



# Southern African Online User Group Chair's Report: 2017

## COMMITTEE:

Chair:	Christelle Steyn
Ex-officio:	Susan Scheepers
Treasurer:	Anke McCallum
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Committee Member:	Magde Britz
Co-opted Member:	Charmaine Bertram
Co-opted Member:	Nomvuyelo Ngcangula

## 2017 MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **14 February 2017: Valentine's Breakfast & Talk**  
Watch your Language. – Kristen Long (Coaching Culture Clubs)  
Venue: Kloofzicht Lodge & Spa, Muldersdrift
- **6 August 2017: Meeting**  
Cybercrime 101 and a tour of the Darknet - Rohan Isaacs, Kerri Crawford, Tatum Govender & Rakhee Bhikha (Norton Rose Fulbright)  
Venue: WITS Club, Wits University
- **10 November 2017: Year-end Function & General Meeting**  
POPIA – What you need to know - Nerushka Bowan  
Venue: Norton Rose Fulbright SA, Sandton

Future events: We need your suggestions for speakers & venues for our future events. Also any ideas regarding the format of our events will be welcome and appreciated.

## MEMBERSHIP

Unfortunately we have over the past few years seen a decline in membership.

Our paid up members for 2017 are as follows:

Individual members: 99

Corporate members: 22

We would like to ask all our members to please encourage colleagues to join the SAOUG. Especially in light of the conference in 2018.

Membership fees for 2018:

Individual membership: R 150-00

Corporate membership: R 535-00



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## **FINANCES**

SAOUG is financially stable due to our membership renewals and the income from the 2016 conference. Our treasurer will elaborate more in her report. The Audited Financial Statements for end 2016 is available on request. We are however in the process of adding the reports retrospectively to our website.

## **SAOIM 2018**

As you all know 2018 is Conference year! We are already spending a lot of time planning for next year to bring you another exciting SAOIM. As in the past SAOUG and OSALL would like to bring you a conference of high quality and relevant content. We need your paper submissions, please send them in by the end of November 2017. It is also our aim to do this at as low a cost possible to our members. You will note that compared to other South African conferences the SAOIM is still relatively affordable. We hope that this will remain so for years to come.

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

2017 was a particularly busy and challenging year for all of us. Looking at the "Fees must Fall" movement, financial constraints on institutions, organizations and the like, we should all feel proud of what has been accomplished this year. I especially want to thank the SAOUG Committee for all the hard work during the year and say "Job well done team!" For us as a Committee it has also been a rollercoaster year. Being a reasonably "new" team, it has taken quite a bit to work ourselves into our new roles and manage the responsibilities. Everyone on this Committee has contributed 200% and more, and I am extremely grateful to each and everyone!

Finally I would like to thank all our members for your support, participation and contributions to the organization. Without you the SAOUG would not be successful in its endeavours.

Christelle Steyn  
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