



Report for the period July 2015 to June 2016

1. Committee

The committee members are:

Duncan Cromarty	(Chairperson)
Ljiljana Marjanovic	(Vice-chairperson)
Mike Britton	(Immediate-past Chairperson)
Schalk de Kock	(Treasurer)
Egmont Rohwer	(International Representative)
Maré Linsky	(Minute Secretary)
Caryn Hepburn	(Vendor Industry Representative)
Dwayne Koot	(Vendor Industry Representative)
Eve Kroukamp	
Brendon Naicker	
Edwin Madala	

Regional representatives:

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

2. Membership

SAAMS currently has more than 350 members.

3. Finances

SACI was supplied with audited statements of SAAMS for the period ending 30 April 2015. On 30 April 2016, SAAMS' assets amounted to R315 980. The saving account value was R77 628, with the balance being Unit Trusts.

4. Functions and activities

Exploring Metabolomics and Lipidomics (University of Pretoria, 22 September)

42 persons attended this mini-symposium, sponsored by Microsep. The speakers were Dr Andrew Baker of Waters Corporation, USA and Dr Zander Lindeque of the Department of Biochemistry, NWU.

LC-MS/MS (CSIR ICC, 12 to 16 October)

This training workshop, organised jointly by SAAMS and ChromSA, was presented by Alek Dooley and Volker Kruff from Sciex, and sponsored by Separations. 57 Delegates attended the basic course and 41 the additional metabolomics (biochemistry) component. Most attendees were inexperienced, younger scientists. The course feedback was very favourable.

ChromSAAMS 2016 (Vanderbijlpark, 11 – 14 September)

This conference is imminent and most of the SAAMS efforts and time at the moment is focussed on this being a success. Details can be found at www.chromsaams2016.co.za.



5. **General**

We are currently revamping the SAAMS website in order to improve communication with our members

This report was compiled by Mike Britton and Schalk de Kock