

SASOM Annual General Meeting, conferences and SASOM Branch activities in October and November 2015



The SASOM Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on 20 November 2015 at the Protea Hotel Stellenbosch at 16h30. Notice of the meeting has been sent to all members, and nominations for the SASOM Executive Committee are awaited. Only SASOM members in good standing for 2015 may nominate and vote.

An interesting conference hosted by the SASOM Western Cape Chapter will precede the AGM. The programme commences at 10h30 and includes:

- Current issues in health and safety regulation in the United Kingdom – Implications for occupational health services: Dr Anne Raynal
- A glimpse into the future of Hazardous Chemical Substances Regulations – Feedback from the Department of Labour Technical Committee on the rewriting of the Hazardous Chemicals, Lead and Asbestos Regulations: Dr Greg Kew
- The Kuduwave and legal compliance. Findings of a study evaluating the Kuduwave audiometer for compliance with standards for hearing conservation purposes: Dr Anita Edwards
- Disability and the Employment Equity Act – A review of issues related to increasing access to employment for people living with disabilities and a look at the EEA's definition of disability: Mr Peter Strasheim
- HIV-associated neurological deficit in professional drivers – A review of the literature and a proposal for new research: Dr Hetta Gouse
- A review of the return on investment (ROI) of a health promotion programme at a multinational company: Dr Danie Viljoen
- An introduction to the Medichem Scientific Committee of ICOH activities in South Africa: Dr Murray Coombs

On 10 October 2015 the SASOM Namibian Branch will host their annual conference, "The Goal Posts of

Occupational Health", in Swakopmund, with presentations on the following topics:

- Developments on the Namibian Occupational Health Scene: Dr Ali El Sheriff
- Occupational Law and Ethics: Mr Johan Roux
- Fatigue Management in Industry: Mr Willie van der Merwe
- Occupational Lung Diseases at the Namibian Lung Clinic: Dr Wotan Swiegers
- Ototoxin exposures in the workplace – an underestimated issue?: Mr Nico Potgieter
- Venomous bites – live demonstrations on what to do and what not to do: Dr Christo Buys
- Hepatitis in industry: Dr Herman Strauss
- Occupational health – from South Africa into Africa: Prof. Daan Kocks

The SASOM Northern Cape Branch Annual General Meeting will be preceded by an academic programme on 15 October 2015 at 18h00 at the Red Sands Lodge. Prof. Theuns Verschoor will present "The Impaired Physician" and Dr Jim Te Water Naude will talk about The Asbestos Relief Trust.

SASOM, the Akeso Clinics and SASOHN have joined forces to present a workshop on the identification and management of the psychiatric patient on 17 October 2015 at 07h30 at the Akeso Crescent Clinic in Randburg. The SASOM Pretoria and SASOM Witwatersrand Branches will hold their Annual General Meetings at the Akeso Crescent Clinic after the conclusion of the workshop.

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