

# SACNASP NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR REGISTERED SCIENTIST

This will be the penultimate newsletter for what has been a difficult year for many despite this there have been many successes. Once again SACNASP achieved a clean (unqualified audit) please see attached the link to our Annual Report for 2019/2020

<https://www.sacnasp.org.za/annual-reports>

In addition we also created a new CPD portal to assist with gaining CPD points online.

The contributions or articles are not limited to the VA's only. You, as an author, specialist or expert are more than welcome to also contribute to the website. If you have material that you feel should be added to the online website then please contact Johan van Schalkwyk on 0827375532 or email [johan@6cde.co.za](mailto:johan@6cde.co.za) for more information.

All CPD related activities can be accessed on [cpd@sacnasp.org.za](mailto:cpd@sacnasp.org.za)

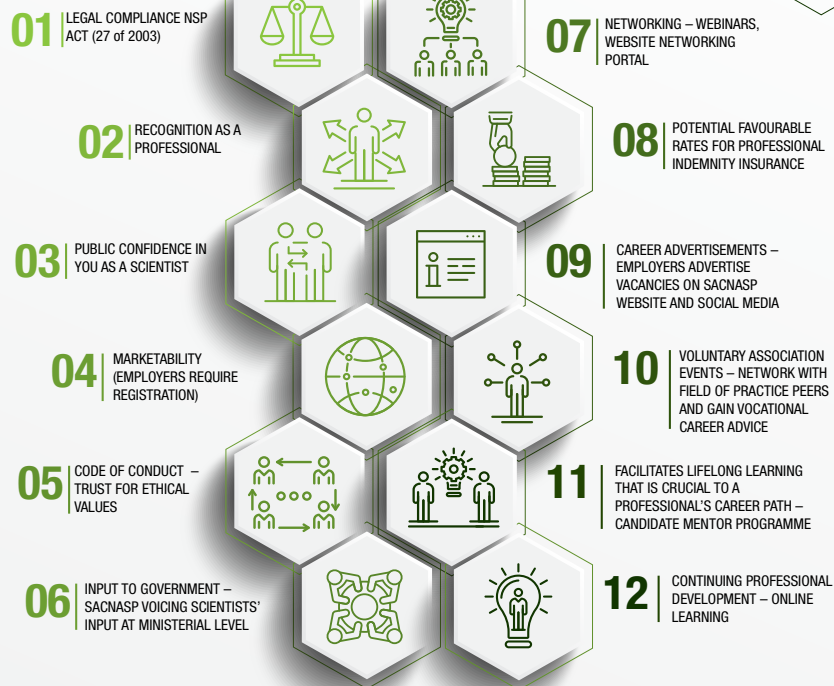
SACNASP successfully hosted 2 webinars during the year, namely "Tackling challenges with solutions that work" and 'Internet of things'. These are available to watch on our website <https://www.sacnasp.org.za/events/webinar>. We will be continuing to host webinars next and value your input of subjects you may find of value.

The new updated website is up and running and can be accessed on [www.sacnasp.org.za](http://www.sacnasp.org.za). Then use your registration number as your user name and ID number as your password. All application for registrations / upgrades should be made online as we no longer accept manual applications. Scientists can now access their portals to pay outstanding fees, update contact details and print certificates provided their accounts are up to date.

Take a look at the infographic below on the benefits of registration

## REGISTRATION WITH

**SACNASP**  
South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions



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## REGISTRATION OFFICE

There is a technical problem with our database for scientists who were registered as a candidate after 2017 and now upgrade - the CPD cycle starts at the date of the original registration. Please notify [jessica@sacnasp.org.za](mailto:jessica@sacnasp.org.za) who will fix this manually while we are fixing the problem on the database.

Visit our website [www.sacnasp.org.za](http://www.sacnasp.org.za) for job opportunities. Any organisation or VA can advertise positions free of charge on our website and social media,

## CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM PARLIAMENT

It was great pleasure and pride to congratulate Dr Phil Mjwara on the most well-deserved award of being the Best Director-General in the national sphere of government for 2020. The team in the Department and all entities that report to DSI were acknowledged.

SACNASP was one of the entities under DSI which was awarded clean audits for the year 2019/20 financial year.

## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE NSTF

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## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FINANCE MANAGER

Please be reminded in accordance with the Natural Scientific Professions Act 27 of 2003;

- SACNASP is a regulatory body for natural science;
- Registration with SACNASP is a legal requirement if you work in the natural sciences;
- It is an offence to practice in natural science without being registered with SACNASP;
- Scientists with long overdue fees may be cancelled and will be required to pay a re-instatement fee in order to be re-registered; and
- Scientists remain liable for any fee, arrears or penalty imposed by the Council for the period that he or she was registered.

SACNASP therefore requests all Registered Scientists to ensure all outstanding fees are settled urgently via our new online scientist portal using the following link <https://portal.sacnasp.org.za/login>. Your password will be your ID / Passport number (unless already amended by you). Once logged in, your outstanding balance will be displayed. Click on "Manage account", Choose amount to pay available in instalments of 25%, Click on "Continue", then click on "Proceed to Payfast" in order to settle your outstanding balance. Following online payment via Payfast in full, you will be able to download a registration certificate.

For any information on finance queries please contact the SACNASP offices on: +27 (0) 12 748 6500 or email [accounts2@sacnasp.org.za](mailto:accounts2@sacnasp.org.za)

Thank you for your continued support.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Office will be closed from lunchtime 24 December and reopen Monday 4 January 2021.

SACNASP is hosting panel at the virtual 2020 Science Forum South Africa. Click here to register:

[https://esastap.org.za/sfsa2020/?utm\\_source=&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Invitation+to+Science+Forum+South+Africa+2020&utm\\_term=https%3A%2F%2Fesastap.org.za%2Ffsa2020%2F#](https://esastap.org.za/sfsa2020/?utm_source=&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Invitation+to+Science+Forum+South+Africa+2020&utm_term=https%3A%2F%2Fesastap.org.za%2Ffsa2020%2F#)

## WHISTLE BLOWING

If you have a concern about a scientist acting illegally or unethically please contact us via our new whistle blower hotline.

Below is the link for the whistle-blowers:

<https://www.behonest.co.za/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>



*Happy Holidays*  
& a prosperous 2021