

SAPA NEWS

THE SAPA EXCO WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR MEMBERS, OLD AND NEW, TO THE 1ST EDITION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF CHILD HEALTH.

Our new Exco have been allocated various tasks and to begin, we would like to introduce ourselves to you:

Chairperson: Despina Demopoulos

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Secretary: Lindo Radebe

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Mark Atkins

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Although we have been a little quiet at the frontlines, we have been actively working on several projects and planning in the background.

Some highlights and plans for our year:

The website has been updated with a fresh new look. Please visit us at www.paediatrics.org.za to interact with us as a community. This platform will be used to communicate valuable information, policy and position statements and educational resources to our members.

Due to financial considerations and to support SAPA's high standards of excellence, an annual membership fee of R500 per member has been introduced. Please log on to the website, update your membership details on the dashboard and use the convenient payment facility to process your payment.

By being a fully paid-up member, this will unlock CPD points for our webinars and events and allow access to various workshops, either free of charge or at greatly-reduced rates. We encourage all membership fees to be paid by the end of June 2024.

Our Webinars have been a resounding success so far and we have many more planned.

Our education portfolio is actively organising a few exciting workshops – keep watching our social media and emails for details regarding these events.

Our congress committee has also been hard at work arranging our SAPA congress for 2025.

We have a new group of registrar representatives who have joined the Exco, and we are actively supporting these junior members in their studies.

For those in private practice, remember to connect with us through the Paediatric Management Group (PMG).

Please keep an eye out for calls to comment on the Standard Treatment Guidelines and the Essential Medicine Lists. This is part of our collaboration with the National Department of

Health and allows you to play an active role in the development of high-quality standards.

As winter approaches – keep healthy and let's continue to be the heroes that our little patients need.

If you are not a member yet, please join and offer your assistance to our various projects. [#SAPA](#) [#Strivingforthrivingkids](#)

