

Dear Colleagues

Early Bird registration closes 30 June 2018 due to Leipzig Congress held during May 2018

The planning for the SAOPA Congress scheduled for 6 – 8 September 2018 in Bloemfontein is well underway. We look forward to welcoming you all in Bloemfontein at the Bloem Spa Hotel.

1. Congress Venue

Bloem Spa Hotel
Rayton Road
Lilivale
Bloemfontein
Tel: 051 436 1550
Email: info@bloemspa.co.za

Bloem Spa Hotel is located 18km from Bram Fischer International Airport and is easily accessible from the N1 highway.



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2. Format of Congress

Thursday, 6 September	Registration and full day Congress. Social event at Bloem Spa Hotel
Friday, 7 September	Full day Congress and Gala dinner at Bloem Spa Hotel
Saturday, 8 September	Half day Congress closing before lunch.

3. Call for papers

Deadline for submissions: 31 May 2018

SAOPA invites healthcare professionals interested in the field of Orthotics and Prosthetics to submit abstracts, articles, papers, posters or case studies for consideration by the SAOPA Congress Scientific Committee.

Please prepare your completed application regarding topics and abstracts and submit to: saopa@profnetmedical.co.za or rupertnagel@vodamail.co.za

Types of presentations:

Scientific paper:

These are 20-minute presentations of research findings. Papers in this category are expected to describe the findings of the study with a specific hypothesis, appropriate methodology and execution, and suitable data analysis, the number of subjects studied should be statistically adequate.

These presentations are intended to ultimately improve the standard of Orthotics and Prosthetics.

Scientific poster:

Posters present relatively simple topics, solutions or “tips and tricks” in visual and written format. Poster presentations are best suited for a pilot study, an unique idea or a new procedure.

It is a summary of your research findings, highlighting your methodology and execution with suitable data analysis and statistics. Do not submit a poster for consideration if the work has not been completed.



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Creative solutions:

These are 20-minute presentations of the results of new or innovative Orthotic and Prosthetic interventions. Designs MUST be focused on original, inventive or imaginative approaches to problem areas rather than a specific manufacture's product.

These presentations are intended to inspire discussion and collaboration among congress participants to provide new ideas for delegates to implement in the day-to-day care of their patients and to stimulate future scientific investigation.

Challenging cases:

These are 20-minute presentations of difficult clinical problems without obvious solutions. Audience participation is critically important to the effectiveness of challenging case presentations, so these cases will be selected for their anticipated appeal to congress delegates.

4. Social programme

Social evening – this will be held Thursday 6th September at the 'Boma' on the same premises as the Congress. This is a casual evening with great food and the opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues.

Banquet dinner – this will be held Friday 7th September at the 'Rolbos' venue on the same premises as the Congress. This promises to be an elegant, semi-formal evening. (The banquet dinner is included in the registration fee).

5. Delegates rates

	Early Registration (before 31 May 2018)	Late Registration
Student SAOPA members	R 2 000. 00	R 2 200. 00
Student non-SAOPA members	R 2 200. 00	R 2 400.00
SAOPA members	R 2 800. 00	R 3 500. 00
Non-SAOPA members	R 3 500. 00	R 4 200. 00
Additional exhibitor delegates	R 2 200. 00	R 2 400. 00

*The delegate registration fee includes the social event as well as the Banquet dinner.

*Delegate rates are VAT inclusive.

6. Delegate Registration forms

The registration form will be an additional attachment to this email. Please complete the form and send it back with proof of payment to Adri at saopa@profnetmedical.co.za.

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Banking details

Herewith the banking details of the South African Orthotic and Prosthetic Association for the National Congress to be held 6-8 September 2018.

Name: SAOPA

Bank: First National Bank

Branch code: 211217 (Walmer)

Account number: 6210 749 5526

7. Accommodation

Bloem Spa Hotel:

There is limited accommodation available at the Congress venue. Please arrange your own accommodation well in advance.

Tel: 051 436 1550

Email: info@bloemspa.co.za

Alternative accommodation:

Andante Guesthouse -2.3km from Congress venue

Tel: 079 889 5849

info@andante.co.za

Dante Deo Guesthouse – 2.8km from Congress venue

Tel: 083 290 4664

Impa-lala Country Estate - 2.9km from Congress venue

Tel: 082 789 1055

info@impa-lala.co.za

Elrido Lodge – 3.7km from Congress venue

Tel: 051 436 5251

info@elrido.co.za

Arista Guesthouse – 4.2km from Congress venue

Tel: 051 436 1122

bookings@aristaguesthouse.co.za

We look forward to seeing you in September 2018.

SAOPA Congress Committee.



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