

SAAHIP – Women’s Month Campaign

S.A. Association of Hospital and Institutional Pharmacists

S.A. Vereniging van Hospitaal en Inrigtings Aptekers

A sectoral division of the Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa



On the 9th of August 1956, women across South Africa decided that they had had spent enough time being complacent about the atrocious apartheid regime, pass laws and the overall dire situation that the country was in and rallied together and marched to the Union buildings in Pretoria. Women from all walks of life, some clad in traditional wear, some with children on their backs, came together and spoke in one voice. This was a display of courage and resilience and showed that women are definitely a force to be reckoned with. These events played a pivotal role in our country’s democracy and should never be forgotten. The event is remembered and celebrated annually by the country as our National Women’s Day during the month of August.

The pharmaceutical profession is fortunate to be blessed with female leaders of a similar caliber, displaying the same strength and resilience, daily. The South African association of hospital and institutional pharmacists (SAAHIP) decided that it is necessary showcase and celebrate these incredible women during the month of August. The request for nominees was disseminated via the SAAHIP Branch chairs, the SAAHIP membership, marketing and branding stream and all SAAHIP social media platforms. The response was overwhelming, having received 42 (breakdown shown in Table I), very worthy nominees from across the country. The nominees were then asked to supply us with information where we could document their qualifications, current positions, their own journey in the pharmaceutical profession and how they have empowered others, in particular females in the

profession. 42 social media flyers were created and uploaded onto the National SAAHIP social media platforms.

The pharmaceutical profession can safely say that we have some of the most educated, talented and accomplished group of females. SAAHIP was able to display these attributes via the creation of the social media flyers. The nominees showcased have made incredible sacrifices for their teams, mentored immeasurable amounts of students, assistants and pharmacist interns, and overall have put their passion for the profession first whilst still trying to balance work and family life and have made valuable contributions that will ensure young, emerging pharmacists follow suit. There was also a definite trend amongst the nominees of continuous learning, self-development and overall empowerment of others. We can therefore conclude that the pharmaceutical profession has female pharmacists who are a force to be reckoned with. They are quickly taking on more leadership and management roles in our profession, making significant leaps and bounds. They have become trailblazers in all sectors of pharmacy and SAAHIP celebrates these incredible women!

Dr. Seshnee Moodley

SAAHIP Membership, Marketing and Branding Lead

SAAHIP EC Chairperson

Table I: Nominees per Branch		
Branch	No. of Submissions	Names
Northern Gauteng	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Pumzile Skosana 2. Leonaye Erwee 3. Dalene Kuisis 4. Beverley Summers 5. Sofia Fourie 6. Prof Hanlie Meyer
Southern Gauteng	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jacquie Fox 2. Rofhiwa Midana Mulibana SHONI
Mpumalanga	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jeanet Steyn 2. Margaret Moloto 3. Mamolefe Selokela 4. Phindile Hlope 5. Phindile Mnyanga-Ndlovu
North West	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elna Davies 2. Yvette Joubert
Free State/Northern Cape	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geziena Kruger-Swanepoel 2. Bonolo Teki
Eastern Cape	5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dianne Paton 2. Nolitha Olayi Gubula 3. Salmone Petrus 4. Xoliswa Mjikijela 5. Alice Lategan
Western Cape	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kaajal Chetty 2. Nadine Carol Butler
KZN Coastal	2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nerina Banwari 2. Nirupa Misra
KZN Inland	1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renesha Bikraj
Limpopo	6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cynthia Moleboge Ramahuma 2. Salome Makofana 3. Pelepele Lerato Maketa 4. Amelia Mashaba 5. Mavis Shivambu 6. Razeeya Khan
Presco	9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Seshnee Moodley 2. Anri Hornsveld 3. Thandeka Njapha 4. Thanushya Naidoo 5. Refloe Mogale 6. Danielle Tshabala 7. Lorraine Osman 8. Natalie Shellack 9. Mariet Eksteen
Total	42	