YPG was playing BINGO at the 2016 SAAHIP conference!

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The Young Pharmacists’ Group (YPG) of the PSSA initiated a First Timers Networking programme at the 2016 SAAHIP conference in March. The aim of this project was to welcome all conference attendees who attended the SAAHIP conference for the first time (which was about 40 pharmacists) and to provide them with an opportunity and the confidence to network with other pharmacists at conference.

HOW DID IT WORK: In order to facilitate this networking challenge, each first timer received a SAAHIP Networking Bingo card. They had to find someone who matched the description for each square in the card. After the Bingo cards were completed, a lucky draw was made from all the cards returned. Alicia Pietersen, from the Western Cape branch, won a Drug Wise book, sponsored by the PSSA.

FEEDBACK: After following-up with all first timers who handed in their Bingo cards, all were unanimous that they really enjoyed the conference and that they would like to attend future conferences. The academic programme was really stimulating and provided them with ideas on how to improve their own workplace. It was also unanimously agreed that the SAAHIP Networking Bingo cards were a good way to meet new people that you otherwise wouldn’t have met. It forced them out of their comfort zone and provided them the opportunity to network and find out who is who.

In conclusion, they felt that it wouldn’t have been the same without the Networking Bingo cards.

YPG is looking forward to playing BINGO again in the future!

Additional Information

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