

ANNUAL REPORT

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MAIN OBJECTIVES

- To increase professionalism and competence amongst Natural Scientists
- To protect the community against incompetent practitioners
- To gain international recognition for South African Natural Scientists
- To ensure the highest quality of training in the Natural Sciences
- To represent ALL practitioners within the Natural Scientific Profession

INTRODUCTION

- Revision of admission requirements
- Participation of Voluntary Associations
- Consultant appointed to assist
- Agreement with HEQC
- Conditions of employment – Council Employees
- Restructured remuneration packages – now linked to performance

COUNCIL

- President Prof P Marais
- Vice President Dr D Gihwala

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance & Personnel Dr D Gihwala
- Registration Prof M Sibara
- Education Prof J Malherbe

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

- Only one complaint regarding alleged misconduct of a Professional Natural Scientist
- A committee has been appointed to investigate and by 31 March 2007 the investigation was still *sub judice*
- Escalating cost of future disciplinary cases remains a cause for concern

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

**The role of SACNASP in the Higher Education sector
(Act 27 of 2003):**

- **Advise institutions regarding the training of Natural Scientists (*Deans of Sciences Forum established*)**
- **Admission qualifications under revision (new data base established)**
- **Collaborate with HEQC with regard to accreditation of Educational Programmes at Universities (*MOU*)**
- **Many local and foreign qualifications have been evaluated for registration purposes**

FINANCES

(See attached audited statements)

- Financial situation improved substantially over last three years
- Mainly due to increased number of registrations
- Increase in annual fees kept at inflation rate but it is still the lowest compared to other Councils