

ACADEMY OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

**MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ACADEMY OF
PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF
SOUTH AFRICA**

Venue: Indaba hotel and conference hotel, Fourways, Johannesburg

Date: Friday 7 July 2017

Time: 17:00 – 18:00

<p>1. WELCOME GK welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes and reconvened due to lack of quorum.</p>	<p>17:10 17:15</p>
<p>2. ATTENDANCE The following members were in attendance: Prof Gareth Kilian, Prof Sandra van Dyk, Prof Sarel Malan, Prof Kosie van Wyk, Prof Ilse Truter, Prof Nadine Butler, Dr Natie Finkelstein, Dr Kim Ward, Dr Ilze Vermaak, Dr Jane McCartney, Dr Renier Coetzee, Ms Deanne Johnston, Ms Nitsa Manolis, Ms Ilse Cukrowski, Ms Lorraine Osman, Mr Greg Purcell, Ms Monique Klitsie Edit 2016 AGM minutes – add Renier Coetzee (UWC).</p>	
<p>3. APOLOGIES Apologies were received from the following members. Prof R Walker, Prof GM Enslin, Prof APG Goossens, Prof Cas Dangor, Mr Christian Nkanga</p>	<p>IV</p>
<p>4. PERSONALIA The following items of personalia were conveyed from the March 2017 meeting of the executive committee, during the AGM and supplied by members after the meeting:</p> <p>NMMU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jayne McCartney’s PhD has been approved ▪ Have three vacancies ▪ Dr Nontokozo Mabuza was appointed in pharmacology <p>NWU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof Sias Hamman and Prof Brian Harvey have relocated to the School of Pharmacy ▪ Pharmacy Practice position to be filled ▪ Prof Douglas Oliver elected as President of SAAP ▪ Jeanetta du Plessis has been appointed to the National Health Ethics Committee ▪ Liesel Badenhorst has completed her PhD ▪ North-West Dept. of Health has signed an MOU with NWU which gives NWU access to all the facilities ▪ Pharmacy turns 75 years in 2017; will be celebrated 10 and 11 November 2017 ▪ Hannelie Steyn was appointed in Pharmacy Practice ▪ Prof Pieter Milne resigned - vacancy <p>TUT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof Eugene Olivier is acting HOD while Prof Enslin is on sabbatical leave <p>UWC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr Admire Dube received NRF rating Y1 ▪ Prof Sarel Malan nominated to take over chairmanship of WHO's International Non-proprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances (INN) committee in 2017 ▪ Prof James Syce and Prof George Amabeoku retired (Pharmacology) ▪ MR Rafik Bapoo resigned (Pharmaceutics) ▪ Prof Michelle Viljoen was appointed as an associate professor (pharmaceutical chemistry. ▪ Mrs Tanya Dube was appointed (Pharmacy Practice) 	<p>All</p>

<p>PSSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mariet Eksteen has been appointed as Professional officer. <p>SMU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Marnus Milne and Oluwatoyin Adeleke have been appointed as staff members <p>WITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Y Choonara was appointed as Head of Department ▪ Pradeep Kumar was awarded his PhD <p>Members were encouraged to forward any additional items to the secretary.</p>	
<p>5. OPENING</p> <p>The chairman invited Prof Sarel Malan to deliver his opening address. Prof Malan highlighted the presence of very few Academy members at the meeting and proceeded to deliver an inspiring address with regards to the support from the PSSA.</p>	SM
<p>6. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>Members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting held at Misty Hills Hotel and Conference Centre, Muldersdrift on Wednesday 5 October 2016 at 18:00.</p> <p>Proposer: Prof Sarel Malan Seconder: Ms Deanne Johnston</p>	GK
<p>7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</p> <p>No matters were added to the agenda.</p>	GK
<p>8. ANNUAL REPORTS</p> <p>8.1 Chairman's report</p> <p>Prof Gareth Kilian was invited to deliver the annual report as prepared by Prof Rod Walker: It is an honour and a pleasure to report on the activities of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences since the PSSA AGM in 2016. The Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa (APSSA) held their 37th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting at the All African Congress on Pharmacology and Pharmacy. The conference was jointly organised by the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences of South Africa (APSSA), the South African Society for Basic and Clinical Pharmacology (SASBCP) on behalf of Pharmacology for Africa (Pharfa) and the Toxicology Society of South Africa (ToxSA). The annual APSSA conference was hosted by the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Tshwane University of Technology under the leadership of Dr Ilze Vermaak and was held from 5-8 October 2016 at Misty Hills Conference Centre, situated close to the Cradle of Humankind.</p> <p>The 37th Academy AGM was held during conference 2016 during which a new Executive Committee was elected.</p> <p>The Academy Executive Committee for the 2016-2018 term of office is:</p> <p>Chairman: Roderick Walker (Rhodes) Vice Chairman: Gareth Kilian (NMMU) Past Chairman: Sandra van Dyk (NWU) Treasurer : Deanne Johnston (Wits) Secretary : Ilze Vermaak (TUT) Portfolios: Kim Ward (UWC) Ilse Cukrowski (Boehringer-Ingelheim) PSSA Liaison: Nitsa Manolis</p> <p><u>Activities of the Academy:</u></p> <p>The majority of activities of the Academy are focussed on encouraging the pursuit of excellence in academic endeavour and is heavily reliant on financial sustainability to provide ongoing support to these initiatives. Historically the Academy has relied on surplusses from conferences (that are</p>	GK

becoming increasingly more expensive) and sponsorships to achieve this objective. Over the last few years funding from conferences have shrunk and the Academy was at a point that it was not in a position to fund some of its activities. I am pleased to report that a healthy surplus was achieved from the 2016 meeting that permits us to support all our historical activities with immediate effect as we continue to work on financial sustainability models for the Academy.

We are reliant on sponsorships for a number of awards in which the Academy acknowledges excellence in research by awarding prizes at the annual conference. The Academy is grateful to Boehringer Ingelheim for continued sponsorship of the 'Young Scientist' and 'Best Publication' awards. The 'Young Scientist' award is competed for in two categories, namely 'Pharmaceutical Sciences' and 'Pharmaceutical Practice'. The Academy is grateful to Johnson and Johnson who sponsor the 'Pharmacy Teacher of the Year' award.

To nurture excellence in undergraduate Teaching-Learning programmes the Academy continues to award, at each Institution presenting the BPharm, an engraved Academy medallion and a certificate to the top Academic student in each year of the B.Pharm degree. The names of the winners are engraved on the Academy Award Board at each Institution.

As a further contribution to encouraging and supporting research in the pharmaceutical sciences the Academy will once again sponsor two FPE postgraduate bursaries.

The use of an electronic newsletter is a useful communication link with members and the Academy is grateful to PSSA for facilitating the publication of the electronic newsletter.

A key initiative of the Academy is to grow membership and ensure that future meetings provide agendas that have diverse appeal to the profession so as to contribute to the sustainability of the organization. In this respect membership matters continue to be monitored.

In conclusion, it would be remiss of me not to remind the profession of the challenges facing Academic Pharmacy. We have been through some difficult times with #feesmustfall protest and more recently calls for transformation of all aspects of higher education. We are in for some tough financial times at our universities as funding for higher education becomes an issue. In this respect some institutions are under less pressure than others but we are all feeling the pinch. What this means for Pharmacy at institutions is yet to be elucidated. On a positive note the announcement that universities may become sites for CSP in 2018 is welcomed.

I would like to thank all members of the Executive, particularly the Vice-Chair for picking up the reins, and keeping the Academy afloat whilst I have been unavailable. Finally the Academy executive committee members would like to voice their appreciation to PSSA and especially to Nitsa Manolis for continued assistance with administrative matters.

The report was opened to members for discussion:

GK added that we need to identify academy members who would be willing to stand as exco members. From 2016 to 2017 32 more members joined. Telemeetings have been and will occur far more regularly.

Reasons for the low young scientist interest was discussed; The conference took place 3 months earlier and postgraduates have not completed enough work; austerity measures which were implemented at all universities.

Proposer: Prof Sandra van Dyk

Seconder: Prof Nadine Butler

8.2 Treasurer's report

Ms Deanne Johnston presented the treasurer's report. She highlighted that the balance sheet is

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<p>positive, but that this was largely due to the withdrawal made from the investment account. Conference profits were discussed and it was noted that not much profit is generally made from conferences. The expenses of the APSSA exceeds the income.</p> <p>The report was opened to members for discussion: The growth over the years was highlighted. The R12 000 which is paid to the auditors was noted as a concern. It was suggested that the funds in the current account must be moved to the investec account. The organisers (TUT – Dr Ilze Vermaak) were congratulated on the profit made during the 2016 conference. It was noted that Prof Rod Walker previously mentioned plans for sustainability.</p> <p>Proposer: Prof Natie Finkelstein Seconder: Ms Ilse Cukrowski</p>	
<p>9. MEMBERSHIP Dr Ilze Vermaak reported on the membership statistics as on 22 June 2017. Total members = 264 Paid-up members = 136 Unpaid = 10 Others include academic interns (58) and exempted (35) who don't pay membership fees. There were 232 members in 2016.</p>	IV
<p>10. CONSTITUTION No constitutional motions were received.</p>	GK
<p>11. CONFERENCE 11.1 2015 WITS generated a small profit for the conference held in 2015 which was paid over.</p> <p>11.2 2016 The convenor's fee has not been paid over to TUT (20%).</p> <p>11.3 2017 GK thanked the organisers of the PSSA conference on behalf of the Academy. GK notes that conference 2018 discussions are underway. A joint conference between the APSSA, TOXSA, SASBCP, SAALIS, Neurological society etc. was suggested. This will take place in Cape Town, hosted by Stellenbosch University. Prof Ilse Truter mentions that animal ethics research will fit well considering the societies.</p>	GK
<p>12. GENERAL Prof Natie Finkelstein requested that obituaries of the PSSA be included in the APSSA AGM. SM requested that members pass by the Microsep stand to show our gratitude for their sponsorship as they have been major sponsors for the past few years. SvD thanked GK for taking over from RW and doing so very efficiently.</p>	
<p>13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING APSSA conference 2018</p>	GK
<p>14. CLOSURE The meeting closed at 18:00</p>	GK

CHAIRMAN

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