



## Report for the period July 2016 to June 2017

### 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)
Brendon Naicker	
Edwin Madala	

Regional representatives:

Johan Jordaan	North-West Province
André de Villiers	Western Cape
Gabre Kemp	Free State
Graeme Bradley	Eastern Cape

### 2. Membership

SAAMS had a membership of more than 350 at the end of May 2017 including industrial members and several from different regions in Africa. Approximately 30% of the members are also registered members of SACI, some of who appear to be none active members.

### 3. Finances

SACI is supplied with the financial statements of SAAMS Bank accounts which are held at ABSA Bank Hatfield, for the period ending 30 April 2017 although these had not yet been audited due to the outstanding ChromSAAMS2016 audited financials.

On 30 April 2017, SAAMS' total assets amounted to R372,994.90

This was divided between a saving account R119,663.10 and Unit Trusts R253,331.80

One of the unit trust funds is a custody fund for seed money of R52,034.12 including interest for the Analytika congress to be held in 2018 which is the combined SAAMS, ChromSA and SASS contributions.

Willie de Kock was approved as the Auditor at the AGM and the balance sheet and accounts will be submitted for a full audit.

### 4. Functions and activities

An Annual General Meeting was held at the ChromSAAMS2016 conference in September 2016 where the requirements put forward by SACI with respect to the finances were discussed and there was an overwhelming negative response to the concept of 25% of

the profits being passed on to SACI if there was no contribution to seed funding or conference organisation.

Most of SAAMS' members are not part of SACI and although it was deemed that we should be part of SACI there should be recognition for the non-SACI members and the role the association plays for the mass spectrometer users.

The two year sequence of the conferences that SAAMS organises together with other SACI divisions was also ratified as a decision to take back to SACI. SAAMS will however support the SACI conventions in the years where a clash takes place due to the three year cycle implemented by SACI.

A proteomics workshop was run in conjunction with ACGT at the University of Pretoria in March 2017 where there were inexperienced users who benefitted from training provided by local experts and users. This course was presented free of charge and attended by 24 participants and run over three days. Funding for out of town attendees was carried by ACGT who are thanked for their contribution.

ChromSAAMS 2016 (Vanderbijlpark, 11 – 14 September 2016) was successfully run with 172 delegates and sponsor attendees and was followed by a workshop that was attended by 24 users. There were 6 foreign invited speakers who added to the standard of the presentations and they complimented the organisers for the high standard of the presentations and professional organisation which was done by Carlamani Conferences and Events.

The generous contribution from the sponsors must be noted and they are thanked for the continuing support over the years as their part helps make the congress and our other events a success.

End of Year Function A presentation by the popular speaker Dr Stephan Woodborne was presented at the Grain Laboratories in Pretoria on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and attended by about 40 people including spouses of the members. This was again sponsored by Microsep who are thanked for their contribution.

## 5. Website

After several years of running the website from the University of Pretoria website it was decided to go independent due to the new requirements of the university and that their logo would appear as the header on the website. The SAAMS website was then moved but had to be moved again due to payment requirements for a credit card and is now with a new provider and revamped so that it can easily be updated to improve communication with our members. The website appears to be working well.

## 6. General

An LC-MS/MS training course is planned for late 2017 or early 2018 and will be aimed at beginners and new users to grow the confidence of the up and coming MS users in SA.

The committee is thanked for their time and hard word during the year.

Prof Duncan Cromarty  
Chairperson, SAAMS  
Date: 20 July 2017

