

Southern African Online User Group Chair's Report: Dec 2012 – Nov 2014

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Eastern Cape Representative Jean Thomas

2013 : MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

14 February 2013: Valentine's breakfast

Effective Communication / Roz Griffiths
Venue: Shelanti, Centurion

5 June 2013: Workshop

Morning: Enhancing books in the digital environment (talk) / Kosie Eloff
Full day: Enhancing books in the digital environment (talk and practical) / Kosie Eloff
Venue: Knowledge Commons (CSIR), Pretoria

23 August 2013: Meeting

Marketing . . . It just ain't what it used to be! / Mike Said
Venue: Centurion Theatre, Centurion

23 November 2013: End of year function

Don't walk into the future backwards! / Bill Price
Venue: Duo of Dreams, Eldoraigue; Centurion

ACTIVITIES:

The 2013 period was busy and from a financial year point of view a few changes were implemented. The membership period of 1 April – 31 March was changed to the current status of 1 January – 31 December instead. The implication of this change makes it easier for the membership secretary to regulate the financial year and membership issues. This change also implied Membership fees to remain the same for 2014 and 2015, no increases.

2014: MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND 12TH CONFERENCE

14 February 2014: Valentine's breakfast

Interpersonal relationship profiling – communication dynamics / Joane Jardin (Profile Club)

Venue: Nice by Nature, Honeydew

3 - 6 June 2014: Conference and Workshops

The 12th Biennial Southern African Online Information Meeting (SAOIM) / SAOUG & OSALL

Venue: CSIR ICC, Pretoria

28 August 2014: Meeting

“VAT on e-commerce – current position and the way forward” / Ruaan van Eeden

Venue: Merensky II Auditorium (University of Pretoria), Pretoria

7 November 2014: End of year function and AGM

How ordinary people can do extraordinary things / Brian Curren

Venue: Glenburn Lodge, Muldersdrift

ACTIVITIES:

The period under review was quite busy with much time spent on the organisation of our 12th biennial conference. This conference proved extremely successful in many ways. The most exhibitors ever attended. Positive feedback was received from speakers, exhibitors and delegates on the quality and the content of the programme, the keynote speakers, as well as the workshops.

The social reporting team's contributions added to the great success and included volunteers (Siphethile Gcukumana and Nomvuyelo Ngcangula). The team used social media to create continuous reporting of conference papers, workshops and events through Twitter stream (#SAOIM) and posts with daily overviews.

As in the past, this conference would not have been possible without our generous sponsors and exhibitors and their continued support is much valued.

Besides organising the abovementioned conference and meetings, the Executive Committee has, during the past year, focussed on the following:

Regional branch:

Jean Thomas continues to expertly manage the Eastern Cape branch. With the assistance of Pelisa Vanga and Madeleine Clare, two events were organised:

2013

- 10 May 2013 Workshop

Social Media / Prof Botha

The following social media will be covered during the full day workshop:

- Twitter

- Google+
- Tagging and social bookmarking sites, e.g. Del.icio.us
- RSS feeds & aggregators
- Slideshare

- 23 Aug 2013

"TCyber safety 101: digital self-defence" / Prof Johan van Niekerk (NMMU)

2014

- 16 May 2014

"The librarian, the technology and the cloud ..." / Prof Danelle van Greunen

- 8 Sep 2014

"Why user experience is a sexy topic in the library of today" / Prof Danelle van Greunen

NOTE OF THANKS:

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their support, hard work and dedication during the past 2 years. It has been a privilege working with such great individuals and you make a great team.

Special thanks go to Madelein for her support serving as ex-officio on the committee, who has decided not to stand for re-election. Her expert guidance during the 2014 Conference can only be valued.

I also wish to thank Jean Thomas for being a pioneer in establishing a stable and strong Eastern Cape Chapter, your continued support, enthusiasm and passion will be sorely missed. Thank you for the valuable contribution you made towards SAOUG.

I also wish to thank Janice de Wee for her valued contributions made to SAOUG. She has resigned from the committee due to new responsibilities and time.

I would like to express my appreciation with a special thank you to Meryl Federl (OSALL) with regard to her arrangements, support, time and valued contributions made towards the 2014 SAOIM.

Finally, I would like to thank all members for their participation in the Group's activities and contributions to the organisation. A special thank you to each SAOUG members who contributed to a successful conference in 2014.

Susan Scheepers

Chair: SAOUG

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