



Psychological Society  
of South Africa

# Annual Report

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of South Africa (Psyssa)

2013



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## Reporting Period

These reports highlight the key activities and achievements of, as well as challenges and issues addressed by the structures of the Society during the reporting period from 26 July 2012 to 25 September 2013. The integrated report (IR) for the period was made available to the delegates of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Society held at Emperors Palace on the 27th September 2013. The IR can be found here.

Chairs, co-chairs and members of each of the structures for the reporting period are tabled and can be located at the end of the report.

## Administration

The Society offices are situated at Killarney Mall, Suite 110, First Floor, Killarney Office Towers, 60 Riviera Road, Killarney, Johannesburg. The goal of purchasing permanent offices remains. The Society telephone number is (011) 486-3322, the facsimile numbers are (011) 486-3266/77, the current e-mail address is [psyssa@psyssa.com](mailto:psyssa@psyssa.com) and the Society website is [www.psyssa.com](http://www.psyssa.com)

The Staff comprises of: Ms F Seedat (Office Manager), Ms Naziha Abbas (PsySSA Administrator) and Ms N Thathi (Client Liaison/Membership Co-ordinator). The office handles over a thousand telephone calls weekly and receives and sends scores of e-mails and facsimile transmissions daily, as well as handling large amounts of post. Society officials regularly provide opinions sought by the media and other institutions, besides dealing with issues raised by members of the public.



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## Membership

Total members in good standing  
(as at 15 September 2013)

Category	Paid	Unpaid	Total
Full Members	1200	1087	2287
Associate/Affiliate/ Foreign Members	4	47	51
Student & Intern Members	30	311	351
Honorary Members	47	0	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>1281</b>	<b>1445</b>	<b>2736</b>

Total members in good standing by Division  
(as at 15 September 2013)

Division	Paid	Unpaid
Clinical	210	210
Clinical Hypnosis	54	54
Industrial	57	57
Education	125	125
Counselling	140	140
Community & Social	44	44
Forum of African Psychology	32	32
Psychometry/ Registered Counsellors	103	103
Neuropsychology/ Forensic	68	68
Research	67	67
Health & Sport	26	67

## Honorary Membership

The following 20 persons were accorded Honorary Membership of PsySSA: Prof D Canter (Leeds University), Prof G d'Ydewalle (Past President: IUPsyS), Dr R Fowler (Past CEO: APA), Prof M Frese (Past President: IAAP), Dr I Lunt (Past President: BPS), Mr S Macozoma (Businessman), Deputy Chief Justice DE Moseneke, Dr EG Pahad (Former Minister in the Presidency), Prof MF Ramashala (Past Vice-Chancellor, Medunsa), Prof M Sabourin (Treasurer, IUPsyS), Rev SP Mkhathshwa (Past Tshwane Mayor), Dr BN Pityana (Vice-Chancellor, UNISA), Dr K Mokhele (Past President, National Research Foundation), Councillor I Mogase (Past Johannesburg Mayor), Prof AK Asmal (Past Minister of Education), Dr A Dasoo (Past Board of Healthcare Funders CEO), Judge A Sachs (Judge of the Constitutional Court), Dr N Anderson (CEO: APA) and Advocate B Mkhize (Registrar/CEO Health Professions Council of South Africa), Prof P Ritchie (IUPsyS-Secretary General). Council approved that honorary membership should not exceed ten years.

Additionally, the following 28 psychologists have been granted Honorary Membership as they have either been medically boarded or are over the age of 70 years and have applied for exemption from membership fees: Mr PJ Botha, Mrs MR Dison, Prof CRM Dlamini, Dr AR Farrant, Mr P Getz, Mr CWI Gillespie, Prof MC Grove, Ms B Hall, Ms JS Harrison, Mr AL Horn, Dr P Krige, Mrs L Lomofsky, Dr EL Lowenberg, Dr B Lutttig, Prof N Peters, Mr V Poonan, Dr RJ Prinsloo, Prof PE van Jaarsveld, Mrs A Maritz, Mrs CLL Moodie, Dr PW Nel, Dr JJ Onselen, Dr R Oxtoby, Ms GAW Oosthuizen, Mrs Jill Skowno, Mrs E Scherer, Mrs MR Stuve and Mr LHW Walker.

## Professional Indemnity for Members

The Society engaged with FNB Insurance Brokers to provide members with an inexpensive professional indemnity insurance cover designed exclusively to meet the needs of psychologists. This cover, underwritten by Etana Insurance Company Limited, indemnifies members against legal liability (such as negligence, malpractice, defamation, etc.) claims up to R2.5m against them (or their staff) at a premium of R895 per member for the period up to 31 December 2013. Practice cover for psychologists is also offered. It is important to note that in terms of Regulations relating to Indemnity Cover for psychologists published by the Minister of Health on 22 October 2004 (Regulation No.1211), indemnity cover is mandatory for practising psychologists registered in the category of independent (private) practice.

## Council

Council is the highest decision-making body of the Society in between General meetings of the Membership. The PsySSA Council met on 20 April 2013 and is scheduled to meet again on 24 September 2013.

A summary of pertinent issues and decisions will be reported on at the Annual General Meeting.



## What is PsySSA?

PsySSA is the only representative professional body of psychologists nationally, and has wide international credibility and recognition. It gives psychology a voice by lobbying and negotiating on behalf of the profession regarding issues of importance to us. In this regard, PsySSA is officially recognised as the negotiator with the National Department of Health, the Council for Medical Schemes, the Compensation Commissioner, the Public Service Commission, other Government Departments, Business, as well as the Professional Board for Psychology.

Further benefits include the following:

- Newsletter, PsyTalk.
- The South African Journal of Psychology.
- Reduced fees for workshops and PsySSA activities, all of which are CPD-accredited.
- Annual National Psychology Congress.
- Free Ethics Committee advice and resolution of issues for members.
- Free e-mail addresses for members.
- The most cost-effective Professional Indemnity Insurance available in the market designed exclusively for our profession.
- Regular referrals through the PsySSA Directory of Psychologists in Private Practice.

- Networking activities throughout the country and abroad.
- PsySSA enjoys a relationship with the International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) and is a member of the International Test Commission (ITC), and we also have good working relations with various other international and national Psychology bodies, such as the International Association of Applied Psychology and the International Association of Cross Cultural Psychology. Furthermore, the Society has signed Memoranda of Understanding with the American Psychological Association (APA), the Australian Psychological Society (APS), the British Psychological Society (BPS), the Bulgarian Psychological Society (BPS), the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), the Chinese Psychological Society (CPS), the Ghana Psychological Association (GPA), the Jordanian Psychological Association (JPA), the National Academy of Psychology - India (NAOP), the Nigerian Psychological Association (NPA), the Norwegian

Psychological Association (NPA), the Psychological Association of Namibia (PAN), the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI), the Russian Psychological Society (RPS), the Swedish Psychological Association (SPA), the Union of Psychologists' Associations of Czech Republic (UPA), and the Zimbabwean Psychological Association (ZPA).

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## Concise Reports From Structures

Concise reports from the various structures of the Society follow:

Standing Committees:

### Congress

Chair: Dr A Watts

Overall the organization of the Congress and Scientific Programme is proceeding according to plan and the designated time lines. The committee would like to thank the PsySSA Executive Committee for their input and assistance with the 2013 Congress and look forward to receiving feedback regarding this and suggestions for the 2014 Congress. At the time of writing it is anticipated that approximately 450 delegates will attend the Congress, whilst some 148 delegates are currently registered for the pre-Congress workshops on 24 September 2013. The abstract submission and review system developed for ICP2012 has been modified for PsySSA and was used for the 2013 Congress. The system provides a streamlined and professional abstract submission and review process, as well as an efficient system for submitters to track the status of their submissions and receive notification of the result. Organised around the theme South African and African Psychology in the 21st century: Challenges and Relevance, the final Scientific Programme comprises 134 thematic oral presentations, 4 symposia, 4 round table discussions, and 22 interactive posters. A plenary invited keynote address will be presented by Linas Bieliauskas, a Past President of the International Neuropsychological Society, on "The landscape of Normal Cognitive Aging". These events are preceded by 8 high-quality pre-congress workshops that have been marketed widely. Much of the Congress content and process has been moved online in 2013. The Abstract Book will be available on-line this year and will not be printed. Congress registration has been entirely online this year, using the system developed for ICP2012. The Congress has been widely marketed with regular electronic updates being sent to South African psychologists. The Congress has also had international exposure via the International Union of Psychological Science. On-site registration has been outsourced to Scatterlings, a company specialising in these services, so that the process is handled in an efficient, professional and expeditious manner. This is to maintain the professional standard set by ICP2012 and to obviate the problems that have arisen in previous years when this process has been handled in-house. The evaluation forms have been revised to enable more meaningful feedback to be obtained from Congress delegates (see last page).

Fourteen companies/entities will exhibit at the Congress. These are Akeso Clinic, Forum of African Psychology, HPCSA, Jopie van Rooyen, Mind Muzik, Medical Protection Society, Netpractice, Oxford University Press, PsySSA, PsyTech, Saville Consulting, SA College of Applied Psychology, van Schaik Publishers and the University of Pretoria. Sponsorships were received from the HPCSA (notepads), Juta & Company (R20 000), Mind Muzik (R5000), Oxford University Press (Pens) and Shereno Printers (R10 000).

Standing Committees:

### Congress

Chair: Dr A Watts

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As in previous years it is anticipated that the Congress will make an excess of income over expenditure. The PsySSA Office is actively following up with delegates who have registered for the Congress but not as yet paid their registration fees to ensure that the majority of the fees are collected by the start of the Congress. Congress delegates will receive 20 general CEU points and 3 for ethics. Workshop participants will receive 3 CEU points for the half-day workshops and 4 for the workshops presented by Cooper, Bieliauskas, and Foxcroft.

The year 2014 is the 20th anniversary of the dawn of democracy in South Africa and the formation of PsySSA. The 20th South African Psychology Congress, which will be held at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre in Durban from 16 to 19 September 2014, thus promises to be a special and exciting event. The Congress Standing Committee is already working on plans for this important milestone in PsySSA's history. These include inviting the Presidents of our MOU partners and marketing the Congress internationally as the success of ICP2012 has made South Africa an attractive Congress destination for psychologists worldwide. The Pan African Psychology Union will also be launched during the Congress. The 1st Announcement and Call for Papers will be disseminated at the end of November 2013. The Committee looks forward to receiving suggestions from the PsySSA Council regarding the 2014 Congress to ensure that it is a truly memorable event in the history of our Society.

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Standing Committees:

## Psychological Testing And Assessment

Chair: Prof C Foxcroft

The Convenor of the Committee frequently responds to questions from members regarding the fair and ethical use of psychological tests. PsySSA's Standing Committee has links with the International Test Commission (ITC) in terms of participating in the ongoing development and refinement of international good assessment practice guidelines. Some PsySSA members attended and made presentations at the ITC's conference in Amsterdam in July 2012 where the focus was on advances in computer-based and internet-delivered testing. Links have also been established with the Psychometrics Committee and test publishers to advocate for enhancing the quality and range of available psychological measures in South Africa and to raise matters pertaining to policy, scope of practice and ethical assessment practices.

Standing Committees:

## Public Service Issues

Chair: Brian Fafudi

To be launched at the PsySSA Congress.

Standing Committees:

## Ethics

The Ethics Committee continues to engage with membership in its support and consultative role. Membership has utilised the committee for consultations on issues of forensic work, cross-disciplinary practice encroachment as well as category specific 'scope of practice' boundary challenges. PsySSA's executive will engage with the HPCSA in re-visiting and updating the statutory ethics code for psychologists. The Ethics committee has committed to the development of a 'Companion Guide to understanding the Ethics Code'; which would operationalise the existing code for research and practice. The committee recommends that PsySSA conduct more general and practitioner focussed ethics workshops nationally. A focal theme should include 'ethical dilemmas in working with children'. Thanks to Ms. Fatima Seedat and Nosipho Thathi for their continued infrastructural support. And especially to all PsySSA members who have brought issues of ethical concern, criticality and compassionate engagement to the practice and study of psychology within a human rights framework.

Standing Committees:

## Publications

The Publications Committee was established in August 2008. The purpose of the Publications Committee is to oversee, co-ordinate and advise the Executive Committee and Council of PsySSA on publishing activities that promote the vision and mission of the Society and that benefit its members, as well as the general public. To this end, the Publications Committee seeks to ensure that the Society is effectively engaged in strategic publication initiatives that affirm its role in supporting scholarship and other related creative and intellectual activity. In providing strategic direction for PsySSA's role in the production and dissemination of knowledge, the Committee objectives are aligned with the overall aim to grow PsySSA. The role of the Committee is also to consider key operational matters, such as the diversification of PsySSA publications to cater for distinctive audiences, dissemination formats for published material, policy guidelines related to its current and planned publications, capacity-building initiatives, publishing proposals, marketing, advertising policies, and copyright. Further, the Committee has interacted with key South African and regional publishing groups and stakeholders, such as Lexus Nexus, Juta and Oxford Publishers, to consider partnership and collaboration opportunities. The Committee aims to ensure that high research and presentation, and editorial and design standards are maintained, and that PsySSA produces quality publications in a variety of formats, including books, journals, conference proceedings, newsletters, pamphlets and electronic media.

To enable the above, PsySSA has established its own publishing house, PsySSA Press. PsySSA Press published its first book in 2009, titled *Early Intervention of Alcohol Abuse Problems in South Africa: A Cognitive Behavioural Approach* and co-authored by Prof. Basil Pillay, Past President of PsySSA and Prof. Fanny Duckert from the University of Oslo, Norway. The most recent publication by PsySSA, launched in October 2012, is titled *Crime, Violence and Injury in South Africa: 21st Century Solutions for Child Safety*. The book is edited by Prof. Ashley Van Niekerk, Shahnaaz Suffla and Prof. Mohamed Seedat. It provides an in-depth reflection on the current successes and challenges faced by the South African child injury and violence research and prevention sector, and contributes to the knowledge platform required for the ongoing development and consolidation of South Africa's research and prevention efforts directed at child safety.

Standing Committees:

## South African Journal Of Psychology (SAJP)

With a rich history behind it, the *South African Journal of Psychology* embarked on a new chapter on 1 January 2013. Two significant changes have taken place, the first involving the editorial team and the second involving the publishing system. As is standard practice in all peer-reviewed journals, the SAJP saw a new editorial team beginning their term of office, taking over duty from the previous team led by Editor Professor Kobus Maree who did a sterling job in ensuring a high standard of academic publishing. Thanks are expressed to Professor Maree and his team for their hard work and dedication to the Journal. It is hoped that those gains will be consolidated and that the journal will continue its role as one of the continent's leaders in academic Psychology publications.

The current Editorial team includes Anthony Pillay (Editor-in-Chief), Brendon Barnes (Associate Editor), Sumaya Laher (Associate Editor), Bronwyn Myers (Associate Editor), Tyronne Pretorius (Consulting Editor: Statistics), Umesh Bawa (Book Review Editor) and Anne Kramers-Olen (Editorial Assistant).

The journal has also entered a new era in its publishing format and partnership. The South African Journal of Psychology is now published by SAGE Publications (UK) which is a major international publishing house. In this respect, the SAJP is published alongside a host of other prominent psychology journals. The Journal has also migrated to the ScholarOne manuscript submission and management system, with the effect that all new manuscripts are submitted via the online portal, and review processes are handled through that system. This makes for a more efficient and modern approach to academic publishing. Authors and other interested parties can consult the publishing guidelines at <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/msg/sap.htm#MANUSCRIPTSTYLE>

One of the innovations during 2013 has been the introduction of the 'State of the Science' editorials. These are specially commissioned editorials penned by international leaders in the field, reflecting on the latest development in specific focus areas. The false memory research article by Cara Laney & Elizabeth Loftus drew much enthusiastic response, as did Isaac Prilleltensky's work titled 'Wellness without fairness' in issue 43(2). The September 2013 issue features Barbara Wilson's article titled 'Neuropsychological Rehabilitation: State of the Science'. In addition, the issue features a treat for those interested in psychology's history in South Africa – the renowned Professor Chabani Manganyi reflects on becoming a psychologist in apartheid South Africa. This historical account is a must-read, especially for younger psychologists and students of the discipline, who may not be familiar with the struggles, strife and peculiarities characterising psychology training in pre-democracy South Africa.

The South African Journal of Psychology will be marking the 20-year anniversary celebrations of democracy in the country and the birth of the Psychological Society of South Africa (PsySSA), with a special issue scheduled for September 2014. A call has been made, inviting focused and concise papers reflecting on, inter alia, psychology in post-apartheid South Africa, as well as psychology's role in and contribution to the country's development and progress towards a just and equal society generally and, specifically, on how psychology has progressed and remained one of the most popular fields of study at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels. The editorial team is appreciative of the support it has received from colleagues, reviewers, authors, and especially the PsySSA leadership.

Standing Committees:

## The Society Newsletter, PsyTalk

The growth in the Society's national, regional and international scope and reach has resulted in more newsworthy content and a larger pool of potential readers and communication stakeholders. Such is the demand for the increased coverage of content relevant to psychology and PsySSA that the newsletter is now published quarterly rather than the historically familiar 3-issue-a-year cycle. This increase in frequency is part of a global shift in the Society's communication strategy that will use the Newsletter to highlight, centralise and synthesise the Society's content. It will also channel members to online national and international resources and applications by further exploiting its seamless interfacing with other psychology-related news content. Direct inputs into the newsletter by its various structures via web content management is also envisaged for rollout in the coming year.

Standing Committees:

## PsySSA Directory of Psychologists in Private Practice

The deadline for listing in the 2013 directory was the 4 February 2013. Members in private practice were urged to take advantage of being included in this valuable referral source. Those psychologists listed received an incalculable number of referrals from the PsySSA office, colleagues, institutions and other professionals. We currently have 56 psychologists registered with the directory, which is the first source of reference when dealing with referral calls from the public at the PsySSA Office. The Directory is also available on the PsySSA Website and receives thousands of hits every month.

Standing Committees:

## Tariffs and Practice Issues

Chair: Dr I Opperman

Private Practitioners, both Psychologists and Registered Councillors, have battled with numerous tariff-related aspects in the past. These include economic factors like the worldwide financial crisis, and the fact that a substantial amount of small businesses have gone into liquidation resulting in shrinking amounts of money available to spend on psychotherapy. This shrinking pool of potential income has been exacerbated by the increasing costs associated with running a private practice. There is also general uncertainty around tariffs and the fact that medical aids can now determine their own in contrast to past practice whereby they were determined by independent research. Another central challenge has been widespread unhappiness with current scopes of practice by some psychologists because certain registration categories are reportedly not being paid for particular sessions by various medical aids. These challenges all impact on the delicate balancing act required of psychologists who must meet the mental healthcare needs of our country, and its diverse population groups, while also making a living as professionals. But all is not gloom and doom. Psychology is a wonderful and enjoyable profession that brings a lot of exciting challenges on a day-to-day basis and is hugely rewarding.

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Standing Committees:

## International Relations

Chair: Dr S Cooper

The International Relations Standing Committee has been quite active in this critical post - ICP2012 period, following through on the outcomes of this defining moment for South African Psychology.

### 1. ICP2012

The International Union of Psychological Science (IUPsyS) has pronounced that ICP2012 was the most successful in terms of its superb organisation and administration, its superlative scientific programme, which was the most extensive in covering all fields of psychology, and its global representation of delegates from 103 countries.

#### 1.1 Hosts

In addition to IUPsyS, hosts for the 30th ICP were the National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF) and the Psychological Society of South Africa. ICP2012 subsumed PsySSA's 18th Annual South African National Psychology Congress. The following South African Universities were ICP2012 Academic Partners, especially enabling participation by their students:

- Monash University
- Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
- North-West University
- Rhodes University
- Stellenbosch University
- University of Cape Town
- University of Pretoria
- University of South Africa
- University of the Witwatersrand
- University of Zululand

ICP 2012 Host Partners were:

- Botswana Association of Psychologists (BAPsy)
- International Positive Psychology Association (IPPA)
- International Teaching of Psychology Network (InterTOP/ICOPE, ICP2012 subsumed the International Conference on Teaching Psychology)
- Psychological Association of Mozambique (APM)
- Psychological Association of Namibia (PAN)
- Society for Industrial & Organisational Psychology of South Africa (SIOPSA, ICP2012 subsumed

- SIOPSA's Annual Conference)
- South African Clinical Neuropsychological Association (SACNA, ICP subsumed SACNA's Biennial Conference)
- Southern African Aerospace Medical Association (SAAsMA, ICP2012 subsumed SAAsMA's Biennial Conference)
- Zimbabwe Psychological Association (ZPA)

The International Test Commission (ITC) organized three symposia, as did certain divisions of the International Association of Applied Psychology and the International Licensure, Certification and Credentialing in Psychology Conference.

#### 1.2 Scientific Programme

Established and emerging academics from the various departments of psychology in the country ably played their role in reviewing the numerous abstracts submitted, as reflected below. Some 7151 abstracts were submitted; 262 did not resubmit. The following categories of presentation comprised the Final ICP 2012 Scientific Programme, in which South African presenters were prominent:

- 1 Presidential Address
- 13 State-of-the-Science Lectures
- 4 Controversial Debates
- 2 Translational Policy Research Lectures (comprising 1 topic)
- 14 Workshops
- 4 IUPsyS Award Lectures
- 133 Invited Addresses
- 583 presentations in:
  - 107 Invited Symposia
  - 14 Focal Symposia
  - 7 Change Fellow Presentations
  - 8 Panels
- 136 General/Divisional Symposia (comprising 598 papers)
- 2322 Podium Presentations
- 705 Traditional Posters
- 351 Rapid Posters
- 216 Virtual Posters

The rejection rate was higher than is customary for conferences, as conventional wisdom has been to allow as many submissions as possible in the actual programme, which then translates into delegate registration figures. The approach that was adopted by most of the 44 divisions of the ICP2012 Scientific Committee was to utilise a defensible benchmarking. The initial rejection rate was 28%. After a Quality Assurance review process this was marginally reduced to 30%, setting a new bar for scientific programming.

An innovative Change Fellowship Programme, with support from the Jacobs Foundation, the NRF and IUPsyS was undertaken, for which the international jury comprised Norman Duncan (Chair), Rainer Silbereisen (Germany), Kopano Ratele (South Africa), Anthony Pillay (South Africa), Bame Nsamenang (Cameroon), Merry Bullock (USA) and Amos Alao (Botswana), with Pierre Ritchie (Canada) and Ann Watts (South Africa) serving as ex officio members of the jury. The recipients of the Change Fellowship Awards are listed below.

Name	Institution
Dr Ali, Amina Abubakar	Kenya Medical Research Institute, Nairobi
Prof Bowman, Brett	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Dr Menon, Anita	University of Zambia, Lusaka
Dr Myers, Bronwyn	University of Cape Town
Dr Mzikazi, Nduna	University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
Dr Olapegba, Peter Olamakinde	Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria
Dr Sanger, Nadia	Human Sciences Research Council, Cape Town

An Emerging Psychologists' Programme (EPP) was conceptualized to utilize the opportunities associated with hosting ICP2012 in South Africa to develop the next layer of leaders, especially in African psychology, after 2012. To this end, ICP2012 included emerging psychologists in the majority of the 44 divisional committees of the Scientific Committee and hosted

a nested 3-day intensive training colloquium aimed at facilitating the interaction of leading emerging psychologists from across the world. The colloquium encompassed seminars, site visits, cultural events and social functions aimed at ensuring effective exchanges and interactions between participants. Each aspect of the programme was structured in a way that promoted North-South, South-North and South-South skills transfers so that all participants could benefit from novel understandings of psychology in the unique cultural melange that is South Africa. The programme was also founded on the intention to further develop South African (and by extension African) psychology internationally and the programme therefore continuously emphasised South African psychology as its focal point. This was enhanced by site visits to historical South African locations, visits to leading South African academic institutions, and seminars led by prominent high-ranking South African and international psychologists. The programme structure was thus founded on developing comprehensive understandings of South African psychology as a means of serving humanity whilst simultaneously advancing the careers of the selected emerging psychologists as a cohort of future leadership in international psychology.

Prior to the start of the colloquium, nine smaller groups of emerging psychologists were formed by the coordinator, Prof Sumaya Laher (Wits), according to broad research interests, with equitable representation from the three geographic areas - the 'developed world', Africa and the rest of the 'developing' world. A South African emerging scholar acted as local host and the groups engaged in joint output that the colloquium required, especially in the post-colloquium Congress participation period. A focus for the groups was on networking for international collaboration. Leading international psychologists agreed to act as mentors for the nine groups. Finally, site visits were made to two Cape Town universities that offer post-graduate study in psychology, the University of Cape Town, the oldest university in South Africa, and the University of the Western Cape, the youngest Cape Town university to offer graduate psychology, as well as to a research unit co-directed by the University of South Africa and the Medical Research Council.

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Standing Committees:

## International Relations - *continued...*

Chair: Dr S Cooper

The 95 applications received were rigorously scrutinized by a South African jury. 29 females and 12 males were chosen. The 41 successful applicants comprised:

- 8 from the 'developed' world
- 13 from Africa (including South Africa)
- 20 from the rest of the 'developing' world (including Latin America, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Pacific Rim).

The age range was 24 to 39 years, with the average age being 31 years. All were post-Masters.

### 1.3 Opening Ceremony

The ICP2012 Opening Ceremony proved to be breath-taking and oversubscribed. Amongst the highlights were:

- Nobel Laureate for Literature 2012, psychologist Tomas Transtromer's poem read by Swedish Psychological Association President, Dr Lars Ahlin
- Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke introducing the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Dr Navi Pillay, who gave the Keynote Address
- A PsySSA Fellowship conferred on Prof Noel Chabani Manganyi, one of the most prolific South African psychologists who served as the first Director-General of Education in President Mandela's term of office
- Mr Nkosinathi Biko conferring the Steve Biko Award for Psychological Liberation on His Grace, Archbishop Emeritus and Nobel Peace Laureate Desmond Mpilo Tutu
- The cultural extravaganza and the South African Cocktail Reception where SA psychologists hosted delegates and luminaries from across the globe.

A social programme that was positively received was interspersed during this historic week, with PsySSA members and other colleagues graciously acting as hosts to international psychologists, accompanying persons and students.

### 2. Pan African Psychology Union (PAPU)

PsySSA President, Prof Siphwi Ngcobo, was a co-facilitator, together with Ava Thompson (Bahamas) and Pam Maras (UK), of a workshop of the leadership

of various African psychology organisations. This continental leadership adopted the Cape Town Declaration, announcing the formation of the Pan African Psychology Union (PAPU) to the acclaim of the delegates at the Opening ceremony. Following on this compact, PsySSA was active with IUPsyS in organising the historic 1st PAPU workshop in Accra, Ghana, on 26-27 April 2013. This workshop, oriented at North and West African psychology organisations, was hosted by PsySSA MOU partner, the Ghana Psychological Association. The next workshop, oriented at Southern African psychology organisations, will be held on 26 September during the 19th PsySSA Congress, and the final workshop, oriented at East and Central African psychology organisations, will be held in Kampala, Uganda, during the East African Regional Conference of Psychology in November. PsySSA is committed to this important continental initiative that should see psychology's flag flying high throughout Africa.

### 3. Memoranda Of Understanding

Besides the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the Ghana Psychological Association, one was signed by the President with the Nigerian Psychological Association, bringing to 18 the number of PsySSA MOU partners. It is noteworthy that PsySSA started this trend, which is being emulated by, inter alia, the American Psychological Association (APA), with whom we signed our first MOU in 1998. These MOUs have begun to result in active collaborations and exchange that can only benefit South African psychology.

### 4. National Research Foundation

As is known, various PsySSA figures serve on the South African National Committee for IUPsyS, which reports to the SA ICSU (International Council for Science) Board, based at the National Research Foundation (NRF). The Chair is Prof Kopano Ratele, with Brett Bowman (Wits), Norman Duncan (UP), Fatima Seedat (PsySSA), Shahnaaz Suffla (MRC), and Ann Watts and Saths Cooper (ex officio, as both serve on the IUPsyS Executive) serving as members.

## Divisions:

Division:

### South African Society for Clinical Psychology (SASCP)

During 2012, the division focused on mobilizing membership behind topical professional issues especially on impact of scope of practice and the implications of the National Health Insurance system. In the coming year, the division will focus on hosting more workshops, training presentations and establishing closer working ties with community based organizations. The executive has been in constant telephonic contact and has met once since the last AGM in 2012. This year has proven especially difficult due to in-house financial challenges with respect to bank account issues. However, the membership makes use of social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter to remain connected. Connection to and across the membership is also enabled by the SASCH website which is maintained by Tebogo Fafudi. In the long-term, the clinical division will offer more value to its growing membership and represent the broad spectrum of clinical needs. However, its immediate goal is to secure its financial position through developing other income avenues. To this end, a programme of consultative action will be pursued, the division will also attempt to strengthen established communication lines and more importantly respond timeously to topical societal issues via the various media platforms. It is envisaged that PsySSA will continue to be the voice of progressive psychology and engage societal structures to market and showcase the value of psychologists in the country. Furthermore, when there are obvious threats and challenges to the profession, the PsySSA executive in consultation with the divisions will pro-actively respond and intervene. This has proven a successful approach thus far and should continue. However, given the financial challenges experienced during the reporting period, establishing income security is a priority.

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Division:

## South African Association for Counselling Psychology

The priorities for the structure for the year included finding ways to be relevant to members, sustaining the division as well as accessing the most efficient and effective way in which the division could be managed. Considering the current challenges and the instability that still exists in the structure; the priorities for next year have not been set yet. To this end, I propose strategic involvement by the PsySSA Executive Committee, Council, and members of the division as well as the incoming division's Executive Committee in order to discuss the livelihood of the division. Having said this, there has been commitment from the PsySSA office as well as the PsySSA chairperson to assist in its sustainability. The most pressing need of the Division is centred around leadership and commitment and mobilising members to actively participate in the division and PsySSA activities more broadly. During the current term, the focus has been on the NHI system, scope of practise as well as the sustainability of the division. To this end, each Exec member has been assigned a task team for support. As a consequence we have seen Elaine Bing actively representing PsySSA and the division on the Discovery panel. We commend her work there. In terms of publications, we have participated in the compilation of *PsyTalk*. In the previous year we have seen members resign or withdraw from participation because of personal commitments or being overwhelmed by work demands. As a result, the leadership which takes over in the next term would need to make a strong commitment to the division in order to pursue sustainability and continuity. Recommendations to the PsySSA executive include engaging with division's leadership in order to offer it support in accelerating growth and forward movement.

Division:

## Educational Psychology

In the past two years, the division for educational psychology focused on making contributions to clarifying the scope of practice and promoting the essential role of educational psychology in various contexts in South Africa. Its objective was to interact with all relevant interest groups, to represent the aspirations of our constituents, and to impact positively on our society. Members of the division made significant contributions to the endeavours of the task team for educational psychology. The detailed response that followed the promulgation of the scope of practice document is now being considered by the Board for Psychology's Scope of Practice Task team. This task team will address several shortcomings in the promulgated scope (See *PsyTalk* 2 2012). The division has also taken an interest in medical aid issues. One of our members, Dr Martin Strous is on the Psychology Advisory Panel of Discovery Health. We have supported a complaint with the Council for Medical Schemes against another medical aid. We invite our members to forward us any concerns they may have relating to other medical aid related issues. Members of the division also participated in various consultative processes with the Department of Basic Education in refining a screening and identification protocol for children with difficulties; training guidelines for curriculum adaptation, full-service and special schools; as well as developing norms and standards for the staffing of support structures. Taking part in these processes is important for redefining the role and contribution of educational psychologists in inclusive education. The division promotes the pivotal contribution of educational psychology in South Africa and continuously aims to strengthen the position of educational psychologists and counsellors as mental health and education support professionals. We want to thank all members of the division for supporting our efforts in the past two years. A new executive for the term of 2013 - 2015 will be elected at the annual meeting.

Division:

## Health and Sports Psychology

The ICP 2012 was a very good and productive conference for members of the division for Health and Sport Psychology (DHSP), individually and as a group. Many more people working in the field attended the conference and we were able to have some productive discussions and plan for the future. This is very positive and exciting for those involved and great strides are being made in generating support. During the past year we have also had to confront the ever present challenge of not having enough members in the DHSP and the difficulty of convincing people in other divisions (and those not part of PsySSA) to formally join our ranks. With all the positive

progression we have made and the progressively louder buzz around sport psychology, it is sobering to note that the DHSP is on borrowed time in terms of the PsySSA Constitution's requirements. In a meeting held last year, one of the questions members of the DHSP asked was, 'where to from here?' We asked this because even though we have increased interest, especially in sport psychology, and increased our presence at the previous PsySSA Congress and at the ICP 2012 Congress, we find ourselves in the precarious position of having less than 20 paid up members in the division. The small group of people who have remained active in the DHSP are unable to bear the burden on their own and need the support of others in these fields. Outside of the DHSP, interest in sport psychology is slowly gathering momentum, with a mailing list that has quickly grown to over 50 members and is increasing all of the time. These people have decided not to join the DHSP and one wonders why. Perhaps some of them are not registered psychologists,

given the tendency for many people working in the sport psychology field worldwide to be based in sport science departments and have sport science and human movement backgrounds. If this is the case, then how do we deal with such a situation? If not, then what are the reasons? I believe there is room to bring all those involved into the mix as sport psychology grows in South Africa. How can we make sure that PsySSA is a central place for this to happen, because I am convinced that psychology needs to remain central in the offering of sport psychology in South Africa? On a more positive note, members of the DHSP have been actively involved in developing sport and exercise psychology in South Africa. Four people associated with the DHSP and/or the sport and exercise psychology mailing list attend the 2013 International Society of Sport Psychology (ISSP) Congress in Beijing in July and forged links with our international counterparts. The African Society of Sport and Exercise Psychology (ASSEP) was launched at this congress and some of

our members were elected to the Executive Committee. There are more and more committed individuals who are passionate about the development of sport psychology in South Africa. If we can encourage some of those people and more of the current PsySSA members from other divisions to join the DHSP then we can build on these numbers and develop the perhaps develop the divisions (health and sport) separately as well. If not, then we are going to have to make some very difficult decisions during the PsySSA Congress in 2013. The numbers will speak volumes when we have the divisional meetings. The DHSP usually competes with some more established divisions and so attendance is usually quite low. Nevertheless, we shall continue making a concerted effort to grow both health and sport psychology and grow the DHSP, until such time that a final decision is made.

Division:

## South African Society of Clinical Hypnosis (SASCH)

SASCH held three workshops during the reporting period. The first involved a robust discussion on the strengths and challenges of DSM-V by Alban Burke from the University of Johannesburg in a packed Auditorium at Weskoppies Hospital in Pretoria. The second was themed Encounter Centred Couples Therapy and was presented by Dr Ian Opperman at Unitas Hospital on 11 May 2013. More than 40 participants attended. The third workshop took place on the 20th of July, titled, Old Therapies and New Perspectives - Review of Hypnosis and Related Approaches. The various speakers explained all the streams of therapy. Dr Cecile Gericke (Ego-State therapy), Dr Louise Olivier (Eriksonian Hypnotherapy), Dr Trevor Modlin (Medical Hypnoanalysis) and Mr Kevin Fourie – (Integrative/Traditional Hypnotherapy) all provided enriching insights into their respective topic areas. Educational topics and excellent speakers made the third workshop a worthy experience. The fourth workshop, titled “Potjiekos” will take place in October. For the first time in our history, the workshops received a lot of support from two very generous sponsors in the form of MediHelp and Boiron Laboratories.

The division’s newsletter, Hypnos has been taken over by Dr Susan Krieger. Four issues are published each year and feature two articles as well as recent news, the training programme and various items of interest. The SASCH website remains in the competent hands of Dr Hanneljie van Zyl-Edeling. There have been some changes in leadership. Dr Ian Opperman is now an additional member and no longer Vice Chairman but he will always be there to advise SASCH and will always be part of SASCH. A special thank you to Prof. Kobus Maree for the first of a series of training for M1, M2, community service, intern and first year practising psychologists. We had 15 participants attend the training in August. Our vision for next year is expansion, expansion, getting more members, continuing to provide quality training to uplift and equip people more and to give them even more advanced skills with which to serve the public.

Division:

## Research and Methodology (DRM)

The two years since the last PsySSA congress has been detrimental to the health of this already ailing division. We developed some enthusiasm and momentum the year before, leading to a workshop at the last PsySSA congress and some plans to develop our Internet presence and networking activities. A division meeting was scheduled at the ICP in Cape Town in 2012, but none of the members (except the Chair) attended. We had a Skype meeting before then, where some ideas about workshops and other activities were aired, but we need to regroup at the coming PsySSA Congress to assess where we are at and how we can offer meaningful activities to our members. The DRM still has a place and role to fulfil, but perhaps it needs to detach itself finally from the professional interests of the category ‘Research Psychologist’ and

instead concern it more broadly with the development of research skills, opportunities and networks. It may be beneficial to form closer ties with especially the Student Division, as it is here that we will find the biggest ‘market’ for workshops, information about research grants and job opportunities. Plans for 2013-2014 include: reforming the committee and selecting a new chair at the PsySSA congress in September; plan at least two research skills development workshops for PsySSA 2014; consider the possibility for regional activities (at least two, one in the north and one in the south), possibly in partnership with the Student Division; investigate the use of social media; and form a collective blog devoted to research related issues, to be contributed to by both academics and postgraduate students.

Division:

## Neuropsychology and Forensic Psychology

The executive met three times during the reporting period. Drs Saths Cooper, Ann Watts and Louise Olivier met with a committee of the Workmen’s Compensation Fund (WCF) to discuss the fees paid to psychologists for fund-related work. A fee structure was put in place both for evaluating and treating claimants. Meetings to discuss the registration categories of Neuropsychologist and Forensic Psychologist were held with Professional Board for Psychology. At present the Minister of Health has to approve the new categories and then the process of registering appropriately qualifying psychologists through a grandfather clause in the categories will commence. The Professional Board will determine the finer details of this process. The division met with the Medico-Legal Society in order to establish a working relationship. This Society offers workshops and calls meetings that are of importance to the members of this division. A branch of the Medico-Legal Society was recently established in Cape Town. PsySSA’s Executive Committee decided to split the current divisional structure into two divisions for Neuropsychology and Forensic Psychology but the Executive Committee of the current division appealed this because many psychologists in the present division

have professional interests in both and this would only imply additional costs to its members. The divisions’ Executive Committee requested PsySSA (together with its own nominated members) to meet with the Road Accident Fund’s management to discuss their recent request for psychologists to be on a panel doing RAF related professional work. The once off fee proposed by them will also be addressed. Fees paid by the Department of Justice for mental status evaluations in criminal procedures are also being addressed as these fees are outdated and require revision. Members of the division at the PsySSA Congress in 2013 are presenting two workshops.

The future plans of the executive of the division are to suggest a separate stream to showcase their work at the 2014 Congress and encourage and assist members to register in the new categories of Neuropsychology and Forensic Psychology once this is a possibility. As always, we also aim to grow our membership. At present the membership numbers are low but it is expected that as soon as psychologists start registering in the new categories membership will increase rapidly.

Division:

## Student Division

The year 2013 was an exciting one for the Student division, especially because it was the year in which the third Southern African Psychology Students’ Conference took place. The priorities for the Student division during the reporting period were to a) create platforms for student engagement by working with the community and social psychology division and b) supporting students to attend the Southern African Psychology Students conference. The division worked together with the PsySSA office to market the annual congress to be hosted in September. Marketing activities included a marketing stall at the congress, discounts on membership, awarding free conference attendance to the best presentations at the student congress.

The division also hosted a number of panel discussions at the conference. Going forward, we would like to transform the student division into a structure that accelerates organized student psychology through the establishment of student divisions at each South African University. We intend to do this by drawing on existing student bodies and their expertise in forming student bodies to guide and assist students at those universities who do not have student divisions. The priority for next year will be to focus on supporting existing student divisions at universities and assist the formation and development of student divisions at universities where there are none.

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Division:

## Psychometrists & Registered Counsellors Division

Our priorities in 2012/13 were to establish Scope of Practice from the HPCSA and determine which psychometry tests can be administered by registered counsellors. Sadly, this information has not been forthcoming, so we spent a year lobbying, contributing towards research projects and on a national basis, discussing our role in the psychology profession, attending the conjoint meeting held by the HPCSA Tariff Committee of the Medical and Dental Profession Board on 11 April 2013 in Pretoria. The division is hoping for greater clarity and a sense of where we are going in terms of practice, tariffs and training. Our priorities next year are to establish scope of practice, clarify tariffs and which tests our counsellor members are able to administer, plus getting guidelines on the training of registered counsellors and psychometrists as far as B Psych and BA Hons courses are concerned. As we are the largest group of mental health practitioners writing the board exams at the HPCSA, our division needs clarity and cohesion and support to practise as professionals. Hopefully our division can work closely with the PsySSA head office and offer CPD training courses. We hope to see more support for counsellors and psychometrists within the psychology profession, and to find more job opportunities through Government Departments, such as Health, Social Development, Education and Police Services. We held regular quarterly phone meetings and regional meetings were arranged locally by divisional members. Annual psychometry workshops are arranged at Congress by PsySSA, attended by many of our members.

Our main form of communication with members is the publication, e-Forum, which is distributed electronically to our members on a quarterly basis. In the coming months, we wish to increase members through student support at tertiary education level and organise more national training workshops through PsySSA. We hope to achieve this by offering skills training specific to counsellors – eg group trauma work and basic assessment tests; and by offering counselling skills to psychometrists. These skills were identified at the last AGM by our members. We recommend that the PsySSA executive involves trained counselors and psychometrists more actively in workshop organisation and gives them a voice for their division, including meetings at the AGM concerning scope of practice and tariffs. Focus also needs to be on job generation for our members, rather than the focus on skills competition between professionals.



Division:

## Community & Social Psychology

The Community and Social Psychology (CaSP) division's aim was to continue the process of establishing and maintaining an online communication space to share ideas and information about upcoming events and conferences, new publications, to track the history of local publications and conference presentations, to hear how different universities define community psychology and approach the teaching of community and social psychology. The division's blog address is <http://psyssacs.blogspot.com/>. The blog is intended to serve as a bulletin board and general community nexus for both members of the division and practitioners in both of these interrelated fields. To submit material to the blog, send your submission to Eduard Fourie ([fourime@unisa.ac.za](mailto:fourime@unisa.ac.za)) or Puleng Segalo ([segalp@unisa.ac.za](mailto:segalp@unisa.ac.za)). We will continue to explore ways with which to highlight the work of South African Community and Social Psychology Practitioners and grow the division.

ICP2012 as well as other national and international conferences provided us with the opportunity to network within the division, but also with the broader psychology community. The online space will continue to develop and to provide an interactive and engaging space. executive members of the division continue to engage electronically. Members of the division as well as other interested parties were invited to let us know whether they wish to receive email notifications of new posting on the blog, and the response was very positive. Members of the division team also attended and presented at the Fifth International Community Psychology Conference in Barcelona in June 2012, at the Third Southern African Students' Psychology Conference as well as various other Congresses. In addition, members of the division played a central role on hosting and presenting at the Third Southern African Students' Psychology Conference in June 2013. Together with the PsySSA Student Division, a series of round table discussions on scholarly Development is included in the 19th PsySSA Congress to be hosted in September 2013. Let's continue to make online communications and interactions more vibrant and active. In doing so, more people can participate and engage in activities, projects, and decision making processes.

Division:

## Forum for African Psychology

The forum's Executive Committee met four times during the year. These included one face-to-face meeting, two teleconferences and a strategic workshop. Regional meetings were also held in Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal and Polokwane. Student recruitment was actively pursued in Polokwane and KwaZulu-Natal. The forum facilitated a workshop that was attended by 50 delegates and two of its members presented at the Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi) Convention in New Orleans, USA. Priorities for the year included student recruitment and membership growth, research and launching of the journal, launching branches in other provinces and improving social media communication. In the coming year, the forum will attempt to create international linkages with African Countries, the USA and other diasporas, participate actively in International Congress on African-Centered Psychology, secure increased funding, improving resources and local networking with government institutions.

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## Branches

### Western Cape

The success of the ICP 2012 provided an opportunity to facilitate a growth in PsySSA membership as well as PsySSA activities in the Western Cape. However, the branch has not been able to capitalise on this opportunity. In spite of this missed opportunity, there continues to be interest in PsySSA. In moving forward it is imperative that some of the suggestions for strengthening and revitalising the branch that were previously considered be implemented. Four ongoing challenges need to be addressed. These are the need for more active involvement from a larger pool of PsySSA members, the recruitment of new members into PsySSA, the development of more extensive collaborations with other NGO's and the establishment of a sustainable CPD programme.

Far more effort needs to be diverted to address these ongoing challenges. To facilitate engagement with this process a branch meeting will be convened to map a way forward for the coming year.

### Limpopo

After Mr Tebogo Fafudi has left our province early this year as chairperson, we really felt the gap. He has left a legacy of direction and passion for the organization. PsySSA Limpopo is trying to continue this legacy and will also aim to do so for the coming year. During 2014, PsySSA Limpopo will continue to strive towards creating awareness of PsySSA as an organization in rural areas and aims to bring continuous development and training to its members in Limpopo. The number of face-to-face meetings for the Executive committee has been scaled down and we attempt to make use of electronic medium more often, since members are scattered widely across the province. This proved to be advantageous for tracking arrangements and progress against deadlines. Meetings with members are mostly alongside workshops in order to bridge the obstacles of distance and transport costs. Due to the larger number of activities arranged in and around our province this year we have scaled down some of our planned workshops/presentations but we have attempted to cover a broader range of needs and ensure a high standard of training including a presentation on Children's Drawings during April, presented by Mrs Susan van der Merwe. A MMPI-2 workshop to be presented by Jopie van Rooyen & Partners is scheduled for October PsySSA Limpopo aims to continue rolling out our membership to universities and rural areas. Task teams will be appointed to pursue this objective. Meetings will be scheduled with universities and institutions to present the mission and goals of our organization to prospective members.

## Interest Groups

### Interest Group on Sexuality and Gender soon to be a Division

For many years PsySSA has played an active role in galvanizing psychological work on sexuality and gender. It is therefore unsurprising that work in this area has been well represented, annually, in the congress programme. This year, PsySSA will officially release its sexual and gender diversity position statement for psychology at the congress. Also, in keeping with the Society's increasing interest and momentum in these fields, if all goes according to plan, a new Sexuality and Gender division will be launched at congress to replace the current Interest Group.

## Affiliates

### Southern African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education

SAACDHE has 21 membership institutions with the newest addition of the National University of Lesotho. Some of the priority areas for 2012/2013 included supporting the continuous development of FET student counselling, development and support services, enhancing collaborative partnerships with other student affairs bodies and building on the existing support initiatives for SADC countries. The Executive management committee conducted four meetings this year. The first meeting was held in December 2012 in Johannesburg. This was followed by two teleconference meetings in March and May 2013. The July 2013 meetings were held in Port Elizabeth. The EMC also met with the 2013 Conference Organizing Committee (COC) to discuss the 34th annual conference and to conduct a site visit. The next EMC/GMC meeting will take place on 11 September in Port Elizabeth. Our Annual General meeting will also take place on 11 September 2013. We have just revised our Quality Assurance document which is being used at higher educations throughout South Africa. We are awaiting the publication of the second volume of the SAACDHE journal, the Journal of Counselling and Development in Higher Education Southern Africa (JCDHESA). We encourage our members to 'present to publish' and provide mentoring to build a culture of academic writing towards publication. A Research Development and Training fund is available to members towards continuing professional development. On 25 October 2012, The Southern African Federation for Student Affairs and Services (SAFAS) was launched in Bloemfontein with 6 associations signing a memorandum of understanding. These included SAASSAP, ACUHO-I-SAC, NASDEV, HEDSA, SAACHS and SAACDHE. The SAACDHE President and President Elect represent the association on the steering committee of the newly formed umbrella body and we are currently developing the SAFAS constitution.

Affiliates:

- South African Clinical Neuropsychology Association
- Unisa Centre for Applied Psychology

# 2013 PsySSA Council

## Division of Neuropsychology and Forensic Psychology

Chair:	<i>Dr Louise Olivier</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Dr Ann Watts</i>
Secretary-Treasurer:	<i>D/MS Elise Fourie</i>
Additional Members	<i>Prof Ann Edwards, Ms Thirusha Naidu, Prof Theo Lazarus, Dr Kevin Thomas</i>

## Division of Health Psychology and Sport Psychology

Chair:	<i>Gary Steele</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Kirsten van Heerden</i>
Secretary-Treasurer:	<i>Cynthia Laureano</i>
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## Division of Research and Methodology (DRM)

Chair:	<i>Desmond Painter</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Colin Tredoux</i>
Secretary-Treasurer:	<i>Angelo Fynn</i>
Additional Members	<i>Jared Forbes &amp; Sumaya Laher</i>

## Psychometry and Registered Counsellors

Chair:	<i>Sharon Johnson</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Carinna Kranz</i>
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## South African Association for Counselling Psychology

Chair:	<i>Neo Pule</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Megan Campbell</i>
Secretary	<i>Daleen Alexander</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Solomon Makola</i>
Additional Members	<i>Elaine Bing &amp; Hermann Liebenberg</i>

## Sexuality and Gender Interest Group

Chair:	<i>Prof Juan Nel</i>
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## Student Division

Chair:	<i>Mr Angelo Fynn</i>
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## Executive

President:	<i>Prof Siphwe Ngcobo</i>
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Treasurer	<i>Dr Louise Olivier</i>
Additional Members	<i>Prof Smangele Magwaza Prof Juan Nel Mr Umesh Bawa Dr Ian Opperman Mr Tebogo Fafudi</i>

## Student Division

Chair:	<i>Prof Eduard Fourie</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Prof Kopano Ratele</i>
Secretary:	<i>Mr Wiehann Rademan</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Dr Puleng Segalo</i>
Additional Member	<i>Mr Sydney Butler</i>

## Division for Educational Psychology

Chair:	<i>Prof Estelle Swart</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Mrs Khumsila Naidoo</i>
Secretary-Treasurer:	<i>Dr Helen Dunbar-Krige</i>
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## African Psychology

Chair:	<i>Prof Smangele Magwaza</i>
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## South African Society for Clinical Psychology (SASCP)

Chair:	<i>Dr Lingum Pillay</i>
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Treasurer:	<i>Dr Patricia Manvate</i>
Additional Members	<i>Prof Jabulani Thwala, Dr Lifa Ndlhovu, Ms Maria Mokobane, Mr Sean Tunmer, Mr Tebogo Fafudi</i>

## South African Society for Clinical Hypnosis (SASCH)

Chair:	<i>Dr Cecile Gericke</i>
Vice Chair:	<i>Dr Ian Opperman</i>
Secretary	<i>Ms Karin Steyn</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Dr Ian Opperman</i>
Assistant Treasurer:	<i>Dr Susan Kriegler</i>
Additional Members	<i>Dr Louise Olivier, Dr Susan Kriegler, Dr Susan Roets</i>

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## AGM hand - over and Divisional Meetings at Congress

There is the requirement of a proper hand-over to the incoming executive of every Society structure, with Head Office/National executive presence at all divisional meetings where elections are to be held, to ensure that there are no oversights of the PsySSA Constitution and Rules. This will obviate difficulties for new office bearers and will facilitate continuity, ongoing communication, stability and progress. Members are encouraged to attend and actively participate in their divisional meetings, which are scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 September 2013 during the Congress.

## 20<sup>th</sup> South African Psychology Congress

The next Congress, 20th South African Psychology Congress will be held at the International Convention Centre, Durban from 16-19 September 2014.

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## Standing Committees

Awards	<i>To be appointed</i>
Congress	<i>Dr Ann D Watts</i>
Continuing Education	<i>Prof Basil Pillay</i>
Ethics	<i>Umesh Bawa</i>
Equity and Transformation	<i>Prof Norman Duncan</i>
International Relations	<i>Dr Saths Cooper</i>
Nominations	<i>Prof Kopano Ratele</i>
Practice Issues	<i>Dr Ian Opperman</i>
Psychological Testing & Assessment	<i>Prof Cheryl Foxcroft</i>
Publications	<i>Ms Shahnaaz Suffla</i>
Science of Psychology	<i>To be appointed</i>
Tariffs	<i>Dr Ian Opperman</i>

## Interest Groups

LGBTIA	<i>Prof Juan Nel</i>
<b>Branches</b>	
KwaZulu Natal	<i>Ms Thirusha Naidu</i>
Limpopo	<i>Mrs Zeldia Buitendag</i>
Western Cape	<i>Mr Rashid Ahmed</i>
<b>Affiliates</b>	
South African Clinical Neuropsychology Association	<i>Ms Annelies Cramer</i>
South African Association for Counselling and Development in Higher Education	<i>Mrs Laetitia Permall</i>
Unisa Centre for Applied Psychology	<i>Ms Gladys Thembani</i>



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