
Prof LUCIA ANELICH

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Qualifications: **PhD** (Microbiology) University of Free State, South Africa



Project Management (Rhodes University)

ISO¹ 17020, 17021, 17025, 19011, 22000

SACNASP² Registered as Professional Natural Scientist (2001 -)

HACCP³ (International Accreditation, USA, FAO: Food & Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

Food Safety Auditing (FAO)

Experience: **25+** years as Research Academic and HOD (latter = 8 yrs)



Highest Academic Position: Current: Visiting Professor at Wits Business School and Adjunct Professor at Central University of Technology.

Previous: Extra-Ordinary Associate Professor (Stellenbosch University)

Founder & Head: Food Safety initiative (CGCSA⁴, 2006 - 2010) - **a first for the country**

Owner (current): Anelich Consulting (2011 - present)

President: SAAFoST⁵ (2017 – 2019) and **Acting President** (2015-2017)

Chair: SABS⁶ Technical Committee for Food Hygiene (2012 - 2019)

Chair: Scientific Council of IUFoST⁷ (2016 – 2018) - **a first for South Africa** and member of both the Board and Governing Council

Fellow: IAFoST⁸ (elected in 2010) – **first woman in South Africa**

Member: ICMSF⁹ (2005 -) – **only person in Africa** (only upon invitation)

Co-founder: Food Safety Leadership Initiative at the Wits Business School - **a global first**

Specialities: Food microbiology, foodborne pathogens and foodborne disease, food safety, food safety management systems (PRP¹⁰, HACCP, ISO 22000, FSSC¹¹ 22000), food laboratory assessments, microbiological criteria, microbiological risk assessment, pathogen environmental monitoring.

¹ ISO: International Standards Organization

² SACNASP: South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions

³ HACCP: Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points

⁴ CGCSA: Consumer Goods Council of South Africa

⁵ SAAFoST: South African Association of Food Science and Technology

⁶ SABS: South African Bureau of Standards

⁷ IUFoST: International Union of Food Science and Technology

⁸ IAFoST: International Academy of Food Science and Technology

⁹ ICMSF: International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods

¹⁰ PRP: Pre-Requisite Programmes

¹¹ FSSC: Food Safety System Certification

Engagement: >210 Academic Presentations
>180 of these By Invitation



28 Technical Reports for International Organizations & Popular Articles
(excluding confidential reports for clients)

19 Peer-reviewed Academic Publications & Book Chapters

>15 Research Projects Completed

>13: Number of International Organisations for which Dr Anelich is an official Expert Consultant, including **FAO, Codex Alimentarius Commission & UNIDO (UN Industrial Development Organization)**

African Union: Appointed to new AU Food Safety Advisory Group (2020)

SANAS¹²: Current assessor to ISO 17020, HACCP, ISO 22000 and FSSC 22000; previous assessor to ISO 17025

RvA¹³: Technical Expert to ISO 22000 and FSSC 22000

DPME¹⁴: Invited as one of 80 authors to develop a Country Report on the Impact of Decisions Made by Government Related to COVID-19 on the Country. Project established by Office of the Presidency of South Africa. Convened and co-authored the Chapter on Agriculture and the Food Supply Chain.

IAFP¹⁵: Only person from Africa invited to present the prestigious "Ivan Parkin" lecture at IAFP in Pennsylvania, in 2022.

Food Safety Summit: Owner of the Summit held every year since 2020 – www.foodsafetysummit.co.za

Awards:



Food Safety Award: Awarded to ICMSF as a group, 2008

Lecturer of Year: Tshwane University of Technology, 2002

Outstanding Achievement Award: Prestigious Vice-Chancellor's Award, Tshwane University of Technology, 2000 (awarded only once in a person's academic career)

Excellence Award, Best Head of Department: Deputy Vice-Chancellor's Award, Tshwane University of Technology, 2000

SAAFoST President's Award: Received in 2021 and **first woman** to receive this award.

SAAFoST Honorary Life Membership: Awarded in 2025.

Of Interest:



Dr Anelich has given over **60** TV & Radio Interviews (in 2018 most on the listeriosis outbreak in South Africa), on SARS-CoV-2 and food & food packaging safety in 2020-2021 and more recently on the illegal use of "street pesticides" which have caused over 25 children deaths in the informal sector. She is a reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals; acts as an External Examiner for Masters & PhD Theses from **3** research-intensive universities in

¹² SANAS:

South African National Accreditation System

¹³ RVA:

Dutch Accreditation Council

¹⁴ DMPE:

Department of Monitoring, Planning and Evaluation

¹⁵ IAFP:

International Association for Food Protection

South Africa (a total of **6** different academic disciplines); is co-editor of two new books, Present Knowledge in Food Safety published in 2023 and Book 9 (ICMSF) on Drivers affecting Food Safety in the Future; is a fluent English, Italian- and Afrikaans-speaker. She is often called upon to act as expert witness in food safety-related legal cases.

Short Bio:



Dr Anelich's career commenced with a BSc in Agriculture (majoring in Microbiology) from the University of Pretoria in 1980. Today her diary is filled with requests for specialist food safety training and implementation of specialised Food Safety Management Systems such as FSSC 22000, food safety auditing, and international consultation on food hygiene, food safety, risk assessment, regulations, food safety standards, laboratory standards and developing appropriate microbiological criteria for a variety of food products. She is also often called upon to act as expert witness in food safety-related legal cases. In a world littered with acronyms, Lucia is at once the consummate academic, scientist and sharp-eyed business woman. Generous with her time and expertise, she devotes unparalleled energy to voluntary positions on national and international organisations, ensuring that the world of microbiology & food science and technology remains foremost not only in the establishment of industry criteria but also in the implementation and adherence to local and international standards and regulations by corporations and adhering bodies.
