

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

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference and 64<sup>th</sup> AGM

### 11–14 March 2021

**“It’s our Turn”**

*Improving Patient Safety Through Excellence*

### Call for abstracts

As we enter a new decade, new challenges and opportunities await pharmacy in the healthcare world. Pharmacists need to continuously respond to those challenges and opportunities, empowering patients through their practice. South Africa is now in phase II of the implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI). It is time for pharmacists to step up and take our turn in defining how best to deliver an excellent pharmaceutical service as an integral part of universal health coverage.

New approaches are needed to accelerate service delivery through education, practice research, and to address South Africa’s fragmented healthcare system. Innovative pharmaceutical care, effective medicines supply chain management, competent leadership and clinical governance models will be necessary if pharmacy is to meet the emerging health care opportunities and challenges.

Join us to discover how the new decade can enable you to find solutions for better health for all. It’s our turn to make a difference.

The 2021 SAAHIP Conference will be hosted by the Mpumalanga SAAHIP Branch. 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 programmes 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.
- 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/>

For more information you can send an email to: [recoetzee@uwc.ac.za](mailto:recoetzee@uwc.ac.za)

## Important dates

Abstract submission deadline: 20 September 2020

Notification of acceptance or rejection from the Academic Committee: 19 October 2020