



Presidential Report – Annual General Meeting 2019

Refiloe Mogale, President: SAAHIP

Introduction

I am pleased to present the annual report sharing the South African Hospital and Institutional Hospital (SAAHIP) activities and achievements for 2018-2019.

National Executive Committee

Refiloe Mogale	Tabassum Chicktay
Shawn Zeelie	Lourens van der Merwe
Bhavrith Jaganath	Thulani Motha
Mohale Seepe	Aleta Wege
Joggie Hattingh	David Gooden (outgoing);
Boitumelo Ntsoane	Sibahle Zibula (incoming)
Eulanda Tshividzo	Obey Madzingo (outgoing);
Kaajal Chetty	Zwelakhe Siwele (incoming)
Christel Hanson	November Nkambule
Nhlanhla Mafarafara	Thanushya Pillay
Yvette Joubert	Lorraine Osman

Membership

Our membership has been on a steady incline for the past few years, but it does not mean that we did not have any resignations. We are still trying to find ways to determine the reasons for the resignations and ways to prevent them. The table below indicates the current number of paid members per branch as from November 2018.

Northern Gauteng (238)	Western Cape (410)
Southern Gauteng (373)	Limpopo (135)
Mpumalanga (108)	KZN Coastal (340)
North West (79)	Eastern Cape (212)
KZN Inland (145)	Northern Cape/ Free State (115)
Non-residents (3)	

We are currently engaging with the Association of Compounding Pharmacists of South who approached us at the beginning of 2018. Currently, their members still need to register with PSSA in order for them to participate in the association's activities. For the growth of SAAHIP, we welcome all pharmacy groups who recognise the value we

add to the profession.

SAAHIP's activities

a) CSP survey

We undertook a survey to understand current CSP experiences and challenges in the process of applying for a CSP position in South Africa during the 2017 application cycle. The survey ran for the month of May 2018. The report has been concluded and is available on the SAAHIP website. An article has also been featured in the SAPJ. The report was also shared with the office of the Chief Director: Human Resources as we had hoped that the outcome of the survey will enable us to engage further with the NDOH and to suggest improvements to the process. However, by the time of print, no feedback had been received from his office.



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b) Website

It is now fully functional and interactive. Members are encouraged to register, contribute and use it to its fullest potential. Members can communicate directly with the chairperson (log in and click on the picture of branch chairperson).

We are grateful and appreciative of the assistance offered by Mr Tumelo Mabilo who took over the administration of the website.

c) Pharmacy month and World Pharmacists' Day

Once again, branches did phenomenally well on their activities to celebrate Pharmacy month and World Pharmacists' Day on 25 September 2018. The events have been featured in the SAPJ. I am grateful to all our members for your dedication and selfless service to the profession and the Association.

I am also proud to mention that SAAHIP (represented by myself, Christel Hanson and Tabassum Chicktay) has been asked by NDoH to be part of the Pharmacy month 2019 working group to discuss the theme, message and materials. Previously it used to be only PSSA and the SAPC. This indicates that our efforts are being recognised – a progressive feather in our cap.

d) Governance issues

Declaration of interest:

We have drafted a policy and all NEC members have completed the declaration of interest form. This is going to be done annually.

SAAHIP regulations:

As NEC, we had to decide whether to use the PSSA's regulations as is or amend them to suit the Association or draft our own from scratch – we decided on amending the PSSA ones. Part of the regulations will be presented during the AGM. This is still an ongoing process.

e) FIP Conference

I attended the FIP Congress in September 2018. Highlights amongst many from the congress included:

- The debate on CPD – whether it should be an outcome based system or should we look at recertification processes. Suffice to say, pharmacists had a lot say on this matter.
- Expanding the role of pharmacists in PHC through collaborative non-dispensing services. In the SA context, the definition and

application of PHC in the NHI environment.

- The launch of the 2018 FIPeD Global capacity trends in pharmacy workforce report – the largest retrospective (2006-2016) study of pharmaceutical workforce capacity. The report is very relevant to SAAHIP as one of our focus areas is planning for pharmacy 2030 which entails looking into all aspects of the role of pharmaceutical services in attaining the objectives of the NDP 2030 including staffing matters. Therefore, we hope that the branches responsible for this focus area (Western Cape and Mpumalanga) will provide ideas into how we can optimise existing workforce and how to capitalise in future workforce.

Acknowledgements

I express my sincere appreciation for the support of all NEC in their respective portfolios. The business of SAAHIP could only be conducted successfully with their full involvement. I am thankful to them for their dedication. It should be noted that no matter how much we did by ourselves at national level, the contribution of all members at branch cannot be overlooked. It was a privilege and an honour to serve as President during this term.