

SAPA NEWS

GREETINGS FROM THE SAPA EXCO

2024 has come to an end. As we reflect on all that we have achieved, we stand together as paediatricians and colleagues working with children to say 'we have done our best to achieve our vision "Striving for thriving kids"'.
Thank you to all our loyal members for the last year. We have had some tough issues to deal with and we are looking forward to taking on some of these issues as well as a host of others in the new year.

"It's a beautiful thing when a career and a passion come together." – Anonymous.

Lets continue to be passionate about the care of our children in 2025.

Breastfeeding is a central part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals. SAPA had the pleasure of collaborating with UNITAR in hosting the Breastfeeding Education Initiative which consisted of 3 webinar sessions. Thank you so much to all who attended.

SAPA also published a statement in November 2024 to raise awareness about the unacceptable rise in poisoning cases amongst South African children. You can read the statement [here](#).

SAPA is in the process of updating our digital footprint. We are very excited to launch this platform in the coming year so that we can provide our community with up-to-date news and information and make it simpler and easier to interact with us. Please keep an eye on our communications on social media and emails for instructions on how to update your membership on our new platform.

Martie and her education team are hard at work planning a whole new series of monthly webinars and workshops later in the year. Thank you to all our members who conscientiously attend these webinars.

Registrars be on the lookout for more exciting workshops and assistance with your learning.

Zinhle and her team are working full steam to support you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your registrar representatives to raise any concerns.

Gqeberha is working tirelessly to ensure that our congress is running smoothly. Our program is jam-packed with great topics, and we are looking forward to seeing you all there! SAPA 2025: 5 - 7 September 2025 at the Boardwalk Hotel & Convention Centre.

Also, please do not miss South Africa as the proud host to the 20th Congress of the International Paediatric Nephrology Association from 19 - 23 February 2025 at the International Convention Centre in Cape Town. Prof Mignon McCulloch has been part of the organising team and campaigned strongly for South Africa to host this event.

University Challenge: Are you a Quiz Whizz? Be sure to follow us and attend our Congress in September 2025 to see who will win the ultimate prize!

As the Exco, we wish you all a happy and prosperous holiday season. Be safe and remember to keep looking out for yourself. Without you, our children will be lost. For those working over this time, thank you for your sacrifices and enjoy every moment.

Be safe and take care.

