

**SOUTHERN AFRICAN ONLINE USER GROUP**  
**Chair's Report**  
**1997 - 1998**

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**Activities**

The Group has held only two meetings since the last report was written in November 1997, but as the AGM last year was deferred because of the 4th SAOIM in the middle of the year, the Group has, in fact, been as active as ever.

The AGM was held on 20 November 1997 at the Centurion Lake Hotel, where Johan Strydom of INET demonstrated databases available from *Financial Times* Information Systems in South Africa, which include FT Profile and FT Discovery.

The breakfast meeting was held on 6 February 1998 at the Eskom Conference Centre at Midrand, where Anthony Brooks of the Future Foundation spoke on the limits of an online existence.

Two newsletters were published in the period under review, the last under the banner of the new logo of the Group. Now that our enthusiastic editor has taken over complete responsibility for publication, including arrangements for the desktop publishing, I am confident that far more frequent issues will be appearing in the future.

**Listserv**

In April the decision was made to extend the SAOUG listserv to those wishing to advertise jobs available. This proved most successful, with 22 new subscribers registering in just one day!

## **Constitution**

Copies of the amended Constitution dated 16 April 1998 were circulated on the listserv and by post for comment. Amendments will be ratified at the AGM on 13 May 1998.

I should like to thank SABINET for their continued sponsorship of the Group in allowing us to use their premises and facilities for executive committee meetings, and also for allowing us to use their server for our listserv and website.

Finally I should like to thank all hardworking members of the executive committee for their help and continued support in the running of the Group's activities. Janet Zambri has decided not to stand for re-election for the coming term of office, and I should like to thank her for stepping in at very short notice, and for the help she extended to the Group at the time of SAOIM in organising the workshops, during registration, and with the evaluation of the meeting.

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