



Cape NSSA News

The Cape Branch of the Nutrition Society of South Africa hosted a half-day mini-symposium entitled *Updates in public health nutrition* on Wednesday, 16 February, 2011, at the Nutritional Intervention Research Unit of the Medical Research Council, Cape Town.

Prof Norman Temple, Athabasca University, Canada, gave an overview of recent developments in public health nutrition, and included his collaborations with South Africa.

Prof Eugene Cloete, Dean of Science, Stellenbosch University, reported on the tea-bag-sized water filter, a highly significant global innovation in public health.

Prof Marjanne Senekal, University of Cape Town, presented an update on the implications of nutrigenomics for public health nutrition.

Prof Rina Swart, University of the Western Cape, presented a brief update on the registration of nutritionists. Currently, there are 62 registered nutritionists and 155 student nutritionists in South Africa. Student nutritionists currently study at the universities of Venda, KwaZulu-Natal and North-West.