



The first month of spring has come and gone, and it brought with it not only blossoming trees and fresh greenery, but also many highlights for SACNASP and the work we have been doing.

Continuing the momentum of a very hectic August, we have been just as busy throughout September. Here is a recap of what has been going on.

Recommended fees: proclamation in Government Gazette

As of 12 September 2014, newly recommended fee structures have been gazetted, which outline the fees that may now be charged by SACNASP-registered scientists. For further information, please visit our website or contact Landi Jacobs by emailing yjacobs@geoscience.org.za.

Annual report

We have finalised the latest annual report, and it will be made available on the SACNASP website shortly. I must emphasise that we are extremely proud of the 44% annual increase in registered persons with SACNASP – a feat only possible because of our dedicated team and newly implemented internal processes. For those interested in learning more about our successes and the highlights of the annual report, download it from the SACNASP website and read the section on “Changing the face of SACNASP”.

Critical skills visa (reminder)

As we have mentioned previously, new legislation has been passed that requires those applying for work visas (among others) to apply for a critical skills visa with an accredited regulatory body, such as SACNASP. SACNASP now has the authority to assess applications and to determine whether the applicant has the “critical skills” that fall within its recognised Fields of Practice. For more information on the critical skills visa and the role that SACNASP plays, please contact Sujo Abraham by emailing sabraham@geoscience.org.za.

Invoices and registration cards

We have had multiple emails and telephone calls from registered persons enquiring about their invoices, as well as registration cards. Please contact Landi Jacobs at yjacobs@geoscience.org.za, to enquire about your registration card or to log an invoice query.

Application numbers

We have had tremendous success with the Extension Science applications, but we cannot overlook the success we have also enjoyed with the application and registration numbers of the other Fields of Practice. New applications (excluding Extension Science) over the past five months, from 1 April to the end of August 2014, have risen exponentially. Professional registration applications with SACNASP are now at 789, up by 66% compared with the 475 applications that we received over the same period.

If there are any companies that would like more information about, or assistance with, the registration of their employees, please contact us by emailing Mariette Le Roux at mleroux@geoscience.org.za and we will gladly assist.

Extension Science dates and venues

We have kicked off the next leg of Extension Science application and registration drives.

- **In Mpumalanga, we visited:**
 - Witbank and Middleburg on 19 September
 - Bushbuckridge on 26 September, and
 - Nelspruit on 29 September
- **Free State:**
 - A SASAE supported symposium provided a venue for a registration drive on both 17 and 30 September
- **Limpopo:**
 - 1 and 2 October will see the team travelling to Polokwane
 - We then move on to Sekhukhune on 16 and 17 October
 - On 22 and 23 October we will end the Limpopo leg in Venda
- **Western Cape:**
 - In between the Limpopo dates, the team will travel down to Cape Town on 3 October to run a registration drive for our Extension scientists in the Cape
- **North West:**
 - We'll be running a registration drive from 6 to 10 October

We are thrilled that Extension Science applications are now at 1 347 and will continue to rise.

Office contact details (new fax number)

Just a quick reminder that certain office contact details have changed. Our new fax number is +27 (0)86 206 0427. We have moved over to a fax-to-email system to reduce our paper usage. Please take note of this change for any further correspondence via fax.

That's all for now

Dr. Rolf Becker

“Don't tell people how to do things; tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results.” — George S Patton