

## **ANNUAL REPORT - SANDTA EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE – (2010 -2011)**

I would like to thank the Education Sub-Committee members and NEC for their support and commitment. It has been a real honor for me to chair EDCOM for the last 2 years. When I took this role, I knew there would be challenges to overcome but your contributions have allowed the whole committee to move to new heights. The future is for us to plan and take.

### **Committee members:**

*Dr. Gillian Saloojee      Senior Tutor*

*Eunice Konig              Retired Senior Tutor & Honorary Member*

*Christa Scholtz          Senior OT Tutor*

*Doris Mbuyu              PT Tutor*

*Rina van der Walt      Senior Speech Tutor (Presently in Scotland)*

*Corneli Strydom        Speech Tutor*

*Karien Marais          Speech Tutor*

*Meqdad Mahmoud, OT Tutor (in Abu Dhabi): We have welcomed a new member who completed his tutor training in 2012.*

### **Retirement & resignation**

*Estelle Brown            Senior Tutor (EDCOM rep to the NEC): After many years of service as member of EDCOM Estelle has retired. We are truly honored to have worked with her, learned from her and shared various experiences with her. EDCOM will continue to honor this relationship as we wish you all the best for the future.*

*Nadia Bhayat            Speech Tutor (Abu Dhabi): Due to work commitments, Nadia resigned from her EDCOM membership. We wish her all the best in her life and career.*

**Summary of discussions and decisions:** (during our teleconferences, via e-mail contacts and during our annual face-to-face business meeting)

These last two years have been marked by introspection, renewal, change and hope for the future. Some of the important points are:

- The role of EDCOM in SANDTA: our vision, responsibilities and challenges
- The role of each Tutor in EDCOM
- The services of the EDCOM courses administrator
- The use of a central bank account for courses
- The allocation of specific portfolios to each member of EDCOM
- The storage of EDCOM documents in electronic format
- The process of developing guidelines for supervisors
- The process of developing new pre-course packages

### **Courses and workshops**

All the tutors were very involved with courses locally and internationally, presenting and attending:

#### **2009 (repeated):**

Basic 8 week - Pietermaritzburg – ended October 2009

Advanced Speech Course – Port Elizabeth – October 2009  
Early intervention (Baby Course) – Bloemfontein – November 2009  
2X Advanced Facilitation Courses – Johannesburg – November and December 2009

**2010 (repeated):**

Basic 8 week – Johannesburg – ended March 2010  
Basic 8 week – Krugersdorp – ended October 2010  
Early intervention (Baby Course) – Johannesburg – September 2010

8X Introduction to Cerebral Palsy courses in various areas, including Lesotho and Kenya, during this 2009-2010 period

**2011**

January – April 2011: Basic Bobath 8 weeks Paeds course, 19 participants by Doris Mbuyu  
May 2011: Intro courses respectively in Port Elizabeth (18) & East London (22) by Estelle Brown  
May 2011: Intro course in Johannesburg: 29 participants, by Dr Gillian Saloojee  
August 2011: intro courses in Johannesburg: Week 1: 26 participants, Week 2: 24 participants by Doris Mbuyu

The tutors were also involved with various workshops in SANDTA branches in the country.

A very heartfelt thank you to all the tutors for their dedication, the hours spent on preparation and for their professional presentations of course material and excellent handling of course arrangements.

**Tutor Trainees:**

Congratulations to Meqdad Mahmoud who has successfully completed his tutor training in July 2011, we now have 2 Occupational therapist tutors.

There is at present 1 Physiotherapist (Dianne Zeller) and 1 Speech Therapist (Faizah Toefy) busy in differing stages of their trainee pathway to becoming Bobath/NDT tutors.

Special thanks to the mentors of each of these therapists and for spending valuable teaching time with them.

**Tutor's professional development:**

We strive to offer courses of high standard and therefore are committed to continue updating our own knowledge. To this end we had our tutors' workshop in July 2011 led by Dr Margaret Mayston. It was attended by all tutors and trainees currently in training. It was an excellent opportunity to consolidate our understanding of Bobath in view of the current scientific advances in Neuroscience and how we apply this clinically and transfer it in teaching.

We will continue to regularly revisit the core curriculum of courses to stay focused and relevant.

We continue to offer courses that are highly regarded not just in South Africa but around the world. This is reflected in the number of local organisations and foreign therapists applying for our courses as well as exchanges with international tutors and invitations to present on international courses and meetings.

Congratulations to all tutors for keeping the standard and striving for excellence in all your work!

Dr Gillian Saloojee attended the South African Cerebral Palsy congress in April 2011 in Port Elizabeth where she presented a research paper. We would like to honour her work in research and for being such an excellent ambassador of SANDTA in academic circuits.

**Conclusion:**

I want to express my sincere gratitude to NEC for their support throughout the year.

We also want to thank the branches for assisting the tutors during courses in their region. Our vision is to continue to build a strong and united South African organization and expand our relations with other international Bobath/NDT tutors.

A special thanks to Estelle Brown who has held the portfolio of EDCOM representative on the NEC for the last two years.

*Doris Y Mbuyu*

*Chairperson: Educational Sub-Committee*

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