



# Southern African Online User Group Chair's Report: 2018

## COMMITTEE:

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

## 2018 MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **14 February 2018: Valentine's Breakfast & Talk**  
Opening the doors of learning for students with disabilities - Anlia Pretorius and Tanya Healey  
Venue: The Big Red Barn: 7 Nelson Rd, Olifantsfontein, Johannesburg, 1666
- **19 - 22 June 2018: Conference**  
14th International SAOIM - Theme: "Where to...?"  
Venue: CSIR International Convention Centre (ICC) Pretoria, South Africa
- **2 November 2018: Year end function & biennial general meeting**  
"Get the job done." - Vasti Manser  
Venue: Kleinkaap Boutique Hotel, 87 Jim van der Merwe Street, Clubview, Centurion.

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 & 2018 are as follows:

	2017	2018
<b>Individual members:</b>	99	87
<b>Corporate members:</b>	22	21

We would like to ask all our members to please encourage colleagues to join the SAOUG.

Membership fees for 2019:  
Individual membership: R 160-00  
Corporate membership: R 580-00



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## **FINANCES**

SAOUG is financially stable due to our membership renewals and the income from the 2018 conference. Our treasurer will elaborate more in her report. The Audited Financial Statements for end 2017 is available on request.

## **SAOIM 2018**

As you all know 2018 was Conference year! As in the past SAOUG and OSALL brought you a conference of high quality and relevant content. We received very positive feedback, some attendees describing the conference as the best one yet. The speakers were fantastic and we honestly had exceptional keynote speakers as well. As always, this event would not have been possible without our sponsors & exhibitors. We truly appreciate their continued support!

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

This has been a very busy year for all of us. So it is a great privilege for me to be able to thank the SAOUG Committee for all the hard work and dedication in 2018. I am extremely grateful to serve on this committee with such an amazing team.

A huge thank you to OSALL for their contribution to the SAOIM. It was 2 years of blood sweat and tears, but we made it! To Charmaine Bertram 2017-2018 chair and Karabo Moleya, newly elected chair, thank you it is fantastic to share this event with OSALL.

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  
SAOUG Chair: 2017-2018