



## Report for the period July 2014 to June 2015

### 1. Committee

Four committee meetings were held during the year. The committee members are:

Mike Britton	(Chairperson)
Duncan Cromarty	(Vice-chairperson)
Schalk de Kock	(Immediate-past Chairperson and Treasurer)
Egmont Rohwer	(International Representative)
Maré Linsky	(Minute Secretary)
Tony Hassett	(Membership and Webmaster)
Louis van Huyssteen	(Vendor Industry Representative)
Ljiljana Marjanovic	
Eve Kroukamp	
Brendon Naicker	

Regional representatives:

Johan Jordaan	North-West Province
André de Villiers	Western Cape
Hugh Patterton	Free State

The term of office of the current committee ends in July 2015, when Duncan Cromarty will take over from Mike Britton as Chairperson.

### 2. Membership

SAAMS currently has 366 members.

### 3. Finances

On 30 April 2015, SAAMS' assets amounted to R272 092.

### 4. Functions and activities

IMSC 2014 (Geneva, Switzerland, 24 to 29 August)

Six delegates from South Africa attended the 20<sup>th</sup> International Mass Spectrometry Conference. Egmont Rohwer represented SAAMS at a meeting of the International Mass Spectrometry Foundation (IMSF) held during the Conference.

Analitika 2014 (Parys, 7 to 11 September)

SAAMS, together with ChromSA, the Analytical Division, ThermSA and the SA Spectroscopic Society (SASS), organised Analitika 2014, which was attended by a total of 198 delegates and exhibitors. Five plenary and eight invited keynote lectures, as well as 54 oral and 62 poster presentations covered all aspects of analytical chemistry. The exhibition of analytical equipment and consumables was supported by 17 of the leading local suppliers.

After R50 000 was placed in a ring-fenced account as seed funding for the next Analitika conference, the remainder of the profit from the conference was divided equally between the five organising bodies.

SAAMS AGM (Parys, 8 September)

Seventeen SAAMS members attended the Annual General Meeting, which was held during Analitika 2014.

Laboratory tour of AMS facility (iThemba LABS, 20 November)

Following an interesting presentation on “100 years of mass spectrometry in the geosciences” by Prof Jan Kramers from the University of Johannesburg, Stephan Woodborne gave an overview of the new Accelerator Mass Spectrometer and took the 33 delegates on a laboratory tour of the new facility. The afternoon concluded with refreshments sponsored by PerkinElmer.

MS applications at the CSIR (Pretoria, 19 March)

More than 50 delegates attended the presentations by Brendon Naicker and Prof Paul Steenkamp on chromatography and mass spectrometry applications in tuberculosis and small molecule research, and enjoyed the meal sponsored by Separations afterwards.

Uncertainty in Measurements (Tshwane University of Technology, 11 June)

This seminar, organised jointly by SAAMS and the SA Spectroscopic Society (SASS), was presented by Steve Sidney of the National Laboratory Association. The topic was debated further by the 40 delegates over snacks sponsored by Microsep.

**5. General**

During the year SAAMS created a LinkedIn group and Facebook account and changed its e-mail address in order to improve communication with our members,

The achievements of the past year are the result of the dedication and hard work of the SAAMS committee members, the sustained support from our sponsors and the active participation of our members. Thank you all for your valuable contributions!

Mike Britton  
SAAMS Chairperson  
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