

Society of Radiographers of South Africa

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we come to the end of an eventful 2025, it gives me great pleasure to share with you, the latest news in the SORSA newsletter. SORSA welcomed a newly appointed National Council (NC) and Executive Committee (EXCO) this year. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the outgoing NC and EXCO members who so diligently served our members as well as the radiography profession.

SORSA offered three national and three provincial CPD events this year. All events were successful and well-attended. Your attendance to these events is evidence of your commitment to lifelong learning and professional development, ultimately ensuring that patients receive optimum health care. We are committed to supporting you in maintaining the high quality radiography services in South Africa.

SORSA has named a prestigious honorary lecture, the SORSA-Leonie Munro Honorary Lecture, to be delivered at all future congresses. Congratulations to Mrs. Munro on this well-deserved honour.

We also congratulate three SORSA members who were awarded National Research Foundation (NRF) rating.

I am honoured to serve as your President and look forward to the working with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely



SORSA President



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SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Century City Convention Centre, Cape
4 September 2025



1. COMMITMENT FORM

National council (NC) members completed the following: (i) the commitment forms for the 2025-2027 period, and (ii) the commitment to spend SORSA funds responsibly.

2. ADMIN OFFICE REPORT

A bulk email to members from the president is to be sent to find out their interest in purchasing epaulettes.

3. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICE BEARERS

National Council members for the period 2025-2027

National council member	Portfolio
*Ferial Isaacs	President
*Ashnie Ramkhelawan	President-elect
*Johanna Palmer	National treasurer
*Fozy Peer	Public liaison officer
Riaan van de Venter	ISRRT representative
Lizel Hudson	CPD representative
*Hayley Hodgson	Eastern Cape representative
*Taahirah Mookrey	Free State representative
*Khomotso Motiang	Gauteng representative
*Ashnie Ramkhelawan	KwaZulu-Natal representative
Natalie Sprague	Western Cape representative
*EXCO member	

4. PROCEDURE MANUAL UPDATE

T. Mookrey is in the process of updating and formatting the procedure manual.

5. LETTER TO MEMBERS ABOUT RESPECTING OFFICE-BEARERS' PRIVACY ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

A bulk email was sent to all SORSA members.

6. POSITION STATEMENT ON AUTHORISED PERSON USING EQUIPMENT IN CATH LAB

A joint position statement was compiled and is available on the SORSA website.

7. POSITION STATEMENT FOR CLINICAL AUDITS

The position statement was finalised and posted on the website. Document to be included in the updated procedure manual.

8. STUDENT REPRESENTATION

E. Malatji, a third-year diagnostic radiography student from Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU) presented his ideas in terms of providing students with information regarding SORSA. His feedback should be useful to inform the NC's decision about the inclusion of student representation on the NC, because student involvement is important. There are very few student members.

9. PATIENT SAFETY POLICY

T. Mookrey and Y. Thambiran, (SORSA – Quality and safety task team chair), are currently developing a patient safety policy.

10. ETHICAL CODING AND BILLING TASK TEAM

There is a need for a diagnostic radiographer with vast experience regarding general and theatre coding and billing to be a member on the ethical coding and billing task team.

11. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

A policy is required to outline each membership category, e.g. the benefits. The constitution is in the process of being revised for approval by members.

12. PAST PRESIDENT

The current constitution does not include a past president. This is to be included in the proposed changes to the constitution. There is also a need to tap into the expertise of the past presidents on an ad hoc basis.

13. MEMBERSHIP FEES 2026

Ordinary membership fees to be increased by R15.00. The updated membership fees for 2026 to be posted on the website.

14. SORSA EDUCATION AWARD

The Education Award will no longer be offered to members.

15. POSITION STATEMENT REGARDING THE USE OF WORK LAPTOPS

A position statement is to be developed regarding the use of work laptops for SORSA business. The statement must protect the members' personal information in line with POPIA.

16. 2025 SORSA CONGRESS SPONSORSHIP

Eight applications were received by the 30 June 2025 deadline and NC supported the applications.

17. NATIONAL TREASURER CELLPHONE AND AIRTIME

A smartphone (<R600) plus R30 airtime to be purchased by the incoming treasurer.



18. PLO REPORT

The congress convenor is not limited to the PLO position.

Further research is needed to identify a suitable venue for the next congress, either in or outside Cape Town, in 2027.

Provincial symposia to receive priority in 2026.

19. THE SOUTH AFRICAN RADIOGRAPHER

The June 2023 application for DHET accreditation was not approved.

20. CPD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

SORSA provides a range of CPD activities. More general/clinical activities are needed on the website. Members need to attain 30 CEUs (25 general +5 ethics CEUs) per year.

21. CONGRESSES AND CPD EVENTS

ISRRT World Congress, 27-29 October 2026, Dubai

SORSA WRD webinar 4 November 2025



SORSA 1/25 WEBINAR

22 February 2025

SORSA's 1st Webinar in 2025 was hosted as a 2-hour virtual event entitled DRLs – Let's do it together. The webinar was held from 08:30 to 10:30 on Saturday, 22 February 2025.

The 2 speakers, namely, Dr Ida-Keshia Sebelego and Prof Chris Trauernicht agreed on a slightly different format for this webinar. Dr Ida Sebelego, the SORSA-DRL task team chairperson, compiled the webinar programme in consultation with Prof Trauernicht. Prof Trauernicht, is the head of the Medical Physics Division at Tygerberg Hospital in Cape Town, as well as an associate professor at Stellenbosch University. He is the current president of the Federation of African Medical Physics Organisations (FAMPO) and also serves on the Accreditation Board of the International Organisation for Medical Physics (IOMP). Chris has north of 150 congress contributions and 30 papers.



He serves as an assessor for the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) and has acted as examiner and convenor for the College of Medicine of South Africa. The IAEA has appointed Chris as expert on numerous occasions. Prof Trauernicht was the recipient of the 2020 "International Day of Medical Physics" award for his services to medical physics in the FAMPO region. Prof Trauernicht addressed the audience on; 'What are diagnostic reference levels and what are they used for'? Ida-Keshia has a PhD in Radiographic Sciences from the University of the Free State. The title of her thesis was "Development of local diagnostic reference levels for abdominal computed tomography using size specific dose estimates". Her research interests are image quality for plain radiography, infection control practices in radiography and diagnostic reference levels specifically for computed tomography. She received a staff grant from the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) in the year 2015, 2016, 2019 and 2020. She also received the Thuthuka grant for her PhD, tracking grant from the NRF for the years 2020 to 2022. She is currently busy with a post PhD project. Dr Sebelego presented on the 'What and how to for CT diagnostic reference levels'.

The webinar was interactive where the attendees initially completed some pre-presentation questions. Once the presenters completed their presentations, there was a practical session where many of the 146 registered attendees (127 SORSA members and 17 SORSA non-members) responded to the questions posed. Thereafter Dr Sebelego checked the responses and explained the concepts where necessary. SORSA members participated for free and non-members had to pay an amount of R100.00. Delegates were also afforded the opportunity to pose questions/comments after the presentations using the 'Q and A' option which resulted in active discussion. The event was accredited for 2-General CEUs.

Attendees also completed a pre-and post-presentation survey, so that SORSA could gauge whether a follow-up workshop was necessary. The aim of this SORSA webinar was to kick-start DRL training. SORSA has embarked on a project to develop National DRLs for South Africa where Dr Sebelego will lead this project on behalf of SORSA. Prof Trauernicht from the South African Medical Physics Society (SAMPS) has agreed that SAMPS will co-operate and collaborate with SORSA on this initiative to establish national DRLs for South Africa. There was excellent collaboration between the attendees and the presenters. Many of the attendees also later indicated (via email) their interest in being included as part of the team to drive the SORSA national DRL initiative.

SUMMARY OF SORSA OPEN MEETING

Saturday, 6 September 2025
SORSA-IAFR Congress



The meeting was opened by past president, Riaan van de Venter. Riaan handed over the presidential chain to the incoming president, Ferial Isaacs.

Ferial led the opening meeting.

- The National Council members (2025-2027) were introduced.
- Exco activities (December 2024-May 2025) were highlighted.
- South African Radiographer: SORSA's online platinum open access journal was highlighted and the new editor of the journal, Riaan van de Venter, was announced.

The floor was opened for a question and answer session:

- The need to take the Society "back to the people" was highlighted. The need for more in person events in the provinces. PLO, Fozy Peer, indicated that provincial representatives will be hosting provincial CPD events (physical attendance) in the provinces from now until the next Congress in 2027.
 - The need to have all the provinces represented on National Council was mentioned. To which PLO, Fozy Peer, indicated that the current Constitution is in the process of being reviewed in order to combine provinces to form regions in order to have all provinces represented on National Council.
 - Mention was made about considering the impact of AI (artificial intelligence) on the profession.
 - Scope creep was highlighted. Questions were raised regarding justifying the level of training when taking role extension into consideration. The need for the HPCSA to be very specific with regards to training and education in medical imaging in order to protect radiographers and prevent "scope creep".
 - The need to include students in the Society was highlighted. It was suggested that the "forced" student membership be introduced. All were reminded that membership was voluntary. It was suggested that a lower rate be offered to HEI who pay for the membership of their students. It was suggested that the Society have student specific events/awards for students. There should be more done in promoting/inviting students to present at the Congress.
 - A suggestion was made that there should be regular provincial/regional meetings to get members' views and inputs, instead of only biennially at the Congress.
 - It was suggested that members interested in joining National Council be mentored into these roles on National Council.
 - The importance of attending HPCSA webinars was mentioned.
 - The importance of taking part in HPCSA surveys was mentioned in order for your suggestions/inputs to be heard.
 - A member thanked National Council for the good/regular communication with members.
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The SORSA-Leonie Munro Honorary Lecture

The Society of Radiographers of South Africa (SORSA) has honoured Mrs. Leonie Munro, an exceptional radiographer, educator, and mentor, for her outstanding contributions to radiographic education and professional development. Recognised for her dedication, mentorship, clinical excellence, and commitment to patient care, Mrs. Munro has greatly influenced students and peers throughout her career. In recognition of her lasting impact, SORSA has named a prestigious honorary lecture after her—**the SORSA-Leonie Munro Honorary Lecture**—to be delivered at all future congresses. Congratulations to Mrs. Munro on this well-deserved honour.

Leonie Munro has made exceptional and lasting contributions to the field of radiography. She has established herself as a respected leader and has successfully collaborated with professionals both within radiography and across other healthcare disciplines, thereby making a significant impact on both the profession and society at large.

Her dedication to radiography is evident through her extensive involvement in SORSA, where she has served in numerous key roles—including President, Editor of *The South African Radiographer*, National Treasurer, Congress Committee Member, and a long-standing member of the National Council and EXCO. Her leadership in radiography education further underscores her influence and commitment to the profession. She has also played a vital role in training both radiographers and radiology registrars.

As the head of the School of Radiography at King Edward VIII Hospital, Mrs Munro demonstrated exceptional management and leadership skills. Under her guidance, graduates were well-equipped to perform effectively in government hospitals, private practices, and even international settings. Many of her former students have gone on to lead radiography services and educational programs in countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Mrs Munro has been an indispensable figure in radiography throughout her entire career—and continues to be so today. Her contributions to South African radiography over the past 50 years are nothing short of legendary. In our view, no one in South Africa has done more for the profession or is more deserving of having an honorary lecture named in their honour.

Her age has never been a limiting factor. At 81, she remains actively involved in the radiography community and, through this ongoing engagement, continues to positively influence the broader healthcare sector by improving the professional practice of radiographers and, ultimately, patient outcomes.

Her exemplary service, unwavering commitment to the advancement of radiography, deep knowledge of current healthcare issues, and outstanding scientific writing make her an exceptionally worthy recipient of this Honorary Lecture award.

SORSA and opportunities

Leonie Munro

There are many opportunities that SORSA provides. For example, networking at CPD events, lifelong learning platforms for personal and professional growth, and volunteering to serve on national council (NC). Attendance of congresses, for example, allows one to gain knowledge, share experiences, and often learn of new clinical protocols. My journey as a SORSA member commenced in the mid-1960s. Branch committee members shared knowledge and service delivery challenges. My impression when I attended my first NC in 1988 was that the emphasis was on advancing the profession and providing inputs on a range of matters. At my second meeting I was elected to serve on EXCO. I did not have a clue what this entailed. I realised over the course of many months that hardcopy documents had to be carefully read in order to provide informed inputs. NC, over the years, has continued to underscore capacity building and sharing of knowledge. My hope is that young members will grasp the opportunities that SORSA provides in order for our profession to continue to grow in academic and clinical settings. I am very grateful that SORSA played an important role in my journey through life.



A Journey of Learning and Leadership through SORSA

Hesta Friedrich-Nel

As I conclude this beautiful and rewarding chapter of my involvement with SORSA, I do so with deep appreciation and gratitude. SORSA has been a platform where I discovered the true value of service leadership, teamwork, collaboration, mentorship, and professional integrity. Through engagements at the branch, national, and international levels, I have not only gained knowledge and confidence but also formed lasting friendships and meaningful professional relationships that continue to enrich my personal journey.

Serving SORSA in various capacities over the years—from my early days as a student radiographer, through membership as an ordinary and now an honorary member, to holding portfolios at both branch and national council levels—has been a privilege. Each role offered unique opportunities to learn, to contribute, and to grow, shaping me profoundly as both a professional and a person. These experiences have expanded my leadership abilities and strengthened my identity as a radiography professional and educator.

I remain a proud supporter of SORSA's vision and its invaluable contribution to the radiography profession. I wish SORSA continued success in its mission to inspire, empower, and advance radiographers across South Africa and beyond.



SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress

SORSA Congress Convenor

Fozy Peer

In its 74th year, the Society of Radiographers of South Africa (SORSA) has once again demonstrated its commitment to professional excellence, innovation, and global collaboration by hosting the SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress in partnership with the International Association of Forensic Radiographers (IAFR).

The SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress, held from 5 to 7 September 2025 at the Century City Conference Centre in Cape Town, marked a new pinnacle in the society's legacy and reaffirmed South Africa's position as a key player in the international radiography and forensic imaging community.

With a daily attendance of 372 delegates, the congress drew participants from across the globe — representing 30 countries from across Africa, Europe, the UK, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and the Americas — creating a truly multicultural and multidisciplinary platform. Delegates included radiographers, forensic pathologists, medical physicists, paediatricians, dentists, and radiologists, all contributing to the rich academic and clinical dialogue.

Global representation and prestige

The presence of the President, Prof Napapong Pangnapong, of the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISRRT) and the ISRRT Vice-President of the Europe-Africa Region, Hakon Hejmly, alongside speakers from global bodies such as the International Association of Forensic Radiographers (IAFR), International Atomic Energy Association (IAEA), the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP), the African Regional Cooperative Agreement (AFRA), Nuclear Medicine Research Infrastructure (NuMeRi), the South African Association of Physicists in Medicine and Biology (SAAPMB) and the Institute of Forensic Medicine in Zurich, elevated the congress to a world-class standard. Many of the presenters formed a part of the global representation of 20 invited speakers for the SORSA general radiography tract and 13 for the IAFR tract.

We were honoured to host Prof Laetitia Rispel, the National Research Foundation of South Africa Research Chair on Health Workforce for Equity, and Quality, who very eloquently provided the keynote address entitled, Connecting the Dots: Radiographers, Human Rights, and the Global Health and Care Worker Compact.

Recognition - SORSA-Leonie Munro Honorary Lecture

SORSA honoured Mrs. Leonie Munro, by announcing a prestigious honorary lecture in her name—the SORSA-Leonie Munro Honorary Lecture. Mrs Munro is an exceptional radiographer, educator, and mentor, and has made outstanding contributions to radiographic education and professional development. Recognised for her dedication, mentorship, clinical excellence, and commitment to patient care, Mrs. Munro has greatly influenced students and peers throughout her career. In recognition of her lasting impact, this lecture is to be delivered at all future congresses.



Diverse and Cutting-Edge Academic Content

The congress featured two parallel tracts: a general radiography tract and a dedicated forensic imaging tract, the latter being the first international forensic imaging congress in South Africa. Presentations covered high-impact topics such as AI in radiography, radiation protection, radiographic education and training, ethics, basic and paediatric forensic imaging, and wildlife crime investigations, among others.

Practical Skill Building

Three highly successful forensic radiography workshops were held, two of which took place at the congress venue and one at the Wildlife Forensic Academy (WFA). These sessions were particularly valuable for local radiographers, offering them critical hands-on training in a growing area of forensic imaging practice.

Sponsors/Exhibitors

Attendees had the opportunity to engage with the latest technological innovations showcased by the numerous vendors present at the exhibition. We extend our sincere appreciation to our sponsors and vendors—for without their valued support, events of this nature would not be possible.

Prize giving

Competition was fierce as the standard of proffered papers and posters was extremely high. Prizes were awarded to members by SORSA and IAFR for the best oral and best poster presentations. The congress was CPD-accredited, offering Continuing Education Units (CEUs) in both general and ethics categories.

Economic and Tourism Impact

The congress significantly contributed to the local economy. Delegates supported local tourism through organized tours, including visits to game reserves and local Cape Town tours. The conference venue's proximity to top-tier accommodation and a shopping mall further enhanced the experience.

Recognition and Positive Feedback

The event received widespread acclaim via formal letters of appreciation, social media engagement, and testimonials, commending both the academic rigor and the seamless organization of the congress. The setting, content, and atmosphere were frequently described as world-class and memorable.

Congress Organiser Services

SORSA is grateful to the very professional PCO, ConsultUs, who provided an outstanding service.

SORSA would like to thank the presenters and the attendees (both in-person and virtual) for their support as without them there is no congress. We look forward to their valued and continued support.

SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress

Congress experience

The SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress marked a historic milestone for Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU), as it was the first time our students attended and presented at this prestigious event. Seeing them confidently present their work on an international platform was an incredibly proud and fulfilling moment, reflecting the impact of dedicated mentorship, guidance, and inspiration. In total, SMU students, alumni, and lecturers contributed seven scientific papers across both the SORSA and IAFR tracks. This remarkable achievement highlights our shared commitment to advancing radiography education, research, collaboration, and professional practice -Ms. Khomotso Motiang (Lecturer , SMU)

As an undergraduate student from Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University who presented a topic focusing on forensic radiography, it was my first experience presenting on a national platform alongside international delegates from the International Association of Forensic Radiographers. The Congress provided an inspiring and educational opportunity as we explored the depth of forensic radiography, which strengthened my passion to pursue a career as a forensic radiographer. Although I was initially nervous, the experience was both motivating and empowering. As the Treasurer-General of the SRC (2024/2025), I also valued the opportunity to network with experienced professionals and specialists in the field, hence I'm very much grateful for the opportunity to present our study at the conference.

-Sibusiso Makhamba (SMU undergraduate student)

The opportunity to be at the 2025 congress made SORSA feel like a home to me since I now have a new role to play in my profession which is not just to be a healthcare worker but also to contribute to its advancement. Being given an opportunity to present in a space full of like-minded experts gave me hope about the future of our profession and I am looking forward to seeing more students coming on board in the next SORSA congress. After the congress, I have seen the researcher in me coming out so actively and grabbing every opportunity to present at conferences. I have gathered confidence from the conference to present anywhere and I am ready for that. I am really looking forward to the next SORSA congress.

-Enos Malatji (SMU undergraduate student)



SORSA-IAFR 2025 Congress

Congress experience

The conference venue, audiovisual setup and food was excellent. Great exhibitions and having the HPCSA there was excellent. With reference to the academic programme, great emphasis on AI. However too many Drs and radiologists presented where radiographer posters could have been oral presentations. The student section can be enhanced. I also suggest that you consider parallel sessions for Therapy, Nuclear and Ultrasound
-Dr Rene Botha (HOD, CUT)



I loved the Congress. It was so beautifully arranged-interesting, relatable, informative and interactive-all the things most congresses don't manage to get right! And yes, the social dinner was a highlight!
-Presenter



As a postgraduate student who was attending a congress for the first time, it was an exciting opportunity for me, as I met senior radiographers who shared their knowledge with me. I learned a lot about radiography, and it has encouraged me to continue doing research. It has also shaped the way I see research now. Research is not only about finding information and compiling it, but in the process you learn even more and are now able to teach others.
-Koketso Matjiane (Presenter)



SORSA-IAFR 2025 CONGRESS



On behalf of Tecmed Pharma, I extend our sincere thanks for an outstanding SORSA-IAFR Congress held in Cape Town. As an exhibitor, we were impressed by the quality of the scientific programme, the organisation of the exhibition space, and the welcoming, professional atmosphere you and the Committee created throughout the event. Your team's attention to detail made exhibiting straightforward and productive. The calibre of delegates,

smooth logistics, and opportunities for meaningful conversation with clinicians, radiographers, and forensic imaging specialists exceeded our expectations. We truly appreciated the practical support from your staff before and during the congress, which enabled our team to engage fully and showcase our solutions with confidence.



Tecmed Pharma would warmly welcome this congress becoming a regular annual fixture. The event provides unique value to our sector by combining strong scientific content with effective industry engagement and networking. We would be pleased to support future editions in any way that is helpful, including exhibiting again, sponsoring sessions, or contributing to programme development. Please pass our thanks to the full Committee and to everyone who helped make the 2025 SORSA-IAFR Congress a success. We look forward to staying connected and to joining you again next year.

Yours sincerely
Dave Saunders
CEO

SORSA FREE STATE SYMPOSIUM

10 May 2025

On 10 May 2025, Taahirah Mookrey (SORSA Free State representative) hosted a CPD symposium at the Central University of Technology, Free State (CUT). There were 6 presenters at the symposium: 3 presenters were from the clinical setting in the fields of diagnostic radiography, radiotherapy and nuclear medicine, presenters were from the academic setting. Five of the 6 presenters were physically present and presented in person, also interacting with the audience during the question and answer sessions after each presentation. One presenter presented virtually by means of a pre-recorded presentation, and allowed for questions by the audience to be submitted to the presenter via email after the presentation. There were a total of 23 attendees, which included 2 students. Of the 23 attendees, 10 attendees were members of SORSA. The attendees were from the Free State and Northern Cape provinces.



The symposium started with registration at 08:00 and ended at 12:30. Upon arrival attendees were welcomed with warm beverages, water and gifts to choose from the exhibition table. Attendees used this opportunity to catch up with colleagues seen long last. The opening of the symposium was done by Mrs Cindy la Grange, previous SORSA Free State Branch Chairperson. The programme director for the symposium was Ms Sylvia Mokuoane, a diagnostic radiographer and current Communications student. The first session was concluded with a tea break at 10:00. During the tea break attendees had warm beverages (tea/coffee) and each attendee received a pre-packed breakfast pack which included a croissant, muffin, chicken roll, apple, muesli and yoghurt. The breakfast packs and beverages were provided by a catering company, who were present at the symposium attending to all catering needs. The second session started after the tea break, at 10:20. Throughout the symposium, attendees were provided with bottled water and sweets.

Sponsorship requests were sent out to various companies who are role players in radiography/radiology in the Free State and Northern Cape. Sponsorship was received by Tecmed Africa (pens, note pads and mini torch) and Siemens Healthineers (pencils, note books, magnetic tags and broches for breast cancer awareness). A monetary donation of R1500.00 was also received from NC Radiology. The venue was free of charge as I managed to book the venue at the CUT through the colleagues at the CUT Radiography programme.

Although the number of attendees was low, the symposium was a success. This symposium was the first face-to-face CPD event hosted by SORSA in the Free State after the pandemic. The attendees enjoyed the opportunity to come together with like-minded professionals to share ideas on improving the profession. This symposium brought together radiographers from diagnostic, radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and the academic world. A high light of this symposium was to see how interactive all the attendees and presenters were with each other on the topics being presented. While advertising the symposium, I received a few requests as to whether the symposium will be available online. After this symposium, I have once again realised the importance of professionals physically coming together and having meaningful discussions on topics being presented. This is often missed with online CPD events, as most attendees of online CPD events are just online for the CEUs and do not participate in meaningful discussions.

Attendees expressed their gratitude to SORSA for proving this platform and requested for more events like these, some suggested a symposium twice a year.

SORSA KZN SYMPOSIUM

12 July 2025



The symposium was well supported; the 60 attendees networked and enjoyed catching-up with colleagues. They gained knowledge from an informative programme. There were presentations on AI in radiography; ultrasound musculoskeletal (MSK) imaging; ethics and scope of practice; neuroimaging for strokes, tumours and degenerative pathology; latest trends in radiation protection; angiography vs CTA vs MRA in cardiac imaging; contrast media safety and contrast-induced nephropathy (CIN); role of PET/CT in cancer diagnosis, staging and treatment; surface guided radiation therapy; and helium free MRI.

SORSA GAUTENG SYMPOSIUM

12 April 2025

Ms. Khomotso Motiang (lecturer) and Mr. Enos Malatji (3rd year student radiographer), both members of the Society of Radiographers of South Africa (SORSA), organised and hosted SORSA Gauteng Symposium on Saturday 12 April 2025 at SMU. The event was the first in person SORSA continuing professional development (CPD) event in Gauteng post Covid-19 pandemic. The event was accredited by the HPCSA for 4 general continuous educational units (CEUs), and was open to qualified and student radiographers.

The Symposium was aimed at reestablishing and fostering collaborations, and creating a culture of continuous education. This impactful Symposium brought together radiographers in the state and private hospitals and mining industry; student radiographers and librarians from Gauteng and North-West Province, and featured a dynamic blend of presentations on evidence-based practices, evidence synthesis and the role of SORSA. Ms. Motiang delivered a presentation about SORSA on behalf of the SORSA Public Liaison Officer (PLO), Dr Fozy Peer, a renowned academic, world radiography leader and former president of the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists (ISSRT). Dr Peer's presentation highlighted the history of SORSA and the society's commitment to advancing the profession through evidence-based practice and lifelong learning. The symposium served as a platform to engage with current issues in medical imaging, exploring research gaps, innovations and best practices in radiography and fostering collaborative opportunities to support continuous professional development (CPD) among radiography professionals.

The oral presentations were delivered across the following thematic areas: Breast Imaging, Systematic Literature Review Radiation Safety, Paediatric Imaging and Forensic Imaging. Ms. Kabelo Kgarosi, SMU's Library and Information Services manager, delivered a lecture titled "Best Practices for Evidence Synthesis in Radiographic Research". Ms. Kgarosi's lecture was insightful and thought-provoking, challenging us on the significant gap on evidence-based research outputs in radiography profession in South Africa as compared to our global peers. Ms Kgarosi's lecture reminded our colleagues in the state, private and mining sectors that evidence synthesis is not the exclusive domain of academics and encouraged colleagues who are not in the academia to collaborate with academics to produce quality and impactful reviews. She assured us that we are not alone in this journey and that the librarians are there to guide us through the maze of databases, grey literature, and methodological frameworks. "On behalf of SORSA, I want to express our deep gratitude to Ms. Kagarosi for her contribution to the success of our symposium. Her message will resonate far beyond this symposium and inspire stronger partnerships between radiographers and librarians, and greater commitment to quality evidence synthesis in our future work." said Motiang. I also like to thank Mr. Kgothatso Mabelane (final year student radiographer) and Mr. Kagiso Mnisi (SMU alumni and Comserve Radiographer), both SORSA Members, for the professional manners in which they executed the program as the masters of the ceremony (MCs)".



Ms. Motiang in her presentation titled “Forensic Imaging and Image Evaluation” promoted reflective practice and by encouraging participants to reflect critically on their current practices to identify research gaps and areas for improvement within the profession, aligning with the HPCSA's vision of cultivating healthcare professionals who are thoughtful, responsive, and engaged with evolving evidence and community needs, to maintain professional competence and improve healthcare services delivery. Following the recent revised HPCSA's guidelines on CEUs compliance over a 12-months period, this Symposium aimed to make CDPs accessible to assist radiographers to comply with the HPCSA.

The SORSA Gauteng Symposium 1-2025 would not have been possible without the hard work and sacrifices of the presenters: Mr. Moyayabo Makgato (Radiation Safety Champion), Mrs. Zanele Ngobese (Paediatric and MRI Radiographer at Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital), Mrs. Phuti Mathikithela (Mammographer and Clinical tutor at (DGMAH) and Ms. Naledi Golulu (final year student radiographer). Words cannot fully express how grateful we are for making our Symposium a success, said Motiang. I would also like to thank the radiographers and students who attended the symposium, building networks and collaborations. It was encouraging to see the students' interest and their participation, and appreciating of this platform to discuss their professional matters and know more about their profession. This was the first SORSA symposium to be held at SMU, and we hope to make it an annual event to build partnerships and make CPD events more accessible in the various regions.

Thanks to Lomaen Medical, for sponsoring us with the stationary, and SORSA Exco for the catering. Without the generous support of the SORSA Exco, this event would not have been possible. This Symposium was free for SORSA Members, and R120 for radiographers and R50 for students who are not SORSA Members, aligning with the SORSA's mission, “to provide access to continuing education opportunities for its members and actively encourage in continuing professional advancement of radiographers”.



THREE SORSA MEMBERS RECEIVED NRF RATINGS

The National Research Foundation (NRF) rating system is a tool managed by the NRF. Individuals submit a portfolio of evidence (POE) demonstrating their research outputs for an eight-year period as well as the impact thereof. Additionally, an evaluation of the quality of their research as well as future research plans must be included in the POE. Applications are then reviewed by a panel of reviewers, nationally and internationally, in line with the requirements of the specialist committee to which an applicant has opted to submit their application for consideration. To submit an NRF rating application the applicant must have a doctoral degree. Once the review process is completed, an applicant will receive a particular rating. This rating depends on when the applicant completed their doctorate, their age at time of application as well as their research standing relative to their peers in their areas of research, globally. The following categories of ratings can be obtained:

- A-ratings are for researchers considered to be leading international researchers and experts in their field.
- B-ratings are given to scholars considered to be internationally acclaimed researchers for their ongoing international and national contributions to their field of study.
- C-ratings are obtained when scholars are considered to be established researchers in their field.
- P-ratings are given to scholars 35 years and younger and have completed their doctorate less than five years at the time of application. This is known as the prestigious awards. This rating is awarded on the basis that the panel projects that the researcher is likely to become an international leader in their field of study.
- Y-ratings are given to researchers younger than 40 years and completed their doctorate less than five years at the time of application. This rating category affirms that the scholar has the potential to establish themselves as a researcher in their field of study towards becoming a leader in their field.

Each of the five main rating categories have sub-categories to differentiate the applicants' standing. The NRF rating is valid for six years after which an individual must re-apply for re-rating.

In South Africa at the moment there are only five NRF rated radiographers, three of which are SORSA members.

NFR RATED SORSA MEMBERS



Prof Penelope Engel-Hills holds a C-rating. Her primary research field is social sciences and health sciences, and secondary research field education, social science and oncology.

Dr Belinda van der Merwe holds a C-rating. Her primary research fields are health sciences and clinical medical sciences. Her secondary research fields are medical technologies and education.



Dr Riaan van de Venter holds a Y-rating. Their primary research field is health sciences and secondary research fields health systems, health, education and health technology.

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