

SOCIETY OF RADIOGRAPHERS OF SOUTH AFRICA

SUMMARY NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING 1/2011

held on THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2011

**AT THE BASEMENT BOARDROOM, 1ST FLOOR,
ICC DURBAN**

1. President-Elect of the Society of Radiographers

Ferial Isaacs from Cape Town was elected as the President-Elect of the Society of Radiographers.

2. Society Addresses

- The e-mail address for the Society at the Administrative Office in Cape Town is Sorsa.admin@iafrica.com
- The Web Page address is www.sorsa.org.za
- The Government gazette website also has interesting information pertaining to rules and regulations for radiographers. This address is www.doclog.co.za/gazette/

3. Society Constitution

National Council is considering changes to the Constitution.

4. Society Membership

Membership for 2010 was 1449 members.

Members are reminded that subscription fees should have been paid by 31 March 2011. After this date membership will be terminated and a re-joining fee of R 30.00 will be required, plus the current subscription fee.

5. Strategic Plan

Positive feedback has been received on the increase in membership from several branches.

6. Society Website

The website is in the process of being updated to be more inter-active.

7. National Newsletter

The national newsletter is being compiled and will be distributed in July 2011.

8. SORSA Education Award and the Tyco Healthcare / Covidien Optiray Award

The closing date for applications for financial assistance is 30 June each year.

9. World Radiography Day

Radiographers are reminded to celebrate this event in November each year.

10. The S. A. Radiographer

Members are reminded that 3 CEUs can be earned by reading the articles in the journal and then answering the multi-choice questions (MCQs) on the answer form printed in the journal. This is a free service to members of the Society.

CPD Solutions will be the new providers of an on-line eCpd service.

A free trial run of an SMS service to answer MCQs in the May 2011 issue of the journal will be offered by *CPD Solutions* to members.

11. Accreditation of The SA Radiographer

Unfortunately the journal was not accepted for accreditation by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET).

It has been suggested that submission be made again in 2012.

12. Annual Fees payable to the HPCSA

Radiographers are reminded that annual fees must be paid to the HPCSA by 1 April each year. Details of fees due and the HPCSA banking details are available on the website: <http://www.hpcsa.co.za>

It is not generally well known that radiographers over the age of 65 years need not pay the annual fees but may still remain on the HPCSA register and practise as a radiographer.

13. Occupation Specific Dispensation for Radiography (OSD)

Unfortunately radiographers blame the Society for the problems with the OSD.

Some radiographers have the impression that SORSA had some influence in the decisions regarding the OSD; however there are not enough members for the Society to take part in the Bargaining Chamber.

The agreements were signed by the Unions with the employer.

14. Private Practice

Radiographers in private practice should be made aware of the situation regarding private practice fee structure and codes and are encouraged to join the incentive to sort out the coding for medical aid claims. Details will be published in the newsletter.

15. SORSA-RSSA 2011 National Congress

The Society awarded sponsorship to 13 members to attend the congress.

16. Future Congresses

- SASCRO / SASMO Congress 2011 : Pilansberg, Sun City : 24 – 27 August 2011 : www.sascro.org.za
- 12th National SASUOG Congress : Cape Town : 1 – 4 September 2011
- ESTRO Courses for 2011 : Access the website for information and dates : www.estro.org
- ISRRT World Conference : Toronto, Canada : 7 – 10 June 2012

17. Date of the next meeting

Friday, 9 September 2011 in Johannesburg

18. Deadline for Agenda items

29 July 2011