



Report from SAIOH President and Council Members

We can look back on numerous successes and achievements during 2016. First, I, Jaco Pieterse (now in my capacity of Immediate Past President) want to thank all the members of SAIOH's Office, Council and the Management Board 2016, who worked together tirelessly in attaining these achievements. One of our main missions for 2016 was to revive the SAIOH Liaison Forum meetings; this was achieved with the aid and assistance of Claudina Nogueira, who did most of the groundwork.

SAIOH's active participation in various Department of Labour (DoL) workshops can also be considered highlights for the year 2016, with specific reference to the Ergonomics and Occupational Health Service Providers Workshops. Another first for 2016 was SAIOH being invited by the DoL to participate in the quarterly meetings of the Occupational Health Forum, along with representatives from SAIOH's sister organisations, SASOM and SASOHN. As usual, the SAIOH Annual Conference held in October 2016 was another highpoint and successful output for 2016.

In terms of SAIOH's Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the DoL, SAIOH and the DoL jointly reviewed the MoU and detailed a work plan for 2016 and 2017, to ensure that the MoU requirements are met, and to facilitate collaboration between the two entities in advancing health in the workplace.

The SAIOH 2015-2020 Five-Year Strategy is well on track and, in the near future, some structural changes will be implemented to ensure that we fulfil our SAIOH mandate in advancing the occupational hygiene profession, particularly within the African context.

In wrapping up, I am privileged to introduce you to Kenneth Hlungwane, SAIOH's President for 2017. It is my wish as the Outgoing President that you, our valuable members, provide the same level of support to Kenneth as you did to me during my term. I wish Kenneth a successful and prosperous term as SAIOH's President for 2017.

Last, but not least, I take this opportunity to extend a special vote of thanks to you, our SAIOH Members, for your valuable contributions during 2016. SAIOH looks forward to and remains appreciative of your continued support and collaboration throughout the New Year 2017.

SAIOH elects Executive Committee Members for 2017

At the last SAIOH Council Meeting of 2016, held on 24 November at the new SAIOH head office in Broadacres, Council members elected Julie Hills as the SAIOH Vice President for 2017. Julie is the Immediate Past Chair of the Professional Certification Committee (PCC). SAIOH welcomes and congratulates Julie on her new appointment, as well as Richard Mdlalose, the new PCC Chair, and Sean Chester, the new PCC Vice Chair. Kenneth Hlungwane vacated the position of Vice President which he held in 2016 to become SAIOH's new President in 2017; Jaco Pieterse is the Immediate Past President.

SAIOH Annual Membership 2017

It is that time of the year again when all members are required to submit their Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points for the preceding year (2016), as well as to ensure that their mandatory annual membership fee is paid.

Notification of the membership invoice as well as the link to retrieve the invoice was circulated to each member on 1 January 2017. Members will be able to obtain copies of their invoices through their SAIOH profiles, via the SAIOH website www.saioh.co.za. It is each member's responsibility to ensure that payment for annual membership is made timely; failure to do so will result in suspension of membership.

In terms of submission of CPD points, please note that all members are required to action their submissions through their SAIOH profiles, via the SAIOH website (you will recall that, previously, members emailed their submissions to the SAIOH Office for processing). Guidelines and documentation on how to submit CPD points are available on the SAIOH website on the CPD page. Copies of Attendance Registers for Branch Meetings and the annual conference are also available for downloading as support documentation for members' CPD submissions. Members are reminded that instructions on how to retrieve annual membership invoices and download membership certificates are also available on the SAIOH website.

Once the above conditions have been met, the SAIOH Membership Certificates for 2017 will be made available to members. Please be advised that

SAIOH no longer posts hard copies of membership certificates. Should you wish to receive a hard copy of your certificate, please submit a special request to the SAIOH head office for consideration.

Should you require any further assistance, please email Kate Smart, the SAIOH Chief Administrative Officer info@saioh.co.za

SAIOH representation at the DoL's Occupational Health and Safety Conference

The DoL's Occupational Health and Safety Conference was held on 15 to 17 October 2016 at the Lakes Hotel in Benoni, Gauteng, with the theme 'Sustaining Occupational Health and Safety within the Small, Medium and Micro-sized Enterprises (SMME) Environment through Innovative Solutions'. SAIOH's then-President, Jaco Pieterse, was invited by the DoL to represent SAIOH and deliver a paper on 'Monitoring chemical exposure in SMME chemical operations'. SAIOH was also an exhibitor at, and sponsor of, the conference.

SAIOH representation at the official celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the National Institute for Occupational Health

The National Institute for Occupational Health (NIOH) celebrated its 60th anniversary during 2016, showcasing a rich history of valuable contributions to occupational health and safety, as well as an introduction to current and future offerings aimed at nurturing a culture of sustainable prevention of occupational injuries and diseases, and non-communicable diseases that might be exacerbated by conditions at work. Important areas for development include vulnerable and subcontracted workers, as well as workers with disabilities. The official celebration of NIOH's 60th anniversary was held on 30 November 2016 at the NIOH premises in Constitutional Hill, Johannesburg.

SAIOH was invited to attend the celebration and to participate in a tripartite panel discussion on 'The recalcitrant employer: what are our ethical responsibilities?' SAIOH was represented on the panel by Cas Badenhorst, SAIOH Past President and Chair of the SAIOH Ethics Committee. Council members, Kenneth Hlungwane (Incoming SAIOH President) and Claudina Nogueira, also attended the anniversary celebration.



SAIOH Council and members extend a warm welcome to Kenneth Hlungwane, SAIOH's President for 2017

Photo courtesy of Kenneth Hlungwane

SAIOH representation at Eskom Health Risk Assessment Awareness Training

The SAIOH Vice President, Kenneth Hlungwane, received an internal invitation to participate in the Eskom Health Risk Assessment training session, held at the Eskom Academy of Learning in Midrand on 5 December 2016. Kenneth took the opportunity to share information about SAIOH with Eskom SHE practitioners, which included the importance and benefits of being a SAIOH member. Some of the practitioners who attended the training were previous members of

SAIOH who had discontinued their memberships due to diversions in their respective career paths. The training session was an ideal opportunity for SAIOH to encourage those previous members to reinstate their membership status, thus making them more marketable for future managerial career opportunities that might require knowledge and expertise in the discipline of occupational hygiene.

SAIOH 2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 'CARING FOR OUR WELLBEING'

The abstracts of all the presentations of the SAIOH 2016 Annual Conference have been published in this issue of the journal. The Conference, held in Blyde Canyon – A Forever Resort – on 26 to 28 October 2016, was well attended and showcased some first-time events at a SAIOH Conference, such as the 'Ignite' Session; a competition for student presentations; and accreditation by the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA), allowing for the allocation of CPD points for registered health professionals (non-occupational hygienists) who presented at the conference.

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