

SANDTA

Annual Report of the Education Sub-Committee (EdComm)

23 October 2015

2014/2015 Financial Year

1. Current tutors:

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

Tutor Trainees:

Dianne Zeller	- Physiotherapist – nearing completion of training as full tutor; currently an active introductory course tutor
Donné Descroizilles	- Physiotherapist – started training process; currently an active introductory course clinical supervisor and assistant

Recruited trainees / Applicants for Tutor Training:

Two prospective occupational therapy tutor trainees have been recruited and EdComm is awaiting their formal applications. The candidates have both informally expressed their interest in starting the training process.

2. Portfolios 2014/2015:

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

3.1. Basic Paediatric Eight Week Course 2015

Block 1: 31 August – 25 September

Block 2: 12 October – 6 November

Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital and other venues in Johannesburg

Course Leader: Doris Mbuyu (PT) assisted by Dianne Zeller
Course Tutors: Kelly Reynolds (ABNDDTA PT); Christa Scholtz (OT); Corneli Strydom (ST)
Number of Participants: 26

3.2. Advanced Course 2014

27 October - 7 November 2014

Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital, Johannesburg

Course Organiser: Christa Scholtz (OT)
Course Leader/Main Tutor: Lois Bly (Senior NDDTA PT Tutor, USA)
Tutors: Christa Scholtz (OT); Karien Marais (ST)
Number of Participants: 26

3.3. Introductory Courses:

A total of six Intro Courses were presented in five provinces this year. Four of the courses were fully subscribed (26 participants) with the Port Elizabeth Course accommodating 27 participants and the Bloemfontein and Pretoria courses accommodating 21 and 23 participants respectively. The courses offered training to a total of 149 therapists.

11-15 May 2015 – Cape Town (WC)

Pretoria (G)

1-5 June 2015 – Bloemfontein (FS)

29 June-3 July 2015 – Johannesburg (G)

3-7 August 2015 – Port Elizabeth (EC)

24-28 August 2015 – Edenvale (KZN)

3.4. Planned Courses:

Six Introductory Courses

Basic Paediatric Eight Week Course 2016 in Cape Town

Basic Paediatric Eight Week Course 2017 in KZN – to be confirmed in 2016

4. Meetings and Teleconferences:

EdComm members attended and participated in the annual business meeting at the end of June hosted in Midrand. Members also participated in eight teleconferences to discuss a variety of points related to and including the organising of courses, curricula and training of tutors.

5. Training:

Christa Scholtz was supported by EdComm to attend the AHA workshop in Holland. She and Karien Marais (SOFFI Workshop – Poland, 2014) gave feedback at the business meeting about the training they received over the past year. Feedback from tutors who attend courses and workshops to update their knowledge base remains a valuable way to improve knowledge and clinical reasoning skills of EdComm members. The committee therefore supports and encourages members' participation in such activities and offers an incentive of financial support to attend international events, especially when members present at events.

6. EBTA Membership:

EdComm continues to be an associate member of the European Bobath Tutors Association (EBTA). In order to maintain the relationship with EBTA, as well as to ensure that SANDTA EdComm are part of an international forum where we can share unique SA Bobath-NDT-related experiences; are updated in terms of current developments in other parts of the world and networking with colleagues of the UK and EU Bobath/NDT community, EdComm sends one delegate to the biennial congress and tutors business meeting. The next EBTA congress will only take place in 2016 therefore the current chairperson will be offered the opportunity to attend outside of her term.

7. Administrator:

The administration and finances of all courses are managed by Marianne Oosthuizen from the SANDTA office in Bloemfontein). 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 training opportunities offered.

SWOT Analysis:

Strengths:

- The dedicated team including internationally acknowledged experts
- Two PT tutor trainees currently committed to the tutor training process
- Good relationships with EBTA and ABNDTA which allows access to a network of experts in the field
- Administration support
- Continuous support and backing of NEC

Weaknesses/Challenges:

- Current dilemma due to the fact that we have only one qualified PT and OT tutor
- Small committee who cannot necessarily afford to be away from home for extended periods because of the needs of their own school-aged children and families
- Subsequent inability to meet the need of members for courses to be offered in other parts of South Africa

- Shortage of available of qualified tutors necessitating employment of experienced therapists to assist in teaching theoretical parts of intro courses

Opportunities:

- Commitment of international senior PT tutor to present part of the 2016 Basic Course and beyond to assist with the training of PT tutors during Basic Courses and to also present advanced NDT/Bobath courses in SA

Threats:

- Immediate and urgent need for qualified PT tutors to allow the committee to better serve the needs of members across the country
- Costs of inviting international tutors to assist with training of tutors and presenting on courses
- Costs to attend international events

On behalf of EdComm, I would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Dorothy Russell, NEC, Marianne Oosthuizen and the SANDTA members for the continued support of our activities and plans. In particular, a special word of thanks for NEC's financial backing this past year which allowed us to invite and host Kelly Reynolds, a PT instructor from Australia (ABNDTA). Kelly's specific expertise and experience offered our PT instructor and trainee instructors, along with the basic course participants, a unique learning opportunity which will be put to good service to strengthen EdComm and to better serve our clients with cerebral palsy in SA.

Report submitted on behalf of EdComm by:

Corneli Strydom

Education Sub-Committee Chairperson (2014-2015)