This SAAPI Annual Report was presented to the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa for the period 2016 – 2017. SAAPI experienced an exciting and eventful 2016 – 2017 term.

**Governance and Executive Committee**

**SAAPI Annual General Meeting February 9, 2017**

Attendees at the AGM were treated to a dynamic presentation by Dr Jeanette Lotter, who reflected on the changes at MCC, in view of the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority envisaged to commence in the second half of 2017. The topic generated enthusiasm and lively discussions. The newly elected SAAPI Executive Committee was announced during the AGM.

**Executive Committee, from 30 April 2017**

Valerie Beaumont  Lindie Marx  Esthi Beukes  Walter Mbatha  Leanne Blumenthal  Douglas Oliver  Mario Botha  Carin Archibald  Tammy Chetty  Lynette Terblanche  Godfrey Keele  Ralph Tettey-Amlalo

**Elected Office Bearers, 2017**

President: Douglas Oliver  Vice President: Godfrey Keele  Treasurer: Ralph Tettey-Amlalo

SAAPI is most grateful for the remarkable contributions of the immediate past-president of SAAPI, Yolanda Peens. SAAPI expresses sincere appreciation for outstanding service to Lynette Terblanche, who has served as Treasurer for several terms.

**Executive Director**

Miranda Viljoen retired during 2016 after 9 years of excellent service to SAAPI as Executive Director. Miranda’s contributions to establish and grow the CPD programme have been outstanding and SAAPI greatly appreciates these and other notable actions to promote and advance SAAPI.

Tammy Maitland-Stuart has been appointed as Executive Director as of 1 July 2017. SAAPI is delighted to welcome Tammy to grow and advance SAAPI to new heights. Tammy will bring leadership, a wealth of experience and creativity to the programmes of SAAPI. Val Beaumont, thank you for steering the appointment process.

**International interaction**

SAAPI has initiated discussions with the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineering (ISPE), a Society with similar activities as SAAPI. SAAPI is keen to establish expert exchange relationships to support SAAPI activities and to expand SAAPI’s interests beyond our borders to Africa and internationally.

**Legislation**

SAAPI has during 2016/7 made significant contributions towards legislation development in the fields of Pharmacy and Regulatory Affairs. Comments regarding regulations for the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA), medical devices and complementary medicine were of the key contributions. Lindie Marx, SAAPI’s appreciation for your leadership with these processes.

**Congress 2016**

**SAAPI Annual Congress: Theme “Success through Synergy”**

The SAAPI Annual Congress held in April 2016 hosted an excellent field of international and national speakers. The presentations from speakers of World Health Organisation, Medicines Control Council and from industry as well as academia covered an array of important topics on National Health Insurance, regulatory sciences and harmonisation, medical devices, data management and integrity.
World Health Organisation (WHO) 17th International Congress of Drug Regulatory Authorities

SAAPI has been most active during the recent WHO International Congress. SAAPI was congratulated on being extremely visible at the 17th WHO ICDRA in Cape Town as a first-time exhibitor and in two years’ time SAAPI will endeavour to attend the 18th ICDRA conference which will be held in Ireland.

Continuing Professional Development

- SAAPI hosted a number of exciting CPD workshops during 2016 – 2017 for SAPPI members and PSSA community pharmacists. These training sessions are important to bring new developments in the industry and regulatory sciences and key applications in the pharmacy to pharmacists and related professionals.
- Topics presented included:
  - GMP requirements for HVAC Systems
  - Preparing to be the "Responsible" in Responsible Pharmacist
  - Advertising Marketing and the Marketing Code
  - Validation and Qualification
  - Section 21 application
  - INCB and permits

Participation at PSSA

Recognition: Pat Smith and Dougie Oliver (Executive members of SAAPI) were welcomed as Fellows of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa in May 2016 during the Gala Dinner of the SAACP Conference.

SAAPI values the support we receive from the Southern Gauteng branch in respect of our office and administration. SAAPI is currently represented on the Southern Gauteng Branch committee by Godfrey Keele.

Articles and Reports

- PSSA marketing survey presented by Yolanda Peens
- NHI/Universal access presented by Val Beaumont
- The industry gatekeepers in providing quality, safe and efficacious medicines: Dougie Oliver
- A proud moment on the journey of a pharmacist: Fellow of PSSA by Dougie Oliver

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SAAPI Executive committee and SAAPI members for their valuable contributions in various capacities to represent and advance SAAPI.