



**Member Networks Annual Report Form**  
*Reporting events held in 2017 and those planned for 2018*

In line with the rules for member networks and to enable us to better support our networks and their activities all member networks (Local Sections, Interest Groups and Analytical Division Regions) are asked to complete this form and return it to [networks@rsc.org](mailto:networks@rsc.org) or by post to; Networks Team, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0WF.

**Deadlines**

Deadline for receipt of Financial Accounts by RSC Finance Team: **9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Deadline for receipt of Annual Report by Networks Team: **26<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

If there is any reason that your committee will **not** be able to meet either or both of these deadlines please inform [networks@rsc.org](mailto:networks@rsc.org) as soon as possible.

This report will be uploaded to your web page to share with the members of your network. Staff will also share a digest of all member networks activities taken solely from these annual reports with appropriate staff and governance boards and committees including Division Councils with similar interests.

<b>Committee</b>	South Africa North local section
<b>Completed by</b>	Ian Bratt (Chairman)
<b>Date</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018

Please list below the dates of all of your planned committee meetings and, if held, AGM.

**Annual General Meeting (if being held)**

<b>Date:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2018
<b>Venue:</b>	Chemistry Department, University of the Witwatersrand

**Proposed Committee Meetings Dates**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> Mar 2018 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 16 <sup>th</sup> Jul 2018 10 <sup>th</sup> Sep 2018 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 All dates subject to change	All (physical) meetings to be held at: Chemistry Department, University of the Witwatersrand  We intend to experiment with virtual meetings to try to involve members who cannot attend the meetings in person



## 2017 Events

Please append electronic copies of any meeting reports, newsletters or relevant materials to this report.

Please report below on activities undertaken in the past year. If you have more detailed information about any particularly successful events, or advice to share please use a separate sheet. For more events continue as necessary.

### EVENT KEY:

- Education Event (including outreach activities for school students or the general public)
- Public Lecture
- Retired Members Event
- Scientific Conference - 1 day
- Scientific Conference - multi day
- Social Event
- Training/workshop
- Award Lecture
- Other

<b>Event Name</b>	KZN annual lunch
<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Social
<b>Comments</b>	Joint function with SACI KZN for members, partners and guests. Held on 2nd December at the University of KZN, Westville campus. 41 people in total attended including 11 RSC members.

<b>Event Name</b>	Gauteng annual lunch
<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Social
<b>Comments</b>	Joint function with SACI Gauteng for members, partners and guests. Held on 27th August at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg. 48 people attended including 10 RSC members and guests. The guest speaker was Dr Lucy Kempy who spoke on "The Mabula Ground Hornbill project".

<b>Event Name</b>	Chemistry in a suitcase
<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Educational

<b>Comments</b>	Presentations made on a regular basis at Sci Bono Science Centre but also focusing on National Science week in August.
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<b>Event Type (key)</b>	Social
<b>Comments</b>	Joint function with SACI Gauteng for members, partners and guests. Held on 28th August at the Wanderers Club in Johannesburg. 55 people attended including 14 RSC members and guests. The guest speaker was Niel Malan who spoke on “Gigaton problems and Africa”.

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## Awards and Bursaries

Please list any awards or bursaries presented by your committee in the past 12 months and indicate any which will be open for nomination/application in the next calendar year.

Please ensure that all members of your network are notified of any awards or bursaries for general application.

Eskom Young Scientists Expo; National Final Special Chemistry awards Held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017.  
Local section members act as judges for the special awards which we have been giving for the past +/- 10 years  
Will be undertaking this project in 2018

SACI Young Chemists symposium (Central) MSc and PhD students give presentations on their work  
Local section members form part of the judging panel; Held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.  
Will be undertaking this project in 2018

SACI Young Chemists symposium (North) Hons and MSc students give presentations on their work  
Local section members form part of the judging panel; Held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017.  
Will be undertaking this project in 2018

SACI Young Chemists symposium (KZN) MSc and PhD students give presentations on their work  
Local section members form part of the judging panel; Held in November 2017.  
Will be undertaking this project in 2018

Poster prizes at local (section area) conferences. In 2017 we supported CATSA (19-22<sup>nd</sup> November in Pilanesberg).  
Local section members may form part of the judging panel depending on availability  
Will be undertaking this project in 2018



**Other information/comments:**

See attached Chairman's report



### Future Activities

When planning any activities please remember to ensure that all events are logged on our events database and ensure that all contracts are sent to our Legal Team with enough time for amendments and, where necessary, approval by the Board.

Please outline any activities already in planning for the next calendar year.

<b>Event Name</b>	Annual lunch/dinner (Gauteng)
<b>Comments</b>	Social event For members, partners and guests in Gauteng

<b>Event Name</b>	Annual lunch/dinner (KZN)
<b>Comments</b>	Social event For members, partners and guests in Kwa Zulu Natal

<b>Event Name</b>	Young Chemists event (SACI Central)
<b>Comments</b>	Award presentation Prizes to be awarded to best presenters of MSc and PhD projects

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<b>Comments</b>	Award presentation Prizes to be awarded to best presenters of Hons and MSc projects

<b>Event Name</b>	Young Chemists event (SACI Kwa Zulu Natal)
<b>Comments</b>	Award presentation Prizes to be awarded to best presenters of MSc and PhD projects

<b>Event Name</b>	Eskom Young Scientists' Expo
<b>Comments</b>	Award presentation Prizes to be awarded to best Chemistry projects presented by school students

<b>Event Name</b>	Public lecture
<b>Comments</b>	Public lecture on some aspect of Chemistry

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<b>Event Name</b>	Donation of books to universities
<b>Comments</b>	Three universities selected to receive RSC books for their Chemistry library/resource centre

<b>Event Name</b>	Nano Africa conference; sponsorship of poster prizes and student attendance
<b>Comments</b>	22-25 <sup>th</sup> April, Salt Rock, KZN

<b>Event Name</b>	ElectrochemSA conference; sponsorship of poster prizes and student attendance
<b>Comments</b>	3-5 <sup>th</sup> April, University of Johannesburg

<b>Event Name</b>	Analytika 2018; sponsorship of poster prizes and student attendance
<b>Comments</b>	22-26 <sup>th</sup> July, Mookgophong, Limpopo

<b>Event Name</b>	SACI National Convention; sponsorship of poster prizes and student attendance
<b>Comments</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> December; CSIR, Pretoria

<b>Event Name</b>	KZN Science Centre Teacher training
<b>Comments</b>	Training/workshop Training of science teachers

<b>Event Name</b>	Unizulu Science Centre
<b>Comments</b>	Provision of educational material to Senior school learners



## Committee

This information will be used to update our membership database and your web page. Please ensure that any changes to the committee are sent to [networks@rsc.org](mailto:networks@rsc.org) as soon as possible.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates on committee (20xx – 20xx)</b>
Chair	Ian Bratt	1985 to 2018 (excluding 1991) Chairman 2000-2018
Secretary	Andreas Lemmerer	2011 to 2018 Secretary 2012-2018
Treasurer	Suzanne Finney	2004 to 2018 Treasurer 2013-2018
Ordinary Members	Mike Laws  Henrietta Langmi  Amos Bamidele  Memory Zimuwandeyi	1985 to 2018  2017 (co-opted) to 2018  2017 (co-opted) to 2018  2018
Chemists' Community Fund Representative (if relevant)	n/a	
Co-opted members and their affiliation	Neil Coville (South African Chemical Institute)  Tebogo Gule (Sci Bono Science Centre, Johannesburg)  Peter Ejidike RSC – Vaal Triangle OE Fayemi RSC - Northwest Patricia Forbes RSC - Pretoria Daniel Hassan RSC - Durban Mthandi Mthiyane RSC - Durban Damian Onwudiwe RSC	2012-2018  2017-2018  2018 2018 2018 2018 2018 2018





## Diversity & Inclusion

Our trustees are aiming to embed diversity and inclusion in all of our activities and networks. Our [online network handbook](#) contains more information to support our networks in achieving this.

Please comment on how your group is showing that it has embraced Diversity and Inclusion within its practices.

Committee meetings are held in a central location with good accessibility from most parts of Gauteng. Meetings are held in the early evening as this is seen as the most practical time.

The annual event for members in Gauteng, was once again held on a Sunday lunchtime event to accommodate members who do not like driving at night and/or do not want to be out late at night.

All events are planned to try to maximise attendance and not to exclude any group due to accessibility, cost or geographical reasons.