

Message from Prof. Cas Badenhorst, SAIOH Vice President

Our President, Karen du Preez, has made the difficult decision to step down from her role, effective 1 January 2026, due to extenuating circumstances and personal reasons associated with these circumstances. While this decision comes midway through her term, it follows careful consideration and is rooted in her need to prioritise matters of personal importance at this time. We fully support her decision and recognise the commitment and integrity with which she has always approached her responsibilities, both professionally and personally.

On behalf of the SAIOH Management Board and Council, as well as the entire membership, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Karen for her dedicated service, strategic insight, and steadfast leadership. During her tenure, she has contributed meaningfully

to strengthening our Institute, advancing the occupational hygiene profession and values, and fostering an engaged and collaborative community. We extend our best wishes to Karen during this time and remain confident that she will continue to be part of our wider professional community.

As the current Vice President of SAIOH, I will step into the role of SAIOH President on 1 January 2026, and a new SAIOH Vice President will be elected early in 2026. The SAIOH Management Board will share further information in the next few weeks regarding the interim leadership arrangements and next steps to ensure continuity of our programmes, governance, and activities.

We thank you for your understanding and continued support. 🙏

Postgraduate students in occupational health – African tertiary institutions invited to list studies on the Journal website

Occupational Health Southern Africa invites tertiary institutions in Africa to list completed occupational health studies of postgraduate students. A study is listed according to its title, abstract, and institution with a link provided to the tertiary institution's open-access repository. Listing of a study will not be considered as a publication in *Occupational Health Southern Africa* in any form, but this listing aims to inform those with an interest in occupational health in Africa of research done by postgraduate students since 2020. For submissions and other criteria, please visit <http://www.occhealth.co.za/> under the Postgrad Research menu (top right of page). 🙏



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