



SAACP AGM and Symposium 6/8 July 2017

The South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP) held its 67th Annual General Meeting and 2nd National Symposium for Community Pharmacists on 6 and 8 July 2017. These events were held as part of the Conference arranged by the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (PSSA) at the Indaba Hotel and Conference Centre, Fourways, Johannesburg

67th Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The following office bearers were re-elected to the National Executive Committee (NEC) of SAACP, namely:

President	Christine Venter
Vice-President	Tshif Rabali
Honorary Treasurer	Joe Ravele



(l to r) Tshif Rabali, Kobus le Roux (immediate past president), Christine Venter, Joe Ravele, Jan du Toit (Executive Director)

It was decided not to fill the position of Honorary Secretary for the current term of office, but that the Executive Director would fulfill the functions / duties of the Honorary Secretary for the time being. Furthermore, as not all the names of the additional members to be appointed by SAACP Branches to the NEC had been received, the names concerned would be published at a later stage.

Presidential report

The Presidential Report focused on revitalising of the role of community pharmacists in South Africa and addressed, amongst others, the following matters of interest to community pharmacists:

- Remuneration;
- Primary Care Drug Therapy (PCDT);
- Value of community pharmacists (pharmaceutical delivery models / NHI); and
- Licensing / ownership of pharmacies

The newly elected / appointed NEC was requested to identify suitable / feasible projects in addressing these matters in line with its new approach of "shaping the future of community pharmacists in South Africa."

Resolutions

Some of the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the AGM addressed the following issues:

- Determination of an appropriate dispensing fee for pharmacists – SAACP resolved to consider consulting a legal expert to convince the Minister of Health that the Pricing Committee is not the relevant Body to determine such fee, and that such function should be delegated to the SA Pharmacy Council.
- The National Executive Committee of SAACP was requested to support ICPA in its actions against closed Designated Service Providers (DSPs) and the payment of an additional surcharge (co-payment) for using non-DSPs.
- The National Executive Committee of SAACP was requested to support ICPA in its actions against certain medical scheme administrators who are incentivising pharmacists to dispense according to the medical scheme's respective formularies.
- The National Executive Committee of SAACP was instructed to facilitate the formation of a PCDT Interest Group, as set out in the Constitution, under the auspices of the SAACP.

Thanks to Ella Edelstein

Christine Venter paid tribute to Ella Edelstein, who for many years ran both the Southern Gauteng and national SAACP offices. She is now dedicating her time to the Southern Gauteng branch. Christine thanked her for her years of caring for the national office.



Ella Edelstein and Christine Venter

2nd National Symposium for Community Pharmacists

The 2nd National Symposium for Community Pharmacists was well-attended. Topics presented were in line with the theme of the PSSA Conference, namely: "Wild Waters – Navigating the Next Wave".



The guest speaker was Tim Logan, Senior Vice-President of the Pharmacy Guild, Australia. His presentation emphasised the importance of the marketing of community pharmacy as a crucial step in shaping a package of services which will provide certainty and stability for community pharmacists, based on the Australian experience.

Other presentations focused on two main topics, namely that community pharmacy is more than just the sale of medicine, and how to navigate the next wave. The 3rd National Symposium will be held on 24/25 March 2018, and is an event not to be missed.

Julius Israelsohn Award

The Julius Israelsohn Award was bestowed upon Clive Stanton for his dedicated, unstinting and exemplary service to the pharmacy profession, in particular to the South African Association of Community Pharmacists.

In his motivation, Gary Köhn said, "We often hear of people proclaiming their passion for what they do. In the profession of pharmacy one should not use this word flippantly because we have a yardstick by which we need to measure this passion. It goes by the name of Clive Stanton."

Clive has worked in almost every aspect of the profession of pharmacy and has been highly successful at it.

Clive's involvement in pharmacy associations began in 1987. He was an executive member of the National Association of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, becoming Chairman in 1991.

In 1996 Clive joined the National Executive committee of the South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP). In 2000

he was elected as National President, a position that he held for 5 years. Clive was recognised by his colleagues as a man of passion for his profession as well as a visionary. He was an inspiration to those who served under his leadership.

In 2005 Clive was elected as President of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa – a position which he held with great success for 4 years.

Under his leadership, the HIV & AIDS programme was launched throughout all the sectors of the pharmacy profession as part of a combined commitment to the service of the community. He also initiated and gained acceptance at General Council for a new strategic plan for the Society with the purpose of gaining participation and support for his vision of a "Unity of Purpose" across the sectors and branches of the PSSA in their various geographical regions.

Clive Stanton has been recognised for his enormous contribution to the pharmacy profession. He has been designated a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa. He has been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa, Honorary Life Membership of the Community Pharmacist Sector of the PSSA, Honorary Life Membership of the Cape Midlands Branch of the PSSA, the Sam Moss Award, the Hymie Barnett Award and the Council Prestige Award from the Nelson Mandela University for exceptional services to the community and education.

One award has eluded him however since its inception in 1998 and that is the prestigious Julius Israelsohn Award, which is the highest award that can be conferred on a community pharmacist.

Julius Israelsohn dedicated a life time of service to the pharmacy profession, and in particular to community pharmacy. He served as Chairman of the South African Retail Chemist and Druggist Association (SARCD) for six terms of office from 1961 to 1972. He was awarded Honorary Life Membership of SARCD in 1968 for dedicated, unstinting and exemplary service to the pharmacy profession, and in particular to SARCD.

JB Israelsohn was the first South African pharmacist to be elected as a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. He was also elected to the South African Pharmacy Board, a position he held from 1976 to 1988.

Clive Stanton has also dedicated a lifetime of service to the pharmacy profession, in particular, to community pharmacy and for this lifelong sacrifice, the National Executive Committee of the SAACP has elected to bestow the Julius Israelsohn award on him.



Clive Stanton