



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

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Dear registered Professionals, Candidates and Stakeholders

SACLAP trusts that this newsletter finds you well and wishes to update you regarding matters relating to Council mandates and activities.

### COUNCIL MATTERS

#### **Replacement of public representative**

SACLAP is happy to welcome, Redrick Eugene Hlongwane as the replacement public representative, appointed by the Minister of Public Works on the 8 April 2015. Eugene brings to the council, particular expertise on environmental philosophy, experience and understanding of such.

#### **Resignation of professional representative**

SACLAP received the resignation of Ms. Abbigail El Mohamadi on the 13 March 2015. SACLAP has already engaged with the DPW to process her replacement. SACLAP acknowledges with thanks, Abbigail's contribution to the council and committees and wishes her well in her new endeavors.

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Registration Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and please take note of the important information below:

#### **Registration Policy**

The Registration Policy is in the process of being amended as per the discussions held in August 2014. The current policy will remain valid until the new policy is approved by the Council, and has gone through the required public participation process and then duly gazetted for implementation. SACLAP will advise when the document is gazetted for public comment. The Registration Committee anticipates the commenting period to be in the month of August.

#### **Professional Registration Exams:**

The Professional Registration Exams take place on the **6<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

in both Gauteng (University of Pretoria) and Cape Town (University of Cape Town). All candidates were found eligible by the Exam committee to proceed with writing the exams. We wish the candidates all the best.

#### **Interview (Recognition of Prior Learning) Route**

The registration by review interviews took place in April 2015, in Cape Town only. The Registration Committee is in the process of determining the feasibility of having a second round of interviews in August 2015.

## PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The key matters to note are as follows:

The process for the **2015 CPD submissions** and new **Registration Certificates**:

SACLAP would like to thank all the Professionals who submitted their applications timeously. The review of the submissions is well under way and responses will be sent out shortly. **Only the registered professionals whose registration renewal is this year will receive their new certificates at the end of June.**

In terms of the **Identification of Work** (IDoW), the Competition Commission met with SACLAP on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2015 and requested additional information. This was submitted and feedback is awaited. The Commission had indicated that they hoped to provide such by the end of March 2015. No feedback has been received to date and indications are that there will now possibly be an outcome in the month of June 2015.

The Competition Commission will meet with SACLAP on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 on progress relating to the exemption application regarding the **Guideline Professional Fees**. SACLAP will provide feedback to the profession once this meeting has taken place.

The amendments to the **CPD and Voluntary Association Policies** are still in progress and will it is anticipated that the gazetting for public comment will be in the month of August.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

### **Financial Sustainability of SACLAP**

SACLAP has not received any official response from the CBE or DPW as yet on future funding which will obviously impact on the financial sustainability of SACLAP in the medium and long term. Another meeting is set up with the DPW on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2015 regarding this and other matters.

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The **Accreditation Policy of SACLAP** is in the process of being compared with the accreditation criteria of the Council for Higher Education (CHE). This may require a few amendments to the current policy. It is anticipated that this policy will be gazetted for comment in July/August 2015.

SACLAP has also been requested by the CHE to identify individuals that may be willing to undertake training and then be **CHE representatives** on accreditation visits. If you are interested, please email the Registrar.

### **Council on Higher Education (CHE) and SACLAP workshop**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2015, the CHE hosted a workshop at their office to begin a process from an academic point of view, to improve alignment and increase student mobility across academic institutions. The workshop was well attended by representatives from the academic institutions namely: DUT, UCT, CPUT, UNISA, UP, IERM and ILASA. SACLAP would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge with thanks the CHE and Professor Kethamonie Naidoo's valuable contribution in terms of her time, skills and sharing of information.

### **Academic Forum**

The SACLAP Academic Forum replaces the ILASA Forum meetings. This emanated from a meeting with ILASA (Antoinette Raimond) in September 2014 where it was agreed that this form is of greater benefit to SACLAP as much of the information that is shared is required by SACLAP when it reports to the CBE. SACLAP co-ordinated and hosted its first Academic Forum on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 and representatives from Academic institutions and Voluntary Associations were invited to participate at this forum.

## NEW REGISTRATION CATEGORIES

The development of the new registration categories is underway again and all stakeholders will be provided with more detail as the process unfolds.

## GENERAL

The following items are shared for your information:

- **Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)** – the workshops have been put on hold subject to funding issues.
- **Client landscape architect agreement:** Just a reminder that the SACLAP client landscape architect agreement was withdrawn in 2010. The PROCSA suite of documents now replaces this agreement. This document can be purchased on the internet from the website [www:procsa.co.za](http://www.procsa.co.za). Just follow the links on this page.
- **Council for the Built Environment**  
Advocate Pieter Fourie, has been appointed as the Acting CEO of the CBE since the beginning of April 2015.
- **Meeting with the DPW**  
The Advisor to the Public Works Minister has invited SACLAP to meet on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2015. SACLAP is grateful for this opportunity to raise concerns particularly on financial sustainability of the Council.

SACLAP reminds you to please contact [registrar@saclap.org.za](mailto:registrar@saclap.org.za) for additional queries and comments on matters affecting the landscape sector and thanks you for supporting and growing the profession.

Yours sincerely

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