



## MMPA news

### MMPA PAST-PRESIDENT'S MEDAL RECIPIENTS

On Thursday, 29 June 2017, the MMPA held its 96th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Da Vinci Hotel in Sandton. At the AGM, the current President, Dr Khanyile Baloyi, stood down; Dr Nothando Moyo-Mubayiwa was elected as the new President, to be supported by Dr Muofhe Murwamphida as Vice President. Both Past-Presidents, Dr Vusumuzi Nhlapho and Dr Khanyile Baloyi, received Past-President's Medals.

Dr Vusumuzi Nhlapho is a medical graduate of the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and has postgraduate qualifications in Occupational Medicine from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians, London, and the Canadian Board of Occupational Medicine, Toronto. Dr Nhlapho heads Provider Initiatives and Engagements at Discovery Health in the Strategic Risk Management Department, focusing primarily on alternative remuneration models and repositioning of the role of family practitioners within the private healthcare industry. He has more than 15 years professional experience in the health industry and has worked as an occupational medical practitioner in the transport, forestry and mining industries in South Africa, Canada and the United Kingdom. He has a particular interest in health management, occupational lung diseases and musculoskeletal and mental health issues in the workplace, and has presented on various aspects of these topics.

Prior to joining Discovery Health, Dr Nhlapho was well entrenched in the mining industry, having held senior positions at Rio Tinto and De Beers Consolidated Mines (DBCM). At Rio Tinto, he was Principal Adviser: Global Health in the Health, Safety, Environment and Communities (HSEC) Department, where he led the company's coordinated response to the management of malaria and HIV/TB, as well as providing policy direction for occupational health. He was active also in coordinating an integrated approach to the management of malaria and TB in the Southern African Development Community (SADC). At DBCM, Dr Nhlapho held the position of Chief Medical Officer where he was in charge of the management of Health and Occupational Services for Finsch Mine, Idwala and PPC. Dr Nhlapho was successful in integrating the management of HIV into the service suite offered by the occupational health services.

In addition to his professional duties, Dr Nhlapho sits on a number of professional boards that promote health management and occupational health. To date, Dr Nhlapho is the longest serving President of the MMPA (2012 – 2016), and was successful in raising the profile of the Association among practitioners and the industry, as well as enhancing the value proposition for members of the Association.



**Dr Vusumuzi Nhlapho (left), Past-President of the MMPA (2012-2016), and Dr Khanyile Baloyi (right), Past-President of the MMPA (2016-2017)**

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