



President's Message

Farewell message to Dr Mariet Eksteen

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I was the Vice-President of the South African Association of Community Pharmacists (SAACP) when discussions began about having a staff member from PSSA National Office represent PSSA at sector meetings. The decision as to who would represent the PSSA was decided by the National Office. Ultimately, Mariet was appointed to represent PSSA National Office during our SAACP NEC meetings. This decision helped forge a stronger, more united relationship between PSSA and SAACP, which continues to this day.

Mariet never missed any of our meetings and she always actively participated during the meeting, bringing valuable information from the PSSA. Her dedication and hard work have been unwavering, and she has excelled in her role with passion and commitment. The significant contribution she made as part of the collective has played a vital role in the growth of the Society, and her efforts have not gone unnoticed.

During the preparations for the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) Congress, it was clear that there was a strong bond between Mariet and the FIP representatives in Cape Town. However, at that time, I did not know that they would eventually recruit Mariet after her significant role in organising the highly successful 82nd FIP Congress.

As Mariet embarks on a new chapter in her career, representing us as pharmacists in this country and as citizens of South Africa, may she be blessed with happiness and success at every step. On behalf of the National Executive Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa, all members of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa, and all pharmacists in general, I wish you a wonderful and successful journey, Mariet. Go well and know that the PSSA will always miss you.

I thank you.