



SAAHIP Conference 2017

Our journey – lift off

*South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists
60th Annual General Meeting and 31st Conference
Champagne Sports Resort
23 – 25 March 2017*

We have lift off!

Pharmacists are all on a journey towards the same destination: optimal pharmaceutical care in South Africa. During conference in 2016, SAAHIP members had a chance to “refuel” through sharing experiences and learning from others. They reviewed and reaffirmed the place of the pharmacist in the South African health setting.

Having refueled, they are now ready to move forward on their journey and “Lift Off”. Conference 2017 was used as a platform to launch pharmacists and pharmaceutical care into a future of “A Long and Healthy Life for all South Africans”. Pharmacists need to ensure that pharmaceutical service delivery is central to any discussion on any decisions made regarding health care delivery, including National Health Insurance.

This conference gave delegates an exciting opportunity for interaction with each other. It was a unique opportunity to intermingle with institutional and hospital pharmacists from all spheres of practice.

As always, the Conference provided an opportunity for pharmacists to share their knowledge and practical experience with their peers and to present their research findings. All delegates left the conference richer in knowledge, networks, relationships and inspiration.



*The 2017 Conference Committee
Back row: (l to r) Sean Honeyborne, Renier Coetzee, Ronel Boshoff, Alete Wege, Carrie de Beer, Colleen Whitelaw
Front: Joggie Hattingh and Bhavna Harribhai*

Presidential Committee 2017/2018

A new Presidential Committee was elected.

President:	Joggie Hattingh
Vice president:	Refiloe Mogale
National secretary:	Shawn Zeelie
Honorary treasurer:	Sudira Balkrishen
Past president:	Stéphan Möller
Co-opted:	Eric Seepe



l to r - Refiloe Mogale, Shawn Zeelie, Joggie Hattingh, Eric Seepe, Stéphan Möller and Sudira Balkrishen. Don't panic. After the party was over, Shawn's eyesight recovered miraculously, and Sudira was rescued from being an alien.

Outgoing vice president, Juané van der Merwe, and outgoing secretary, Liezl Fourie, were thanked for their valued contribution to the SAAHIP Presidential Committee.

Operation Smile

SAAHIP conference is not just about sharing and learning, nor is it all about having fun. For some years now, the main social responsibility project that SAAHIP has is to collect money for Operation Smile. This nonprofit medical service organization gives free surgery to children in order to repair cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities.

Awards 2017

As always, there was fierce competition for the awards this year, not because pharmacists desperately wanted to win something, but because they are passionate about pursuing both personal and professional growth.

• **The Adcock Ingram Critical Care Pearl Award**

Pearl presentations are the most difficult type of presentation to make. They may not be longer than five minutes, so they need to get straight to the point. The content must be useful but often neglected issues that pharmacists encounter. The winner this year was Nolene Fouché, for her presentation entitled "X-files – The Truth is Out There".



Nolene Fouché

• **Life Healthcare Awards**

Two awards are made annually to practising hospital or institutional pharmacists who have documented and presented the results of their activities, investigations and research projects.

Nicole Hoffman won the award for the best podium presentation, for her talk on a medicine use evaluation to determine whether or not nystatin oral drops are prescribed appropriately in terms of the Standard Treatment Guidelines. She concluded that appropriate use would not only result in better therapeutic outcomes and patient safety, but would also reduce unnecessary medicine expenditure.



Nolene Hoffman

Kevin Helena's poster on establishment of an antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) committee at Ermelo Hospital won him the award for the best poster. This multi-disciplinary initiative required commitment and endurance from all healthcare professionals involved. Kevin recommended that AMS should be an extension of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee so that decisions taken can be cascaded down to all hospital staff.



Kevin Helena

• **Metropolitan Healthcare Academic Award**

This award recognises the important role that academic pharmacists play in ensuring best practice in hospitals. This year, not only were there two recipients of the award, but each was responsible for two podium presentations.



Renier Coetzee

Renier Coetzee, from the University of the Western Cape (UWC), challenged the audience by asking, "What if students could be transformational resources for pharmacy practice?", and shared the experience of an international clinical pharmacy rotation at UWC.



Andy Gray

Andy Gray, of the University of KwaZulu-Natal, educated delegates on making sense of medicines utilisation data. He also presented a systematic review of drug interactions between hormonal contraceptives and antiretrovirals.

• **Mediclinic Scenario Award**

Experience is often the best teacher. This award recognises practising pharmacists who share their real-life experiences with delegates. This year it was awarded to Nirupa Misra for her presentation on implementation and lessons learnt during roll-out of the centralized chronic medication dispensing and distribution model (CCMDD) at King Dinuzulu Hospital Complex, Ethekwini, South Africa.



Nirupa Misra receives the Mediclinic Award from Douglas Defty

• **Spirit Award**

The Western Cape branch received the Spirit Award for having had the best branch spirit at the conference.



The aliens from the Western Cape branch receiving the Spirit Award trophy

• **Membership award**

The North West branch had the highest increase in member numbers.



Ronel Boshoff with Yvette Joubert from the North West branch



KwaZulu-Natal Coastal out in full force

Seen at conference



The Eastern Cape contingent



Plenty of aliens from KwaZulu-Natal Inland



Mpumalanga branch making their position clear



Southern Gauteng showing their true colours?



A Mpumalanga superhero – because even physicians need heroes



Some Northern Gauteng delegates look pretty scary

Exhibitors, Trade and Sponsors

SAAHIP would like to express its appreciation to the exhibitors, trade and sponsors who made the conference not only possible, but also successful. Thank you for your contribution towards enhancing the professional knowledge of the participants. We know that the end result is that the public of South Africa receive improved pharmaceutical service as pharmacists strive for high quality of care.

Exhibition Stands, Room drops, Awards, Breakfast / Lunch / Tea / Bus packs:

AbbVie	Merck
Adcock Ingram Critical Care	Metropolitan Health Risk Management
Adcock Ingram Healthcare	Metropolitan Healthcare
Amgen	MSD
Ascendis Pharma	Mylan
Aspen Pharmacare	National Bioproducts Institute
Astra Zeneca Pharmaceuticals	National Department of Health
A-Thermal	Novo Nordisk
Bayer Healthcare	Pharma Dynamics
Cipla Medpro	Ranbaxy SA
DSV Healthcare	Right e Pharmacy
Equity Pharmaceuticals	Roche Diabetes Care SA
Fresenius Kabi	South African Pharmacy Council
Janssen Pharmaceutica	Specpharm Holdings
Life Healthcare	Stripform Packaging
Litha Pharma	Truven Health Analytics / WWIS
Mediclinic	United Pharmaceutical Distributors
Medpharm	Zydus

As always, delegates were encouraged to visit each of the exhibits so that they could get to know the products and the people from each

company. At the end of the conference, delegates voted for stands in three categories. It was a difficult choice, especially seeing that all representatives of companies were eager to share the information that delegates needed.

Best appearance: Cipla

Friendliness: Fresenius Kabi

Informative: NBI

Overall winner: Cipla



Carrie de Beer reaches for the stars with Cipla