



May/June 2009.

SACNASP

A note of thanks for all the responses to the request for the completion the questionnaire.

A request was received to discuss the reason for members to affiliate to SACNASP. This will be done during the AGM when one of the Council Members (SACNASP) will give feedback of what you as a member get from SACNASP. There will be an opportunity to get the relevant information and to ask questions at this time.

Conference

The conference LOC indicated a good response to the meeting in June. There are however a few places available, so please contact Dr Nico Smit (nicos@uj.ac.za) if you need more information.

It is however time to pay your registration fees as a matter of urgency! If you have not done that to date, contact Nico in this regard.

Journal

As you may know from earlier emails, the Journal had a boost with regards to wider exposure. NISC (the local publishing company) got a deal (from 1 May 2009) with the Taylor & Francis publishing group, based in the United Kingdom. Taylor & Francis publish about 1500 peer-reviewed scholarly journals under the Taylor & Francis, Routledge and Psychology Press imprints and have the world's longest running

science journal in their stable. Visit <http://www.informaworld.com> for an overview of the group and the journals they publish.

The key benefits to NISC and the societies whose journals we publish is that Taylor & Francis will be providing:

- 1) Access to world-class support for the production of the journals, including online manuscript submission and tracking
- 2) Online, full text access back to Volume 1, Issue 1 for each journal
- 3) International marketing and market research to raise the profile of the journal among relevant international researchers, potential authors and institutions

We had contact with NISC with regard to possible costs.

This is the correspondence I received from Mike Schramm (Publishing and Operations Manager – NISC) with regards to the new and exciting prospects for the Journal.

My request/question:

We are very happy with the idea of being part of the "Taylor and Francis" family. We have our next conference and AGM in June and I am sure the issued will be hotly debated.

Is it possible to give me some idea of what additional costs will be incurred? That is in addition to the current cost for the production of the Journal. I am sure the members will need this information when we must debate the new membership fees.

Mike Schramm's response:

Just to reassure that there will be NO FINANCIAL IMPACTS for society members, authors, or South African and African subscribers AS A RESULT OF the collaboration. In consultation with us, from 2010, Taylor & Francis may adjust the subscription rates for international institutional subscribers, as we have given them responsibility for this sector.

As I said in my announcement, we see this collaboration as a way to increase the impact of the journal and bring African scholarship to the attention of more of the international research community.

This matter will also be discussed during the AGM during the conference.

Another important aspect for all members:

Page charges for 2009:

Our journal charges a fee per online published page as follows.

- South Africa: R171 per page (AJAS Subscribers: R114, SASAqS member subscribers: Nil)
- Africa: 150 ZA Rands per page (AJAS Subscribers: R100, SASAqS member subscribers: Nil)
- International: \$30 per page (AJAS Subscribers: \$20, SASAqS member subscribers: Nil)
- For AJAS subscription rates contact lester@nisc.co.za
- For SASAqS membership (R300), including the online journal, contact paulus.fouche@univen.ac.za

A reminder that the latest volume (AJAS 34(1) full text) is available via Ingenta. Please remember it is only for those who have paid their subscription fees. If you have problems connecting, please let us know.

Membership fees and membership

Of the 195 invoices sent out, only 65 people paid this far. Please, assist us and settle your account. **If you do make a payment, please ensure that you use your member number as reference and please fax or email the proof of payment to Nico (nicos@uj.ac.za)** Only those who have paid will have electronic access to the Journal.

Members who paid will receive an email from the Treasurer to indicate the process of getting connected to the Journal (electronic). If you haven't received such an email, but paid your subs, please contact Nico.

We are in the process to determine which members are currently "dormant". That refers to members with whom we have had no contact in the last year or two. If you don't get any information with regard to the membership fees, please contact Nico. We want to update the membership list as soon as possible.

In the event that you feel you don't want to be a member of the Society, please send a letter to that effect to the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Secretary. They will then close your account and remove your name from the email list.

Country members

We are looking for people to help as in this regard. We need someone in our neighbouring countries to assist as a liaison between the Exco and members in these countries. Currently we don't have anyone helping in this regard. A further need is to promote the Society and the Journal with scientists in the countries and to get them to join the society. We hope to have conferences outside South Africa's borders again and these people with assist with the organisation of such events.

This is an abstract from the constitution.

The Country Representatives shall where appropriate each represent an African country.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

- (a) Each Country Representative shall be entitled to form a Regional Committee to further the interests of the Society in that region; in order to do so the Country Representative shall have the power to co-opt local members to serve on the Regional Committee.
- (b) The Representative of the Region in which a Congress, Symposium or Meeting of the Society is to be held shall either act as Convenor or shall appoint a Member to act as Convenor of this Society function. The Representative may also co-opt members to serve on a Congress, Symposium or Committee Meeting, of which the Convenor shall act as Chairman.
- (c) Country Representatives shall be responsible to the Secretary of the Society for all correspondence they enter into on behalf of the Society.
- (d) Country Representatives, or their nominees in terms of Clause 14(b), shall be responsible to the Treasurer of the Society for the control and disbursement of monies in connection with these Society functions.