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President Report

SAAFP Annual conference
Annual General Meeting
2025

Year to date

1. Strategic planning: December 2024
2. Five Strategic objectives and progress made
3. Interest groups \ Committees
    1. SAFPJ
    2. Next 5
    3. POCUS
    4. TCT
    5. Conference
    6. WONCA 27
    7. Research
    8. Eswatini NCD guidelines
4. Research

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1. Strategic Planning

Council met in-person: Dec 2024

- What were our key challenges?
- What were our highlights?
- What are the opportunities before us?
- Can we match the opportunities with our needs?

Five key domains emerged

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#1: Grow our community

Target:

- 400 full members
- 160 trainee members – at reduced fee
- 60 associate members – GPs, clinical associates

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#1: Membership (actuals)

Financial Ye	Ye	Mor	Full Membe	Associate Membe	Trainee Membe	Honorary Membe	Life Membe	Student Membe	Month Total
2024/25	2024	Apr	115	13	27	12	4	1	**172**
2024/25	2024	May	188	13	42	12	5	1	**261**
2024/25	2024	Jun	211	17	55	12	5	1	**301**
2024/25	2024	Jul	246	25	64	12	5	1	**353**
2024/25	2024	Aug	**259**	**27**	**64**	**12**	**5**	**1**	**368**
2024/25	2024	Sept	276	29	67	12	5	1	**390**
2024/25	2024	Oct	297	29	80	12	5	1	**424**
2024/25	2024	Nov	305	29	82	12	5	1	**434**
2024/25	2024	Dec	311	30	84	12	5	1	**443**
2024/25	2025	Jan	311	30	84	12	5	1	**443**
2024/25	2025	Feb	311	30	84	12	5	1	**443**
2024/25	2025	Mar	311	30	84	12	5	1	**443**
2025/26	2025	Apr	209	15	39	12	5	0	**280**
2025/26	2025	May	232	16	41	12	5	0	**306**
2025/26	2025	Jun	247	20	57	12	5	0	**341**
2025/26	2025	Jul	264	24	71	12	5	0	**376**
2025/26	2025	Aug	271	24	78	12	5	0	**390**

Need to:

- *expand reach*
- *understand member's needs*

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#2: Strengthen alliances:

At least 2 formal meetings with NDoH – deliver policy briefs on human resources (MDT) for primary/district care with NHI in mind

- Policy brief on HRH being circulated at this conference
- Meetings held with NHI officials – **what is the place for FP in NHI capitated system?**

Pursue a **joint PHC conference** with partners for 2026 eg RUDASA, DoH, rehab professionals

- Achieved – in principle agreement with RUDASA, RuRESA and RuNurSA – first planning meeting held in August 2025. 1:3

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#2: Strengthen alliances:

Additionally:

- SAAFP invited as panelist to **SAMRC** workshop on developing a District Health research agenda

- Treasurer and Exco member, Prof Mergan Naidoo, elected **SAMA** President and **CMSA** vice-President

- Dr Randall Ortel elected chairperson of the Private Sector Forum: **Western Cape Provincial AIDS Council**

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#3: add value to the SA medical community:

Facilitate faculty development for all registrar trainers across disciplines via the **SWAT training**

Ongoing **TCT training** for FM supervisors

Monthly online **CPD webinars** - 60-100 attendees per session

Strengthen our **social media** presence – include registrars – **ongoing improvement area** as registrars are too busy

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#3: add value to the SA medical community:

CPD service provider (mostly to industry), though lowest number of requests [YTD<100] for 1st time since 2013

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#4: Support establishment of private practice niche for FM:

Established the Specialist Family Physicians in Private (SFPP) ~50 members nationally

- Appointed a consultancy firm to negotiate with funders for specialist-level tariffs
- Some success and some challenges
- Efforts are ongoing

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#5: Financial sustainability:

Expand on income-generating offerings: CPD accreditation, short courses, pursue grants for projects

- While CPD accreditation has decreased, the income from servicing grants has increased substantially

Ensure profitability of conference

- Mix of attendees and sponsors – 2023 and 2024 both generated profit

Expand paid-up membership base

- Challenges noted above – some improvement, but still off target
- Associate members

Popularise S18 tax certificates for donations to SAAFP by members

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Standing items on Council agenda

SAFPJ – led by Klaus v Pressentin

Next5 – led by Chantelle vd Bijl

POCUS training – led by James Porter and others

WONCA 2027 in Cape Town – Bob Mash

Eswatini NCD clinical guidelines – Tabitha Mathose and team

Engagement with Health Promotion agency – Rihangwele Mukhinindi

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Research Council Committee – Prof Klaus von Pressentin

- **Domain A:** We are growing practice-based research networks (PBRNs) in Gauteng, supported by Prof Bob Mash, who leads the Stellenbosch University - University of Cape Town FP research network (SUFPREN) in the Western Cape. Two SUFPREN projects were recently published in the SAFP journal.

- **Domain B:** The national Congress in September will host a pre-conference workshop aimed at prospective and enrolled PhD students. A PhD supervisor survey will be distributed to capture the current research capacity and interests and identify possible training needs and resources.

- **Domain C:** Members of the committee coordinate and conduct several national collaborative research projects, including projects on EPAs, interns in family medicine, and a survey on research interests among postgraduate supervisors. The research committee will also support the SAAFP Exco by reviewing and vetting possible projects involving SAAFP members in a gatekeeper role.

Conclusion

We are BUSY!! – efficiency is largely due to Lucille's hard work

SAAFP is making a difference nationally, in terms of FM development, District Health Systems, postgraduate education

Membership and social media presence remain our deficit areas

Strategic engagement with provincial and national DoH needs attention. Should we initiate a national family medicine HoD forum?

Private practitioners are making headway – what options for emerging FPs?

Advocacy through strategic partnerships should also be developed

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