

**SANi Annual General Meeting
CSIR
04 February 2009**

1. *Opening and Welcome*

The meeting was opened by the chair at 09H15 and a welcome was extended to all.

2. *Minutes of the Previous Meeting*

The minutes of the last AGM were accepted without any changes.

3. *Matters Arising*

3.1 *NanoAfrica 2006 Proceedings*

The Chair reported that the proceedings from this conference have still not been published and attempts to obtain clarification from the editorial team headed by Prof. Margit Harting were unsuccessful. The SANi executive took the matter up and the last response obtained was that the editorial process was nearing completion and the proceedings would be published “within the next few weeks”. This has not happened. SAJS has also indicated that no agreement has ever been entered into with them for the publication of the articles. The matter was then opened for discussion.

Complaints from authors about the poor responses from the editing team were strongly voiced. The meeting resolved that a two week deadline be set by which alternative routes to publication would be pursued. Prof N. Coville volunteered to initiate discussion with SAJS on the matter. Prof

Coville and Dr S. Ray were mandated to lead a subcommittee to drive the matter to its conclusion. The SANi chairperson was instructed to communicate with Prof Harting and Prof D. Britton to inform them of this decision and to advise the subcommittee of any developments.

4. *Chairman's Report*

A report on all activities that took place in 2009 was presented by the chair, Prof. N. Cingo. See the updated SANi web page (www.sani.org.za) for the full report*.

5. *Treasurer's report*

A report was given jointly by the treasurer, Dr J. Moloto and Prof. Cingo (on behalf of the Public Awareness sub-committee). This report should also be on the SANi web page soon*.

6. *Public Awareness Report*

A full report on the activities of this sub-committee was given by Prof. Cingo. See the SANi web page for details*.

7. *Iso TC 229 Report*

This report was given by Dr Vorster. See the web page for the details*.

8. *Student Chapter*

A full report on the activities of the student chapter was presented jointly by Dr T. Hillie and Mr S. Mhlanga. See the web page for the details*.

9. *NanoAfrica 2009 Report*

Dr Sinha-Ray reported on behalf of the organizing committee as follows.

231 of 242 delegates attended the conference. The financial aspects are being finalized and a report will be made once this is done. A total of R480000.00 in sponsorship was received of which R400 000.00 was from outside South Africa. Dr Sinha-Ray volunteered to use his influence and contacts to source some funding for the Students Chapter. Publication of the proceedings in a suitable journal will be pursued. This will most

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probably be in the form of a single volume with 12 articles. 12 students were sponsored. The Organizing Committee pledged that they would ensure that only students are considered for prizes (for oral and poster presentations) in future. Improved sponsorship for student participation will also be pursued.

10. *Constitutional Matters*

Prof D. Knoesen led a team that has made recommendations for the amendment of certain parts of the SANi constitution. Unfortunately, as a result of a technical error, this report was not circulated in time to all conference delegates as intended. This matter will be attended to by the incoming committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 11H00 until 12H30.

11. *Elections*

A proposal was made from the floor that the executive committee be reduced in size to seven (7) elected members and two (2) ex-officio members (DST and Chair of student Chapter). This was seconded and adopted as a resolution by the meeting.

The following were elected into the new committee:

Dr S. Sinha-Ray (CSIR)
Prof D. Knoesen (UWC)
Dr J. Moloto (Wits)
Dr LM Cele (TUT)
Dr T. Mhlongo (Mintek)
Dr S. Prins (NMISA)
Dr W. Augustyn (NECSA)

12. *Closure*

The meeting was closed at 13H15.