

SOUTH AFRICAN PET USERS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING 2008

24 August 2008

Windhoek Country Club, Windhoek, Namibia

1. Opening

The Chairperson, Dr J Warwick, welcomed all delegates present at the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Profs A Ellmann, M Sathekge.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

These were accepted as correct.

4. Chairman's Report

Dr Warwick's report is read and accepted by the delegates.

Arising from this report was the relative inactivity of SAPUA over the last two years. This caused a debate amongst the members.

Dr. du Toit made a suggestion to disband SAPUA and let it resort under the SASNM.

Prof Esser pointed out that SAPUA should play a role now that PET is available in Academic hospitals. He suggests the name and structure is preserved.

Dr Klopper recommended that SAPUA is a vehicle for Nuclear Medicine and Prof Vangu adds that it should look after their interests.

Dr Korowlay requests that the role of SAPUA be redefined.

Prof Rubow warns that one risks losing the radiation oncology and radiology members if it is taken up into the SASNM. Dr Moalosi asked if the later groupings were made aware of this meeting. The chair confirmed this.

The chairperson suggests that SAPUA becomes a subcommittee of the SASNM with a seat on the council. Prof Esser put a combined proposal to the members; that the new committee consider the proposal made and find the best position for SAPUA for all stakeholders. The new chair must put this proposal to the SASNM council.

5. IAEA distance training programme

Dr Philotheou informed members of the options for PET-CT and SPECT-CT training. It will be a pilot study and will be based on on-line training. Information to be circulated to all members.

6. General

Dr Springolo informed members of an advertisement in the Sawubona (August 2008 issue p. 109) that promotes scan for life. The company claims that a MRI-CT scan can prevent disease. There was consensus that this is misleading and needs to be addressed. Dr Peer indicated that it had been reported to the HPCSA.

Prof Esser requested the community to support iThemba Labs with their Ge/Ga-68 generator and Sr/Rb-82 generator.

8. Election of Office Bearers

The following office bearers were unanimously elected:

Chair: J Warwick

Academic: M Sathekge

Private Practice: A Klopper
Industry: C Naidoo
Additional: F Peer
SASCRO: J Wilson*
RSSA: RJ Tuft*
Secretary: JR Zeevaart

* Nominated by their constituencies

Members present at SAPUA meeting 24 August 2008

L Chipeya, C Davids, R Dewee, P du Toit, JD Esser, WJA Jansen van Vuuren, A Klopper, NA Korowlay, G Lange, M Letsoalo, C Libhaber, T Moalosi, H Morkel, C Naidoo, FSJ Naudè, F Peer, G Philotheou, D Prince, S Rubow, E Springolo, W Vangu, J Warwick, JR Zeevaart

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Secretary: SAPUA