

Southern African Onlince User Group
Chair's Report: 2002 - 2003
Maureen Brassel

COMMITTEE:

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ACTIVITIES:

15 August 2002: The AGM meeting was held at Deloitte & Touche, Woodmead. The talk by Johan Havenga, from IBIS Consultants was on "A new strategic management instrument: Competitive Intelligence".

4 November 2002: The end-of-the year function was a combined meeting with SLIS at Northwards, Parktown where Prof Johann Coetzee gave a talk on "Get a Life!".

13 February 2003: Our breakfast meeting this year was held at St George Hotel, Centurion where Prof Nick Binedell, GIBS gave a lively talk on "Strategy in the Information Era : Building Institutional Capabilities".

3-5 June 2003: The Seventh SAOUG Online Information Meeting was held at Misty Hills Country Hotel & Conference Centre, Muldersdrift. There was a very good turnout of over 300 delegates at the conference and we had 2 invited speakers from overseas who presented the keynote talks. In total 18 papers were presented. We also had 18 Exhibition stands and the vendors were all very happy with the response from the delegates. The Pre-conference activities included 2 workshops which were very well attended with 9 product reviews all running as parallel sessions of 2 hours each.

This year, with us holding the conference in the "Cradle of Mankind" we were also able to arrange 2 evening social functions which were both well attended and very much enjoyed by all. The one function was a visit to the Ngweni Glass Factory and the other was a night drive at the Lion and Rhino Park.

NEWSLETTER:

Once again grateful thanks to Di Kruger, editor of the newsletter, who has managed to produce 2 online newsletters during the period under review. These were our first 2 online publications. Her willingness and enthusiasm in producing these newsletters is much appreciated.

WEBSITE:

Many thanks to Cornel Muller, our website is now running very smoothly. She manages to keep the site up-to-date where all our meetings and all the power point presentations of the meetings and the conference are made available very soon after the functions. She has created an excellent site with links to all our meetings, conferences, presentations, newsletters back to 1996, contact details of committee members, membership, web links, archives, etc.

The web address is: <http://www.saoug.org.za>

FINANCES:

Many thanks to Chris Cromhout for the many hours that he has put into automating our finances and for handling our finances in a most efficient manner.

THANKS:

Once again I would like to thank SABINET for hosting our listserv.

We are also very grateful to Honeywell who has during the past year provided their facilities and refreshments for the committee meetings. Thanks also to Swets Blackwells who made their facilities available for meetings when Honeywell was booked.

To all the Executive Committee members thank you for your loyal support and hard work during the past year.

Finally thanks to all the members of SAOUG for your participation at our meetings.

Maureen Brassel
Chair
21 August 2004