

SOUTHERN AFRICAN ONLINE USER GROUP
Chair's Report
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Committee

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Activities

- **19 - 21 June 2001**
The Sixth SAOUG Online Information Meeting (In conjunction with SLIS and OSALL), held at Caesars Convention Centre, Kempton Park. There was a good turnout of 290 delegates at the conference and we had 2 invited speakers from overseas who also presented workshops. The 15 product reviews were also well attended.
- **22 October 2001**
Combined meeting with SLIS and OSALL held at Deloitte & Touche, Woodmead. Together with SLIG (Cape Town) we managed to finance a visit by Mary Ellen Bates from the USA who gave a lively talk on "Tips of a super searcher".
- **19 February 2002**
Breakfast meeting at the Centurion Lake Hotel. Pieter Geldenhuys from the Post Graduate School of Leadership, UNISA spoke to us on "Convergence: Beyond the Technological Paradigm."
- **11 - 12 June 2002**
Second SLOSALL Conference: The Rhythm of Change - Dancing to a New Tune. This conference was mainly organised by SLIS in conjunction with SAOUG and OSALL, held at the Volkswagen Conference Centre, Midrand.
The SAOUG committee organised an afternoon session with 2 speakers, viz.
 - Arthur Goldstuck, World Wide Worx : "Web Strategy is going to get worse, before it gets better"; and
 - Louis Fourie, University of Stellenbosch : "E-commerce is dead: Long live E-commerce".

Newsletter

My thanks to Di Kruger, editor of the newsletter, who has managed to produce 3 newsletters during the period under review. Her willingness and enthusiasm in producing these newsletters is much appreciated. The committee also decided that all further newsletters would be published on our website. Notification will be sent to members via email informing them when the newsletter is available.

Website

Thanks to Cornel Muller, our website has been up and running for almost a year. 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

We have been slow at getting out the renewal subscriptions this year, but this has been due to transferring membership to an accounting program which we hope will facilitate the process in future. The renewal invoices have been posted and should reach everyone within the next couple of days. Many thanks to Chris Cromhout for the many hours that he has put into this process and for handling our finances in a most efficient manner..

The Committee also decided to increase the membership fees for individual members to R50 and corporate membership to R250.

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.

To all the Executive Committee members thank you for your loyal support and hard work during the past year, especially Ingrid de Bont who keeps our membership list up-to-date; Hannelie Knoetze for organising and following up on speakers and arranging our meetings; Devind Peter for keeping the minutes of the committee meetings.

Finally thanks to all the members of SAOUG for your participation at our meetings - it helps to make our work worthwhile.

Maureen Brassel
Chair
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