

**SHORT CURRICULUM VITAE  
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Prof Labadarios retired in March 2007 but was retained as the Professor of Human Nutrition to continue developing the personnel and postgraduate students of the Division of Human Nutrition of the University of Stellenbosch.

Professor Labadarios was the Head of the Department of Human Nutrition of the University of Stellenbosch and currently continues to serve as chief specialist in Nutrition in the Tygerberg Academic Hospital. He completed his undergraduate and doctoral studies in Nutrition/Biochemistry at the University of Surrey in England. He completed his medical studies at the University of Stellenbosch with distinctions in Pharmacology, Microbiology/Immunology as well as in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Prof Labadarios has developed and currently holds the directorships of the African Micronutrient Research Group, the Nutrition Support Team of the Tygerberg Academic Hospital, the Clinical Research Centre at the University of Stellenbosch (CNRC) and the Nutrition Information Centre at the University of Stellenbosch (NICUS). His interests centre on national surveys, social determinants of nutrition, nutrition training, nutrition support, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and nutrient requirements as altered by disease and the environment. He is the author/co-author of more than 250 scientific publications. Prof Labadarios has also co-authored the books "Pocket Manual of Clinical Nutrition" "Recent Advances in Clinical Nutrition and the Epidemiology of Nutritional Diseases in Greece" and "Clinical Nutrition: Early intervention".

Nationally, Prof Labadarios is the founder and Editor-in-Chief of the "South African Journal of Clinical Nutrition", President of the International Life Sciences Institute South Africa, and President incoming of the South African Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition. Prof Labadarios is/has serving/served in many provincial and national policy formulating Committees on Nutrition including the Ministerial Nutrition Committee appointed by Minister of Health, Dr NC Zuma, in 1994. He is also the invited external examiner by South African and African Universities and is an appointed Honorary Professor Extraordinaire at the University of Limpopo. He is a founder member of the Bishop Lavis Primary Health Care Training Centre and the Adriaanse Nutrition Clinic offering a Community Nutrition service and training. He served in the Coordinating Committee of the Cape Metropolitan Health Care Forum. He is one of the Directors of the South African Vitamin A Consultative Group (SAVACG), which successfully completed the first ever

national survey on vitamin A, iron, growth and immunization coverage status of children younger than 6 years of age; he is also the Chairman of the South African National Nutrition Status Survey Group (SANNSS), the National Food Consumption Survey in children 1 – 9 years of age, and the National Food Fortification Baseline Survey in women of reproductive age and children aged 1-9 years. Currently, he chairs a consortium of 9 Universities which is evaluating the national food fortification programme in the country. Prof Labadarios has chaired all three national surveys commissioned by the national Department of Health (1994 - 2007). He was one of the main role players in the assessment of the efficacy of bread fortification with a view to improving the micronutrient status of the population at large. Prof Labadarios has also contributed significantly to the formulation of the National Food Fortification programme in South Africa which was legislated for in 2003 and since then implemented. He also serves on the Research Evaluation Panel and the Ethics Committee of the South African Medical Research Council as well as the Research Evaluation Panels of the National Research Foundation and the Greek Ministry of Development, General Secretariat of Research and Technology (EPE). Prof Labadarios was (1998-2003) a member of the Professional Board of Dietetics of the Health Professions Council of South Africa, chaired its Education Committee, as well as a member of the Continuing Professional Development Committee of the Board for Dietetics. Prof Labadarios has been awarded the Poliomyelitis Research Prize, the WF Rabe Award for exceptional achievement in Medicine, the F D du Toit van Zijl Research Medallion of the University of Stellenbosch, and the Albert Strating Prize for Preventive Medicine of the South African Academy of Science and Arts.

Internationally, Prof Labadarios is an elected Fellow of the American College of Nutrition, Honorary Associate Professor in the University of Crete, Greece (1980- 2000), and an elected member of the JM Kinney International Award Committee in Nutrition Research. Prof Labadarios is currently the elected chairman of the Information Technology for the Advancement of Nutrition in Africa (ITANA), a scientific e-society, which aims to establish networks among African nutrition professionals. He has received many invitations to present in overseas Congresses. He has served on the Editorial Board of the "Journal of Nutrition Growth and Cancer", "World Reviews of Nutrition and Dietetics", the "Journal of Chromatography", the "Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition (1994-2006) and was the Editor of the micronutrient section of "Current Opinion in Clinical Nutrition and Metabolic Care (2000-2007)". He is the African Editor of "Nutrition: The International Journal of Nutritional Sciences" as well as the Journal of Nutrition Health and Aging, and reviews manuscripts for a number of peer reviewed Journals including the South African Medical Journal, Public Health Nutrition, Clinical Nutrition and the Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition among others. Prof Labadarios has established active collaboration with Angola, Swaziland, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Malawi, Zambia, Mali, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Benin, Zimbabwe, Liberia, Eritrea, Nigeria, Niger, Senegal, Algiers and Botswana and has

extended expertise and facilities to these countries for the completion of nutrition research related national surveys. He was an elected member of the Nutrition and Urbanization Committee of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences (1996-2002) and the Expert Consultation Group on food fortification of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He has also served as a consultant to the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations' Children Fund (UNICEF) and International Atomic Energy Authority (IAEA) of the United Nations, and provides technical support to national surveys sponsored by the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN).