



Report for the period July 2017 to June 2018

1. Committee

Five committee meetings were held during this period:

3 July 2017,
8 August 2017,
18 October 2017,
27 February 2018,
22 May 2018.

The committee members are:

Ljiljana Marjanovic	(Chairperson)
Brendon Naicker	(Vice-chairperson)
Duncan Cromarty	(Immediate-past Chairperson)
Mike Britton	(SACI representative)
Schalk de Kock	(Treasurer)
Egmont Rohwer	(International Representative)
Maré Linsky	(Minute Secretary)
Caryn Hepburn	(Vendor Industry Representative)
Dwayne Koot	(Vendor Industry Representative)
Edwin Madala	(Metabolomics Representative)
Désirée Prevoo-Franzsen	(Industry Representative)
Ireshyn Govender	(Industry Representative)
Stephan Woodborne	(Industry Representative)

Regional representatives are:

Johan Jordaan	North-West Province
Marietjie Stander	Western Cape
Gabre Kemp	Free State
Graeme Bradley	Eastern Cape

The term of office of the current committee ends in July 2019.

2. Membership

SAAMS has a membership of 355 members (June 2018) including students, analysts, researchers as well as instrument supplier representatives. The members are from different regions in Africa but also from Canada, Boston, Pakistan and Namibia. Apart from chemical laboratories and institutions, members come from other institutions such as veterinary, microbiology pharmaceutical, food and drugs, agricultural, medical etc. Approximately 30% of the members are registered members of SACI.

3. Finances

SAAMS' bank statements for the accounts (held at ABSA Bank Hatfield) ending 30 April 2018, have been submitted to SACI together with the audited statements for the previous period 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

On the 30th April 2018 (end of the financial year), SAAMS' total assets amounted to R335 470.41. This was divided between a saving account R113,357.56 and Unit Trusts R222,112.85

One of the unit trust funds kept as a custody fund for combined seed money (SAAMS, ChromSA and SASS contributions) amounting to R51952.39 for the Analitika congress (to be held in July 2018) has been closed after the seed money have been transferred to the Analitika organizing secretariat (Carlamani).

Willie de Kock has been approved as the Auditor by the SAAMS committee members and the balance sheets and accounts for the 2018 are in the process of being prepared for the audit. Copy of the audited statement will be forwarded to SACI as soon as it is finalised.

4. **Functions and activities**

Annual General Meeting

SAAMS Annual general meeting is planned to take place at the Analitika 2018 conference at the Legends Golf and Safari Lodge on the 23rd July. Reflection on the SAAMS activities during the July 2017-July2018 period as well as the discussion on the plans for further growth of the organization are planned for this meeting. An invitation to attend the meeting has been sent to the members.

LC-MS course has been held at NMISA Quantum hall (CSIR Campus) from 19-22 February, 2018. Fifty two delegates attended the course with majority of them being relatively new mass spectrometry users. Vendors such as Microsep, Separations, Chemetrix and Anatech participated in the course through sponsorships and running of the educational vendor's sessions, well-received by the attendees. Carlamani Events was appointed for the admin duties and were found to be very efficient. Course was presented by SAAMS's own experts Prof Duncan Cromarty and Brendon Naicker

SAAMS/Waters Seminar was successfully held in Radisson Blu on the 26th October, 2017 with 27 delegates attending. Talks were held by Dr Andrew Baker titled "Exploring the complexity of wine using collisional cross section reaching past the limits of mass resolution" and Prof Alvaro Viljoen "The pivotal of LC-MS in solving the quality control conundrum of herbal products ". Microsep was thanked for the sponsorship of the event.

Analitika, 2018 (Legends Golf and safari Resort, RSA 22-15 July) –SAAMS is actively participating in the organization of the conference with 3 of its committee members serving on the Analitika organization committee. SAAMS has provided some of the seed money needed for the conference and sponsored one of the plenary speakers – internationally recognized mass spectrometry expert (Graham Cooks). SAAMS has also taken part (together with SASS) in the organization of the "Time of flight and distance of flight –mass spectrometry short course which is going to take place on the 26th July in Pretoria and is presented by Gary Hieftje (Distinguished Professor and Mann Chair of Chemistry at Indiana University in Bloomington)

IMSS 2018 (Florence, Italy, 26-31 August, 2018)

Prof Egmont Rohwer is to attend the IMSS and will represent SAAMS on the IMSF meeting scheduled before the symposium.

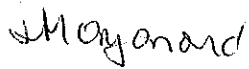
5. Website

The SAAMS website (with a new provider) has been revamped and it appears to be working well.

6. General

SAAMS to join SAAS in organizing the Young spectroscopic meeting 2018 (planned for November) in order to strengthen its activity amongst young ICP-MS university and industry researchers.

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



Dr Ljiljana Marjanovic
Chairperson, SAAMS
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