

In conversation with

Yuri Munsamy

Passionate about translating complex scientific concepts into meaningful information, Yuri originally hails from sunny Durban. She holds an MSc in Microbiology and PhD in Medical Virology, both from the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein.

**“You don’t really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother”
-Albert Einstein**



What do you enjoy the most about science writing and why?

I like being part of the process of conveying scientific insights to others - bringing chromosomes and commas to the same room, if you will.

What drew you to SACEMA?

SACEMA is a meeting of some of the greatest minds, and it felt like the right environment for me. The prospect of joining a team of mathematical modellers gave me room to grow, while still piquing my interest in infectious diseases. I owe my decision to join, in part, to the encouraging nudge from a former colleague.

If you could travel to anywhere in the world, where and why?

I have a few bucket-list destinations, but one that reflects both my love for cooking and culture would be travelling to Italy. I would love to learn the art of pasta-making from a traditional nonna.



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