

SOUTHERN AFRICAN ONLINE USER GROUP
Chair's Report
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Glenda Myers

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Activities

Three meetings were held under the period under review, following the last AGM on 10th June during the bi-annual Conference. These were:

- 12 November 1999
End of Year Function, Pretoria Botanical Garden
Pieter van Jaarsveld
Emotional Intelligence, self-mastery and personal success.
- 6 April 2000
Mintek, Randburg
Lauren Liebenberg, Rand Merchant Bank
The Net Imperative: the emergence of the e-economy and the impact on global financial markets
- 27 July 2000
AGM, Centurion Lake Hotel, Centurion
David McLean, Ernst & Young
Knowledge asset management and the emergence of the knowledge service provider

Newsletter

The newsletter appeared four times in the period under review, edited by Dianne Kruger, who continues this arduous task with enthusiasm.

General

It is becoming more and more difficult to find speakers to talk on leading-edge technologies at our meetings. Whether this is because there are no new technologies since the appearance of the Internet, or whether this is simply because we appear to know most of what there is to know anyway, is not immediately apparent! Whatever the causes, SAOUG members gave the Executive Committee the directive to continue to

explore new options for the future of the Group.

It was decided not to continue the association with SABINET with regard to the organisation of the Group's Bi-Annual Conference, based on feedback from both members and exhibitors. Informal talks were held with the organisers of the Conference of WWW Applications, but it was felt by the Executive Committee that much of the focus of this Conference was outside the area of relevance of the majority of the Group's members. SAOUG was then approached informally by the combined Executive Committee of SLIS and OSALL, who have decided this year not to join with LIASA in their annual conference, but to organise a small conference with specific reference to their own membership. SAOUG was invited to participate in the Conference Programme in October this year, and once again, SAOUG will evaluate the success of this option as well.

Thanks

Once again, I should like to extend the Group's thanks to SABINET for their continued support, and for the provision of their premises in Centurion as a meeting venue for the Executive Committee, as well as for their hosting of our listserv and website.

This has been my final term of office as Chair, as pressure of work no longer permits me to take as active a role in the Group as I would wish. I would however, like to thank the members of my Executive Committee, with whom as always it is a pleasure and a privilege to serve, for their hard work, dedication and continued enthusiasm and loyalty. Special thanks go to our long serving committee member and treasurer, Annemarie Geldenhuys, who has decided not to stand for re-election, as well as to Hennie Rautenbach, who has assured us that he will continue to be available to the Group in a technical capacity. I should like to extend an extremely warm vote of thanks to Ria van der Spuy, who has taken on the onerous task of maintaining our membership list as well as the distribution of our e-mail notices, as well as to her employers at Pretoria University for allowing her to do so on behalf of the Group.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members of the Group for their participation and support in the Group's activities. It has been one of the greatest privileges of my career to have served as Chair of such an organisation for the past four years, and as Newsletter Editor for the preceding five years. Nine years on an Executive Committee is a very long period to serve, as you will appreciate. However, I will of course continue to support the group to the best of my ability in all its future activities.

Glenda Myers
Chair
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