

ANNUAL REPORT - SANDTA EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE – (2012 -2013)

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

This proved to be a busy and challenging year. 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.

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</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>

Trainee Tutor's: Naina Modi-Patel (ST) started her training and has completed her second basic course. Donne Descroizilles (PT) has applied and has started her evaluation process. We are very excited about the new Trainee's that joined us.

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

We had 1 face-to-face meeting and 4 teleconferences during this year.

- Distance based teaching has run for 2 courses now and proved to be very challenging for Tutor's and participants. During the 2013 Basic course we could see that the lack in doing Normal development face-to-face resulted in weaknesses in handling and analysis. We decided to move back to 8 weeks for a Basic course.
- A workshop involving all tutors and clinical supervisors involved in Intro courses was held again in February 2013. The Intro courses for the year are planned and we revisited the teaching manual. Changes to all modules were proposed and worked on.
- A lot of discussion around the topic of time constraints of Committee members was done. To relieve the workload on EdComm Committee members, a Committee secretary was appointed on a trial basis in July 2013. We would like to propose the appointment of a Committee secretary for the next financial year.

Courses and workshops

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

Introduction courses:

7 Introduction courses were held in the past year. KZN 2 courses, Pretoria 1 course, PE one course, Johannesburg 2 course and Cape Town 1 course. A total of 49 PT's, 90 OT,s and 33 ST's were trained.

Basic course:

One Basic course was held beginning 2013 in Johannesburg. We trained 8 PT's, 11 OT's and 5 ST's.

Feedback from all courses was very positive.

The tutors were also involved with various workshops on branch level. Christa Scholtz and Kelly Reynolds presented a Movement Facilitation workshop at various branches and this proved very successful.

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.

We propose a 9 to 13% increase in Tutor fees for the next financial year. We are trying to increase the Tutor rates gradually to be more market related.

Tutor's professional development:

We strive to offer courses of high standard and therefore are committed to continue updating our own knowledge.

Gillian Saloojee attended and presented 2 oral presentations at the International CP Congress in Pisa, Italy.

Christa Scholtz presented the OT module on a Basic course in Perth Australia for ABNDDTA in April 2013.

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.

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. A special thanks to Nina Strydom that gave me personally a lot of support.

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 Christa Scholtz, EdCom representative on the NEC.

Karien Marais

Chairperson: Educational Sub-Committee

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