

## **ANNUAL REPORT - SANDTA EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE – (2011 -2012)**

It gives me great pleasure to report to you all the news from the Education Sub-committee over the last year.

The year was packed with activities. As the chairperson of the Education Sub-committee, I would like to thank the Education Sub-Committee members and NEC for their support and commitment. It has not been an easy period due to everyone having more and more pressure from their work places and in their personal lives.

### **Committee members:**

<i>Dr. Gillian Saloojee</i>	<i>Senior PT Tutor</i>
<i>Christa Scholtz</i>	<i>Senior OT Tutor</i>
<i>Rina van der Walt</i>	<i>Senior ST Tutor( Presently in Scotland)</i>
<i>Doris Mbuyu</i>	<i>PT Tutor</i>
<i>Dianne Zeller</i>	<i>PT Tutor (completed Typical development and classification module)</i>
<i>Meqdad Mahmoud</i>	<i>OT Tutor</i>
<i>Corneli Strydom</i>	<i>ST Tutor</i>
<i>Karien Marais</i>	<i>ST Tutor</i>

*Nadia Bayat resigned as a ST tutor in September 2011.*

*Eunice Konig resigned as a PT tutor in March 2012. We would like to acknowledge her tremendous input into NDT/Bobath during the years she presented courses. Her absence is felt by us as a committee. We wish her a wonderful, relaxed rest time.*

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

We had 4 face-to-face meetings during this year. Meetings were organized around Congress and courses when most tutors were together.

- Documents and policies set up by NEC were looked at and approved. This should streamline the day to day running of the Educational sub-committee. I want to congratulate NEC with setting up these policy documents.
- Baby courses and the future of baby courses in RSA were discussed. With Estelle's resignation we do not have a Baby course tutor in RSA. This means we will have to use overseas tutors for the next few years. Doris Mbuyu is starting the process of training as a Baby course tutor.
- We started introducing distance based teaching on the Basic course in 2012. We are looking at reducing the contact time on the Basic course to 6 weeks in the next 2 years. The cost of the course as well as the content will stay the same. This requires very hard work and hours of preparing the distance based teaching material.
- In February 2012 we had a meeting with everyone involved in the Intro courses. Content was discussed within each discipline. This proved very productive and we will plan such a meeting yearly.
- Clinical supervisor workshop May 2012. Not a lot of clinicians attended from outside JHB (only 1 from NG and 1 from Free State) The idea was to have clinical supervisors ready and equipped in all branches to make presenting courses outside JHB easier. Getting clinical supervisors outside JHB is one of the problem areas identified in doing courses in other centers.
- A workshop for University staff was proposed and a budget approved from NEC. This will however not happen in 2012 or 2013.

### **Courses and workshops**

All the tutors were very involved with courses locally and internationally, presenting and attending. We are trying to involve more tutors in the Basic courses and not just 1 tutor presenting the full course. There will always be one Co-coordinator Tutor.

#### **2011:**

Advanced level 2 Vision Course by Christa Scholtz November 2011 in JHB.  
2 Introduction courses by Doris Mbuyu August 2011 in JHB.

#### **2012:**

Baby course by Sarah Capelovich January 2012 in JHB.  
Introduction course by Doris Mbuyu March 2012 in Abu Dhabi UAE.  
Introduction course by Doris Mbuyu May 2012 in JHB.  
Introduction course by Gillian Saloojee May 2012 in JHB.  
Basic 8 week by Gillian Saloojee ended in July 2012 in JHB.  
Advanced level 2 Dyskinetic course by Jean-Pierre Maes July 2012 in JHB.

The tutors were also involved with various workshops on branch level.

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

#### **Tutor Trainees:**

3 enquiries were received of therapist interested in training. Information was sent to them and they will be followed up.

Faizah ST: Faizah is not continuing with her training due to personal reasons.

Pam Gibbs (OT): Pam applied but did not yet complete her pre-entry evaluation. She will only start her training in 2014.

Naina Modi-Patell (ST): Naina applied and will do her pre-entry evaluation in November 2012. If successful she will do her second course in 2013.

Trainee's will be expected to join the Educational Committee's business meetings. This was proposed and accepted by the Educational Committee to ensure that Trainee's are not only equipped to present courses but also for the day-to-day running of the committee.

#### **Tutor's professional development:**

We strive to offer courses of high standard and therefore are committed to continue updating our own knowledge. We had a Tutor's workshop in April 2012 with Katy Caines, ST tutor from Australia.

Gillian Saloojee attended the International Tutor's Workshop in London September 2011 led by Chris Barber. Written feedback was given to the Committee.

Christa Scholtz attended a TIMP course in Israel in June 2012. She will give feedback to the committee in November 2012.

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 foreign therapists applying for our courses as well as exchanges with international tutors and invitations to present on international courses and meetings.

**Involvement in International Congresses and workshops:**

In June 2012 Gillian Saloojee attended and presented at the Australian NDT Congress.

Christa Scholtz presented a workshop in Perth, Australia in 2012.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to NEC for their support throughout the year. Your professional conduct and commitment help steer the organization to a brighter future. I also want to congratulate you with the changes made to the website and newsletter.

We also want to thank the branches for assisting the tutors during courses in their region.

We remain available as the scientific committee to the 2013 congress organizers.

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 Christa Scholtz, EdCom representative on the NEC.

*Karien Marais*

*Chairperson: Educational Sub-Committee*

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