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This year, 2008, ADSA is grateful for the continued support received from companies on behalf of dietitians. This allows ADSA to offer reasonable price increases to its members and still be able to deliver on the mandate of promoting the profession of dietetics and the commitment of achieving optimal nutritional status for South Africans. Sponsors can e-mail information about their companies and their products to members. Branch activities also benefit from company sponsorships.

These are tough times financially and ADSA has had dietitians call to raise concerns on the increase of the registration fees. ADSA as an association is not involved in the setting of professional fees. These are issues decided by the Registrar and the dietetics professional board. As shown by the increase in membership, dietitians continue to support and value their association.

Thank you to all ADSA committee members for your service !

A new chapter in the life of the South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition

From this year, 2008, the South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition is being published by Medpharm Publications (Pty) Ltd, a publishing house which is responsible for publishing a number of health-related journals. Those of us who represent the Nutrition Society of South Africa on the Management Board of the Journal, believe that the move has been a long time in coming, and look forward to an improved turn round of submitted manuscripts and an improvement in communications between the authors and the editors of the Journal. We know that there has been considerable unhappiness in the past among many authors about the delays in publication. We, however, believe that the Journal will rapidly become the premier Journal in its field in which African and South African nutrition research will be published.

Together with the above changes, the Journal moves into the 21st century, with the introduction of a completely online submission and processing of manuscripts system, which should make the whole process seamless, more efficient and faster. The Nutrition Society would therefore like to encourage all South African and African nutritionists to submit their articles first to the SAJCN for assessment and peer-review. The Society would also like to encourage members to become reviewers for the Journal as it is only through a wide network of reviewers that the Journal can hope to decrease reviewing times and provide a fair review of the submitted articles. Those who are interested should contact the editor with their e-mail address and areas of expertise, so that they can be added to the list of available reviewers.

We, in the Nutrition Society, look forward to a bright future with the Journal and encourage our members to become actively involved by making this their Journal and a Journal of which they are appropriately proud.



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