



# Society of Radiographers of South Africa

2022 Newsletter

## Message from the president

As frontline workers, radiographers are still navigating and adapting to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. Mental health and wellbeing are areas needing much attention so as to promote healthier and safer environments for radiographers and patients alike. Thank you for all the sacrifices each of you made and are making to offer important radiographic services to the communities you serve. We are proud of you.

We are delighted to share our 2022 newsletter with you, our members. This is one of the strategies we are using to keep you informed of SORSA's activities and work to advance the profession in line with SORSA's mandate.

**Riaan van de Venter**



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# NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

## National Council Members 2021/2023

<b>Council member</b>	<b>Position/portfolio</b>
Riaan van de Venter*	President
Ferial Isaacs*	President-elect CPD Representative
Leonie Munro*	Treasurer Editor-in-chief The SAR
Fozy Peer*	Public liaison officer
Cindy la Grange	Free State Representative
Hesta Friedrich-Nel	ISRRT Representative
Lynne Hazell*	Gauteng Representative
Ashnie Ramkhelawan*	KwaZulu-Natal Representative
Nazlea Behardien-Peters	Western Cape Representative

EXCO members are indicated with an \*

# EXCO activities: July 2021 to November 2021

A donation of R 20 000 was made, and an appreciation letter was sent to The Gift of the Givers.
Extended an invitation to higher education institutions to distribute the virtual symposia registration links for the 4th and 5th symposia to 3rd and 4th year students.
SORSA was represented at the advisory board meetings of DUT and CPUT, respectively.
Developed an standard operating procedure for the admin office email account.
Drafted a position statement related to artificial intelligence.
Drafted and approved positions statements pertaining to vaccinations in the workplace and employment of radiographers.
Engaged with GEMS on private practice radiography coding matters.
Drafted a social media policy.
Sent the HPCSA letters regarding forensic radiography.
Drafted and approved guidelines for the completion of service provider forms.
Submitted comments to the national minister of health's office with regard to the regulations relating to the certificate of need for health establishments and health agencies.
Approved an updated speaker CV form for CPD events.
Presented the 4th and 5th virtual symposia.
Distributed the first national newsletter to members.
Submitted input for the ISRRT's News and Views publication.
Held an open meeting during the 5th virtual symposium.
Approved the 2022 membership fees and sent a letter to members.
Provided input on the scope of practice for nuclear medicine to the HPCSA-PBRCT.
SORSA was represented at the internship and community service programme (ICSP) meeting held by national department of health.
Approved the application to register for a DOI number for The South African Radiographer.

# EXCO activities: December 2021 to August 2022

Sent SAHRC SORSA's updated PAIA manual.
Submitted comments on the NM and RT scope of practice documents to the HPCSA-PBRCT.
Engaged with GEMS regarding radiography coding and tariff matters.
Revised and signed a new MOU with RadMG.
Engaged with CPUT regarding their postgraduate qualifications' needs analysis survey and distributed it to members on their behalf.
Requested clarity from the HPCSA-PBRCT regarding contrast administration by radiographers.
Motivated for the SORSA representative on the national DRL project to participate in an international educational visit.
Annual application as a CPD accredited service provider with the HPCSA was approved.
Submitted suggestions for the inclusion of artificial intelligence and private practice management to the HPCSA PBRCT for consideration during the May 2022 stakeholders meeting
Supported student-led CPD events at CLUT through sponsorship
Shared the WHO AI guide and the WHO policy brief on ethics and medical radiological imaging with HEIs offering radiography
Held the 1st and 2nd webinars and 6th and 7th virtual symposia
Submitted input on the HPCSA scope of practice documents for radiotherapy and nuclear medicine
R 5 000 donation to Open Door Crisis Centre
R5 000 donation to Gift of the Givers for towards the KZN floods fund

# Appointment of SORSA ISRRT representative to the International Academic Network (IAN)

We are proud of the appointment of SORSA's ISRRT representative, Hesta Friedrich-Nel, to the ISRRT's IAN steering committee.

The objectives of the IAN are:

- to facilitate the ISRRT's international research and publication of results.
- to facilitate the ISRRT's surveys related to radiation safety, patient safety, radiation protection, and professional practice.
- to contribute to the development of educational materials that promote patient-centered care, patient safety, and radiation protection.
- to support the next generation of imaging and therapy professionals.
- to provide a communication platform for students in radiography/therapy and educators to mentor, network, and develop scientific publications and projects.
- to facilitate the development of continuing professional development for ISRRT to help elevate health care globally in particular low- and middle-income countries.

Well done Hesta, we are proud of you and grateful for your contributions to the advancement of our profession at an international level.



# REPORT ON SORSA'S VIRTUAL CPD EVENTS

submitted by Fozy Peer  
Public Liaison Officer (PLO), SORSA

## Virtual symposia 2022

Thus far 2 virtual symposia were held, the SORSA 6th virtual symposium 'Radiography a broad brush approach' was hosted on Saturday 12 March 2022. There were 7 interesting presentations from national and international speakers. It was encouraging to note that some speakers made themselves available for the question and answer session. The event was accredited for 1-general and 2-ethics CEUs.

There were 306 registered delegates. Registration was complimentary. Marketing material was sent out to a target group of 1922 possible delegates on 4 occasions. The symposium was partially sponsored by Siemens Healthineers. SORSA appreciates any sponsorship received during this difficult economic period – post pandemic.

The countries from which delegates participated included; Australia, India, Ireland, Kenya, Myanmar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Vietnam and Zimbabwe. Delegates were afforded the opportunity to pose questions/comments after each presentation using the 'chat' option. From the results of the poll, it is evident that the delegates did gain some knowledge from each presentation, which shows that learning did take place. The overall rating was good to excellent.



The SORSA 7th virtual symposium 'Radiographers-what to look out for' was hosted virtually from 09:00 to 12:30 on Saturday 23 July 2022. There were 7 interesting presentations from 8 speakers in Africa. The event was accredited for 3 ethics CEUs.

There were 256 registered delegates of whom 158 were SORSA members. Registration was complimentary. However, non-members requiring CEUs paid a nominal fee. Delegates participated from Australia, India, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, United States and Zimbabwe.

Marketing was sent on 3 different dates to approx. 1676 possible delegates. Delegates were afforded the opportunity to pose questions/comments after each presentation using the 'Q and A' option. Questions in the form of a poll were displayed on screen between the presentations. It appears that the delegates did not think that the SORSA membership fees were too high!

**The SORSA 8th Virtual Symposium is scheduled for 5 November 2022. This event will commemorate World Radiography Day. Please be sure to save the date!**

## Webinars 2022

Two successful webinars of 1 hour each were hosted. The first being on the 15 February 2022 'The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on healthcare professionals', was presented by Ms S Sacoor, a clinical psychologist with 25 years-experience both locally and internationally. There were 301 registered delegates. Delegates were afforded the opportunity to pose questions/comments which resulted in a lively debate. The event was accredited for 1 general CEU.

The 2nd webinar was hosted on Tuesday 10 May 2022 on a virtual platform. The presentation 'When things go wrong: medico-legal issues for radiographers' was presented by Dr Volker Hitzeroth a medico-legal consultant at the Medical Protection Society (MPS) based in the UK. Delegates were afforded the opportunity to pose questions/comments after the presentation using the 'Q and A' option which resulted in some debate. The event was accredited for 1 ethics CEU. There were 262 registered delegates.



A banner for the SORSA 3-22 Webinar. It features a light blue background with a calendar icon on the left showing 'Tuesday 20 SEPTEMBER 2022'. The text reads 'Society of Radiographers of South Africa presents SORSA 3-22 Webinar' and 'Helium (He) free MR operations as the NEW REALITY IN MRI'. There are three circular portraits of speakers: Dr Fazy Peer (SORSA PUBLIC LIAISON), Dr Brian van de Venter (SORSA PRESIDENT), and Mr Paulin Maboko (PRESENTER). A graphic of a Bohr-style atomic model with red and blue spheres is on the right. At the bottom, it says 'Time: 19:00 - 20:00', 'Complimentary attendance', 'Accreditation requested for 1 General CEU', and 'Click here to register and for more information'. The Philips logo and a small circular logo are at the bottom right.

The 3rd webinar is scheduled for 20 September 2022. The webinar is going to be sponsored by Philips. They are providing the speaker to present on helium-free MR operations as the new reality in MRI. Registration is free. Be sure to join us.

# CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

## DRPs available to members

Members have access to directed reading programmes (DRPs) as part of their SORSA membership. The DRPs can be accessed on the SORSA members platform, under the CPD tab. Currently, there are 74 clinical CEUs and 45 ethics CEUs that can be obtained.

## Upcoming ISRRT World Congress



**ISRRT**  
INTERNATIONAL  
SOCIETY OF  
RADIOGRAPHERS  
& RADIOLOGICAL  
TECHNOLOGISTS



NEW NORMAL IN MEDICAL IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY

Website link: <https://isrtbangkok2022.org/>



# EXCITING NEWS...



Society of Radiographers of South Africa

# SORSA 2023 CONGRESS

DIARISE THE DATES **18 – 19 AUGUST 2023**  
CENTURY CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE  
CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

 *Radiography - a new dawn*



More information to follow soon!

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