**SANS AGM 2017**

16th September 2017 @17h00-18h00

Vergelegen room, Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset-West, Western Cape

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**AGENDA**

1. Minutes of AGM 2016 Cape Town, Western Cape have been approved via email, any other comments welcomed.
2. Membership to SANS <http://saneurosoc.co.za/register/>
	1. Point following last year’s 4a. removal of EXCO members if not registered online
	2. End of 2016 membership stood at 107, current number of members \_\_ , our aim was 150, aim for 2018 \_\_
	3. Mechanisms to stimulate membership
3. SANS Website
	1. Report back on the option or automated online payment of membership fees.
	2. Report back Education page
	3. Report back Social Media and Outreach Team
	4. Other comments/feedback
4. SANS symposium
	1. 2016 Report back
	2. 2018 Conference of Biomedical Sciences and Therapeutics (CoBST)
		1. Approached in late 2016, EXCO agreed to support our role in this federation of societies. CoBST is an umbrella-type shared interests related to basic, translational and clinical biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences in South Africa, for the purpose of co-hosting conferences every three years or as frequently as feasible. (FH to print latest document – in case of queries)
		2. There would be 2 clashes in the next 10 years with Biol Psych – 2021, 2027 (Biol Psych holds the conference every 2 years, CoBST propose every 3 years, starting next year)
		3. The convenor for 2018 has been determined as Prof Helmuth Reuter, Division of Clinical Pharmacology, University of Stellenbosch
	3. 2019 Biological Psychiatry
	4. 2020 Suggestions welcomed – outside of the Western Cape
	5. 2021 Biological Psychiatry / CoBSt – to be decided
	6. 2022 Suggestions welcomed - to be decided
	7. 2023 If successful with bid for IBRO Congress hosting – at the IBRO Congress
5. SANS outreach activities
	1. Stellenbosch University Open Day – 25th February,
		1. Organised by Nathaniel McGregor
		2. Outreach by Jacqueline Womersley and Fleur Howells
		3. SANS Business cards handed out and guidance of how to navigate and enter the field of neuroscience given to school goers and their parents
	2. Brain Awareness Week - Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives, 13th-19th March
		1. Led by Jacqueline Womersely
		2. SANS registered as a BAW outreach organization
		3. Developed email with links to education pages on our website
		4. Team included: Antoinette Burger, Sarah Heany, Fleur Howells
		5. Report see: http://saneurosoc.co.za/2017/03/happy-brain-awareness-week/
	3. University of Cape Town Education Expo Open Day – Sport’s Science Institute – October 3rd 2017
	4. The Brain Matters Seminar Series March-December 2017 organised by Tanya Calvey and Sahba Besharati in partnership with the DST-NRF Centre of Excellence in Human Development, the Johannesburg Institute for Advanced Study, SANS and the Wits Cortex Club.
	5. Others not listed
6. SANS academic/research collaborative efforts
	1. Connecting the heart and brain – collaboration between the Physiology Society of Southern Africa (PSSA) and SANS – underdevelopment – will include have day seminar of national researchers, followed by mentoring of postgraduate and early career researchers, the scope of the workshop will cover a broad range of topics, including how to find suitable mentors, how to publish, etc. - Planned end Nov/early Dec.
	2. Others not listed
7. SANS placing a bid to host IBRO Congress 2023
	1. Provisional contract signed with Paragon as conference organisers
	2. City of Cape Town Tourism is very supportive and will attend our bid if accepted to present our bid, support also received from Cape Town Convention Centre.
	3. Official letter of intent to be sent early 2018, in contact with the Secretary-General of IBRO, aware of intent to send an official letter in early 2018
	4. Emails to be sent to all friend and linked societies to inform them of our planned bid, as list one our webpage
8. Treasury Report (Sian Hemmings)
9. Fundraising (Tanya Calvey & Fleur Howells)
	1. Pending full financials and clearance of audit before this can be approached
10. Transformation
	1. Points received from members
	2. An option to co-opt executive team members, taken from constitution “Any co-opted members as deemed necessary”
	3. Open discussion/brain-storm with SANS members

Current EXCO, voted in December 2016, for a 2 year cycle, next voting AGM – 2018

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