

The South African Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists (SAAHIP)



34th Annual Conference and 63rd AGM

12-15 March 2020

“Left right, Left right”



Call for Abstracts

In September 2015, world leaders at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York witnessed the birth of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Health is a fundamental human right and a key indicator of sustainable development, with the 3rd SDG to “ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages”. This SDG is especially pertinent to us as healthcare professionals, as of all the major health threats to emerge in the last decade, none has challenged the foundations of health as profoundly as the rise in non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which cut across all socio-demographic groups, age groups, genders and ethnicities. If NCDs are left unabated, they may threaten to overwhelm a health system already under strain from HIV and tuberculosis.

It is well known that SAAHIP conferences are comparable to none and the effective use of pharmacists’ knowledge and skills have been shown to improve the delivery of healthcare. Our role in the management of NCDs cannot be overemphasized. For the 2020 SAAHIP Conference, which will be held from 12-15 March, we challenge the youthful spirit of all pharmacists to take a stand, breathe rejuvenating life into SDG 3 and make a mark. By 2030 we as pharmacists should be able to proudly point to our battle scars, and say that we were part of the movement. We therefore invite you to join our conference theme “Left right, left right” and march with us as we join world leaders and the global community on this universal policy agenda of health promotion. Come and showcase your contribution towards *ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages* (SDG 3).

The 2020 SAAHIP Conference will be hosted by the Mpumalanga SAAHIP Branch and will be held at the spectacular Legend Golf & Safari Resort, set within the Entabeni Safari Conservancy, a Big Five game reserve and one of the world’s most renowned resorts. We invite and encourage abstract submissions from all practising hospital and institutional pharmacists, community service pharmacists, pharmacist interns and academics. We also challenge pharmacists to be on the forefront of adopting programs in their work environments that bolster public health.

Categories for submission of abstracts

Submit your abstracts in the following categories:

- Availability of quality medicines and supplies: Budget/inventory control; selection, procurement and distribution; medicine supply management; drug utilisation reviews; cost analysis.

- Patient safety and security: Reporting of adverse drug events; rational medicine use; adherence; communication and information on the safe use of medicines; patient education; the safe disposal of medicines; clinical programmes for disease management; quality of life evaluations.
- Infection prevention and control: Antimicrobial stewardship; availability and use of quality equipment; waste management.
- Non-communicable diseases: prevention; management; awareness; education.
- Quality patient service: Waiting times; patient load; patients on chronic medicines; community engagement; effective use of human resources.
- Leadership in pharmacy.
- Strategic management and legal policies: Implementation of new strategies in pharmaceutical services; methods employed to implement legal requirements; projects to improve Good Pharmacy Practice compliance or to advance the implementation of National Health Insurance in South Africa; strategies for change management.

The above is by no means an exclusive list. Other topics may be worthy of presentation.

Presentation categories

Using the following categories, determine the most appropriate format for your presentation:

- **Podium presentations:** A formal 10-minute oral presentation. A further five minutes will be allowed for discussion and to receive questions from the audience. A podium presentation is generally a structured research project with aims, methods, results and conclusions.
- **Scenario presentations:** A formal 10-minute oral presentation. A further five minutes will be allowed for discussion and to receive questions from the audience. A scenario could involve an in-depth study of a specific real-world event or a particular problem that was encountered and solved in a clinical or practice-related environment. Scenario presentations should illustrate a good understanding of why the event happened or why the problem occurred. Presentations should highlight the concerns that arise from a scenario (that requires further investigation) and how the problem can be solved.

- **Pearl presentations:** A short five-minute oral presentation. "Pearls" are a fun-filled way of presenting a serious topic, but with a different slant. Just as a pearl has an intrinsic value, these presentations should focus on something that is exceptional, precious and not well known generally. The presentation should convey a useful, punchy message that has not been widely published or taught. The ideas could be from any practice setting, e.g. clinical, administrative, pharmaceutical care or quality improvement. Although both a title and an abstract will need to be submitted for the selection process, only the title will be published in the conference programme. This is to preserve the essence of a pearl presentation. No discussion will take place. Questions will not be invited from the audience.
- **Poster presentations:** A visual display that facilitates discussion. A poster could be research, a case study or a real-life event as outlined in the scenario presentations above. Presenters can display their posters for three days and deliver a formal 2-3 minute talk to the full audience during the scheduled poster session. Discussion and questions from the audience will take place at the poster during the subsequent tea or lunch break.

Awards

The following awards will be presented:

- Best podium presentation by a practising hospital or institutional pharmacist
- Best poster presentation by practising hospital or institutional pharmacist
- Best scenario presentation by a practising hospital institutional pharmacist
- Best presentation by an academic pharmacist
- Best pearl presentation

Only paid-up SAAHIP members will qualify for awards. Award winners from the previous two conferences and members of the judging panel will not be eligible for an award.

Abstract submission

Visit the SAAHIP website for information on the format of abstracts and guidelines for authors: <http://www.saahip.org.za/>

Submit abstracts or contact the organisers for further information at the following address: saahip.conference@gmail.com

Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: 13 September 2019

Notification of acceptance or rejection from the Academic Committee:
11 October 2019