

Research Scientist at Broom's Barn Research Station researching bolting and flowering in sugar beet. She is excited about being back in South Africa and at UCT's Molecular and Cell Biology Department, and is thrilled about her involvement with SAWISE to stimulate interest in science among the next generation.

SET4Women, Pretoria, February 2009.



Anusuya Chinsamy-Turan (left) and Diane Wilcox (right) recently attended the NACI workshop on Science and Technology for women in Pretoria. Several women's networks (academic as well as corporate associations) were represented. One of the main outcomes of the meeting was that NACI would facilitate communication between the various organizations.

SAWISE at UCT Science Day, March 2009

SAWISE members has a wonderful opportunity to "showcase" science to about 1800 learners from previously disadvantaged communities. We had a range of interesting specimens on display at SAWISE stand – crocodile and lion skulls, as well as a whole display on "microbes and food". On the right is SAWISE stalwart Nomvuyo Mgoqi with a beaming learner!



UPCOMING: SAWISE-Element 6 Women's Day Event, August 2009.

We are pleased to announce that this year we have once again obtained funding from Element Six to host a special event for National Women's Day. This year the event will be held at MTNSciencentre – who are also actively involved in the planning and execution of this event. We are considering a morning event for school learners, and perhaps an afternoon event for professional women. Any ideas and/or suggestions for speakers/activities etc., are welcome.

WORKSHOPS

Over the past few years we have had several workshops (e.g. time management, professional development, Science communication, etc). We are wondering what sorts of workshops would work well for 2009. What are your "needs"? Please can you use our sawise-l@uct.ac.za to make suggestions or alternatively contact Melinda Griffiths (our SAWISE communication person, m.griffiths@uct.ac.za) or me directly.

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