



PSSA Young Pharmacists' Group

Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa



A busy year for the YPG leadership

It has been a year since the YPG (Young Pharmacist's Group) elected a fully operational team dedicated to pharmacists meeting the criteria to be YPG members and ensuring that the mission of the YPG is accomplished.

During the YPG business meeting, held during the PSSA (Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa) conference in

2017, the following people were elected to form the YPG Steering committee:

- Gawie Malan – Chairman of the YPG
- Tendai Mutabeni – Project manager
- Shawn Zeelie – Public relations officer

Mission of the YPG

The mission of YPG is to promote the goals of the PSSA by encouraging the young members of the Society to participate in PSSA projects and activities. In so doing, YPG aims to develop individuals who can act as agents of positive change at local, national and international levels, both in the profession and in society.

Communications and Projects

There has been representation of YPG on various platforms. All pharmacy related and Society related information is shared via our Facebook page (PSSA YPG) and in our newsletters and emails.

The deadline for entries for the YPG innovation project was 30 April 2018. Two applications were received. The winner will be announced during the YPG session at the 2018 PSSA conference.

Quiz up APP – The young pharmacist's group of the Cape Western Province branch (CWP), with the assistance from UWC, has launched a great initiative that will assist

Moving Forward

As with all new committees, this year has been a real learning curve for the newly established YPG committee and although we faced numerous challenges, these challenges have motivated us to put in place better mechanisms to ensure that our goals and mission is reached in the following term.

young pharmacists to keep up to date with the newest treatments and guidelines and test our current skills and knowledge.

Mentorship Programme – There is a real need for a mentorship programme. A motion to request the National Executive Committee of the PSSA to assist in establishing and implementing a formal mentorship programme is being drafted. It is evident that such a programme needs to be run full time, with the necessary resources, to be successful.

The aim of conference sponsorship is to get young members actively involved at branch and national level.