

## EXCO ACTIVITIES MAY 2024 TO NOVEMBER 2024

Exco, in terms of the constitution, represented SORSA and members in a range of activities from May 2024 to November 2024.

- SORSA was represented at the Durban University of Technology (DUT) advisory board meeting.
- SORSA participated in the Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) course where students were informed about SORSA and its role in radiography as well as professional identity formation. At the same session the SORSA ISRRT representative presented a talk on the role of the ISRRT.
- SORSA attended the annual stakeholders meeting of the Professional Board of Radiography and Clinical Technology of the Health Professions Council of South Africa. Another follow-up meeting was held regarding the shortage of sonographers. SORSA participated in this meeting to and gave input on strategies that the Professional Board can consider.
- SORSA compiled a position statement on clinical audits. This can be found on the website.
- SORSA held a virtual symposium on radiation protection. The virtual symposium covered areas related to communicating radiation risks, radiation dose and pregnancy, radiation protection in paediatric and dental imaging, as well as the need to strengthen radiation protection education and training. Approximately 273 delegates registered for this symposium. A webinar with a focus on patient safety and clinical audits was also held in celebration of World Radiography Day. There was an estimated 135 delegates registered for this webinar.
- The planning for the SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress is well underway and marketing material is periodically sent to members and posted on Facebook and the website.
- SORSA wrote a letter to the Minister of Health and MEC for health in KwaZulu-Natal regarding the unplaced radiotherapists for community service since 2023. We underscored the negative impact it has on oncology services and patient health outcomes.
- SORSA was represented at the CPUT advisory board meeting.
- SORSA was represented at the ISRRT Council meeting and World Congress.
- SORSA contributed by way of sponsorship to the Central University of Technology (CUT) student research symposium.
- SORSA engaged with GEMS in the annual stakeholders meeting. Radiography-related claims were discussed as well as ethical billing.
- SORSA distributed the new ACR contrast media guidelines to all universities offering radiography.
- SORSA was represented at SAHPRA meetings and raised concerns around licensing of equipment and related conditions, artificial intelligence in radiation protection, and response times from SAHPRA.
- A letter of support was written for the DUT radiography department to underscore the negative implications the closure of the radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and sonography programmes would have on the profession and service delivery.
- SORSA provided a letter of support to the South African Association of Physicists in Medicine and Biology (SAAPMB) and South African Medical Physics Society (SAMPS) in submitting a bid to host the International Conference on Medical Physics in Cape Town, South Africa in 2027.
- SORSA is represented at the Universal Healthcare Access Coalition that is working towards compiling recommendations to enhance the National Health Insurance legislation implementation.
- SORSA is in discussions with South African Congress of Oncology organisers regarding possible partnerships.