Manager; <https://www.editorialmanager.com/sajcn>)

for the submission of new manuscripts is gaining momentum but its implementation is also associated with regrettable short delays, which are being overcome. The new SAJCN Editorial Board, a separate entity to the SAJCN's Management Board, has been appointed and will be announced in due course following its first inaugural meeting which is being planned to take place soon. A further point of progress is that manuscripts accepted for publication are being published upon acceptance, weeks and even months before the SAJCN itself is published. There is also a plan to introduce the previously announced "Article Processing Charges" as of June 2017. African authors will be charged R 5 000 and international authors \$750 per manuscript. Finally, to confirm, the SAJCN is listed on the list of accredited journals of the Department of Higher Education and Training 2017

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