

Annual Report of the SANDTA Education Sub-Committee (EdComm)

2013/2014 Financial Year

1. Current tutors:

- Christa Scholtz - Senior Occupational Therapy Tutor
- Rina van der Walt - Senior Speech Therapy Tutor
- Karien Marais - Speech Therapy Tutor
- Doris Mbuyu - Physiotherapy Tutor
- Corneli Strydom - Speech Therapy Tutor

Tutor trainees:

- Dianne Zeller - Physiotherapist (nearing completion of training as full tutor and currently active introductory course tutor)
- Donne Descroilles - Physiotherapist (at beginning of training process)

Note:

- i) Process is underway to recruit occupational therapy tutor trainees.
- ii) Meqdad Mahmoud, who resides in Jordan and was trained and qualified as OT tutor by EdComm, has indicated that it will no longer be possible for him to continue as an active member of EdComm and tutor in SA.
- iii) Gillian Saloojee, Senior PT Tutor, resigned from the Education Committee in 2013 to focus her energy on activities of Malamulele Onwards but continues to participate in training at Basic Courses and aspects of tutor training on request. EdComm wishes to thank Gillian for many years of faithful and dedicated service to SANDTA and for contributing in a major way to the development of courses, course curricula and training of hundreds of therapists within South Africa, other parts of Africa and abroad.
- iv) With the support and agreement of NEC, the Education Committee intends to invite international senior PT tutors in 2014/2015 and beyond to assist with the training of PT tutors during Basic Courses and to also present advanced NDT/Bobath courses in SA.

2. Portfolios:

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| Chair: | Corneli Strydom |
| Chair elect: | Rina van der Walt |
| Finance: | Karien Marais |

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| Trainee update and course information: | Doris Mbuyu |
| NEC representative | Rina van der Walt |
| Academic matters: | Rina van der Walt |
| Document updating: | Christa Scholtz assisted by Dianne Zeller |
| Minutes of meetings: | Dianne Zeller |

3. Courses presented:

Due to the fact that we have only one qualified PT tutor and therefore course leader in 2014, who resides in Johannesburg and finds it difficult to be away from home for extended periods because of the needs of her own school-aged children, it has only been possible to offer one Basic Course in JHB during this financial year. We appreciate that there is a need for courses to be offered in other parts of South Africa and we hope to solve this problem in future by inviting international PT tutors to teach parts of Basic courses, until we have more PTs qualified to lead Basic Courses.

The Basic Course was reduced to 7 weeks fulltime attendance in 2013, which was possible because part of the theory is done through distance learning. This format was an experiment and the reduction in time away from work and home has proved to be well-received by participants. The content of the modules was adapted for this type of learning, but it was felt that the clinical and practical components of the course necessitated the time offered in an 8 week course. The 2014 course therefore was run over 8 weeks again.

Basic Course:

2014:

JHB - Feb-4 wks; Mar/Apr-2 wks; Jun-2wks Doris M. PT and course leader;
Christa S. OT; Karien M. ST

Advanced Courses:

2013:

Nov - 2 week Baby Course, JHB Lois Bly, Senior PT
USA Course leader;
Karien M. ST; Christa S. OT.

2014:

Scheduled for Oct - 2 week Baby Course, JHB Lois Bly,
Senior PT USA Course
leader; Karien M. ST;
Christa S. OT.

Introductory Courses:

A shortage of availability of qualified tutors necessitated employment of experienced therapists to assist in teaching theoretical parts of intro courses. Various NDT qualified clinicians continue to assist with clinical practicals and EdComm appreciates involvement of experienced clinicians of local branches where courses occur to reduce the cost of importing clinicians from other parts of the country. EdComm is planning to provide training in 2014/15 for clinicians who avail themselves to assist at intro courses and we invite clinicians to inform EdComm of their availability for course assistance.

Courses offered:

- i) August 2013 (x2) - JHB and Cape Town
- ii) May 2014 (x2) - JHB and Cape Town
- iii) July 2014 - JHB
- iv) Intro Courses for rest of 2014 will be offered in KZN, PE and Bloemfontein bringing the total to 8 Intro Courses.

4. Training received:

The tutors' workshop in November 2013 was led by Lois Bly (senior PT tutor for USA). Individual tutors also attended Advanced NDT and related courses and workshops to update their knowledge base and improve clinical reasoning and handling skills.

5. EdComm continues to be an associate member of the European Bobath Tutors Association (EBTA) and endeavors to send at least one EdComm member (ideally the chairperson) to represent SANDTA at the two-yearly EBTA congress, which includes the tutor business meeting and the tutor workshop prior to the congress. Our presence at this event ensures that we are part of an international forum where we can share unique SA NDT-related experiences; are updated in terms of current developments in other parts of the world and it facilitates networking with colleagues of the UK and EU Bobath/NDT community. Karien Marais will represent SANDTA EdComm at the EBTA congress in Poland in September 2014.

6. The organization, administration and finances of all courses are now being managed by one experienced person in the central office (currently Marianne Oosthuizen). This has taken a huge burden off the shoulders of course leaders and other tutors whose primary business is curriculum development, ongoing updating of course material as well as the effective presentation of courses to ensure that participants benefit optimally from the learning experience. EdComm would like to thank NEC for their ongoing support to ensure that we can pursue our ideal to offer

a service of excellence to the therapists who attend courses and ultimately to the children and their families who benefit from their input.

Report submitted by:

Rina van der Walt, Education Sub-Committee Representative on NEC on behalf of EdComm.