



Dear ADSA members

It was indeed a privilege to see so many of you at the Nutrition Congress (23 - 27 August) held at Goudini. The wealth of knowledge that this congress brought should not end there. I challenge each one of you ...

ADSA membership totalled 1 342 during 2004, the highest paid up membership total in the association's history. This makes ADSA representative of close to 90% of all dietitians in South Africa.

As the new committee we wish to remind you of the ADSA Vision and Mission, and the wide representation of ADSA on various committees and organisations.

Vision

To represent and develop the dietetic profession to contribute towards achieving optimal nutrition for all South Africans

Mission

As the registered professionals in the field of dietetics and nutrition we support and promote the continued growth of the profession of dietetics in South Africa

Did you know that ADSA is also represented on various other organisations and contributes or interacts via these organisations to reach its aims and goals and serve the interests of all ADSA members:

- International Committee of Dietetic Associations (ICDA)
 - SAFCoD (SA Food Composition Database)
 - Board of Healthcare Funders (BHF)
 - FACS (Food Advisory Consumer Service)
 - South African Food Based Dietary Guidelines Work Group
 - FLAG (Food Legislation Advisory Group)
 - National Consultative Health Forum: Human Resource Committee
 - Sport nutrition advisory committee of SISA (Sport Institute of SA)
 - Food Fortification Task Team
 - South African Society for the Study of Obesity (SASSO)
 - South African Sports Medicine Association (SASMA)
 - International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI)
- (Courtesy of ADSA Chairlady's Report 2002 - 2004)

I urge each one of you to get involved in ADSA branch activities and help ADSA continue to strive to be the face of nutrition in South Africa.

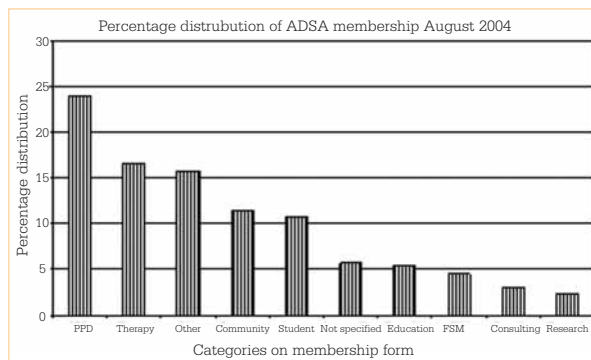
Wishing all of you the best for the rest of 2004,

Megan Pentz-Kluyts

ADSA President

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Reminder: ADSA membership fees for 2005 are due by 30 November 2004.



The Executive Committee 2004 - 2006



Front, l - r: Debbi Marais (CPD), Megan Pentz-Kluyts (President), Sue Scharf (PPD)

Back, l - r: Chantell Witten (Public Relations), Rene Smalberger (Member Relations), Hilary Woodley (Communications)

Absent for photograph: Matjie Rapetsoa (Representation), Lauren Tanchel (Sponsorship)

Media statement – HPCSA

Nearly 9 000 health practitioners have been erased due to non-payment

The Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) has erased 8 900 practitioners from the register for failure to pay their annual fees by 1 April 2004. Once erased from the register, health practitioners who pay within six months will pay twice the annual fee as well as the current annual fee in order to restore their names to the register. Health practitioners who pay six months after the date of erasure, will pay a restoration fee, which equals ten times the annual fee as well as the current annual fee in order to restore their names to the register.

It should be emphasised that practising any of the professions falling under the jurisdiction of Council and for which a scope of practice has been promulgated, without being registered, constitutes a criminal offence in terms of the Act.

Practitioners who would like to find out about their registration status are urged to contact the HPCSA on (012) 338-9300/9301.