

REPORT TO THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

“SAIIA is an independent, non-government think-tank whose purpose is to encourage wider and more informed awareness of the importance of international affairs. It is both a centre for African and global research excellence and a home for stimulating public debate”

Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA

2018 ACTIVITIES IN BRIEF

During another active year we have achieved a total of 13 Speaker’s meetings – consistent for the past 3 years! – besides our youth events: the annual Interschools Quiz and Careers Evening at UCT. Again, we have tried to focus on important trends and events internationally as well as on our own continent and their relevance for South Africa. We started off in January with an assessment of Zimbabwe post-Mugabe, who had been ousted from power 2 months previously after a 37-year rule, by our regular commentator Prof Brian Raftopoulos. We then took advantage of the visit of former Israeli Ambassador to South Africa during the Mandela era, Dr Alon Liel who gave an update on SA / Israel relations from his perspective. We addressed the on-going drama of Brexit when former British Minister in the John Major government, Robert Jackson gave us a positive take on it. We also took another look at the Trump administration in the US when Roger Cohen, the renowned New York Times columnist, on a flying visit to Cape Town, gave us his take on what Trump’s America means for South Africa and the world to our second biggest audience of the year. The biggest belonged to the address given by Dominique de Villepin, former French Foreign Minister at the Centre for the Book, which represented a very successful collaboration with the French Embassy and Consulate General and we thank them for their support.

Ambassadors we hosted included the Australian High Commissioner, the Chinese Ambassador jointly with the Cape Chamber and the Russian Ambassador. Other highlights included talks with an African theme by representatives of the Scalabrini Centre dealing with managing migration in sub-saharan Africa; African liberalism by DA MP and spokesperson on International relations, Stevens Mokglapa and the resurgence of traditional authorities in sub- Saharan Africa by Bradlow fellow Dr Jan Erk.

The Interschools Quiz – always a highlight of our year - was held once again in August at Bishops with 45 schools participating and a successful Careers Evening was held at UCT in October. Full reports about these events as well as a full table of events appear below.

National Office Bearers

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OPERATIONS

Our core group of Exco members have worked hard this year to ensure that our programme was carried out. Unfortunately, a number of stalwarts of the Executive Committee have had to move on after years of sterling service to the Branch. They are Prof Eltie Links, Dave Wheeler, Richard Higgs and Anthony Silberberg and we thank them for their valuable contribution. My own portfolio, Diplomatic Liaison kept me busy attending embassy and consular functions and recruiting speakers from the diplomatic corps. Parliamentary Liaison is still looked after by our young research group GARP. Our vice chair, Martyn Trainor has kept membership up to date and he and his “company of volunteers” handle all the preparations and arrangements before and after our events. We owe this dedicated group which includes veteran member Chris Inskip, Richard Morris, Lee Hall, Peggy de Kock, Wendy Paisley, Stephen Craven, Lee Hamilton Liz Wheeler, John Patten and Anthony Silberberg, John & Joy Hauser, Gail & Mark Ogram and Luke White who all work together with Pippa Segall, a big debt of gratitude. Prof. Chris Saunders ably assisted by Luke White who deals with student liaison at UCT looked after the Universities portfolio and Luke did a great job chairing the Careers evening. Rob Mackay performs a great supporting role and takes on any task allocated to him with aplomb. Richard Morris who joined Exco this year has a firm grip on our finances and accounts for which we are very grateful.

Dr Martha Bridgeman in cooperation with Pippa Segall and her team did a great job as usual with the 26th interschools quiz. Solly Moeng of Brand SA was keynote speaker and the charming Africa Melane of Cape Talk Radio again MC'd the quiz.

Pippa Segall, our branch and project coordinator again had a busy year and assisted the branch by keeping the books up to date. Her hard work on the successful Careers evening is greatly appreciated.

Our particular thanks to the Konrad Adenauer Foundation and their tireless Cape Town head Christina Teichmann who partner with SAIIA WC on many of our events. We are very grateful for their support and also for their generous sponsorship for the Careers evening. We hope to develop this partnership where and when it is suitable for both parties.

We continue to be grateful to the Mountain Club of South Africa, Cape Town section for the continued use of their club at reasonable rates and the kind assistance of their members at our events.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership numbers of the Branch [see table below] remain healthy and there has been an increase in the key **revenue producing categories** [Diplomatic; Institutional; Educational, School; Family/Member plus 1; Individual; and Student].

There was a small increase in the subscription rates for the 2018/19 at or below the general inflation rate. Visitors fees were increased to R 50 per person [students unchanged at R 20] to ensure that visitors also contribute to the overheads of the Branch.

MEMBERSHIP TABLE as at 30 Oct 18

Note 1. The figures for 2018 and the preceding years have been adjusted so that the **nominal** figures relating to **Members of Parliament** and **Educational, School** are NOT included in the overall membership total.

Note 2. The key **revenue producing categories** [Diplomatic; Institutional; Educational, School; Family/Member plus 1; Individual; and Student] are shown in **bold**.

Category	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Corporate nominees for JSH	5	5	5	5	5	5	3
Diplomatic	7	7	7	3	X	X	X
Institutional	4	4	X	X	X	X	X
Educational, School	Nominal *	Nominal *	Nominal *	Nominal *	Nominal *	Nominal *	Nominal *
Family/Member Plus 1 [2 people]	86	74	76	90	76	56	30
Fellow/ Complimentary	10	10	10	10	7	7	5
Honorary Life	8	8	8	8	6	6	5
Individual	76	73	82	77	64	64	73
Members of Parliament	Nominal **	Nominal **	Nominal **	Nominal **	Nominal **	Nominal **	Nominal **
Students	18	15	20	22	15	12	10
GRAND TOTAL	214	196	208	215	173	150	126
TOTAL: REVENUE PRODUCING	191	173	185	192	155	132	113

*The nominal figure is for the approximately 50 schools involved in the Quiz and is co-sponsored by the Abe Bailey Trust. It contributes to the revenue of the Branch.

**The nominal figure for Members of Parliament is 44.

EVENTS

1	17 Jan 18	Is Zimbabwe really in a post-Mugabe era?	Prof Brian Raftopoulos	SAIIA WC at MC	112
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2	8 Feb 18	South Africa Israeli Relations: Memories of a former Israeli Ambassador of his years with Mandela	Dr Alon Liel	SAIIA WC; Kaplan Centre, UCT; SA Jewish Museum at Jewish Mus	140
3	28 Feb 18	The meaning of BREXIT [and the underlying currents in Europe around it	Robert Jackson	SAIIA at MC	95
4	22 Mar 18	Managing migration from Sub-Saharan Africa: the developmental approach	Miranda Madikane, Scalabrini Centre. Discussant: Sibusiso Nkomo, IJR	SAIIA at MC. Sponsored by KAS	62
5	10 May 18	Australia's place in its region and the world – the new Foreign Policy White Paper	Australian High Commissioner Mr Adam McCarthy	SAIIA at MC	75
6	15 May 18	The partnership between Africa and the European Union	Dominique de Villepin	SAIIA at CftB Sponsored by EU	265
7	4 Jun 18	Trump's America: what it means for South Africa and the world	Roger Cohen	SAIIA at MC Sponsored by KAS	220
8	9 Jul 18	The BRICS Summit and the Practical Cooperation between China and South Africa in 20 years of Diplomatic Relations	Ambassador LIN Songtian Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to South Africa,	SAIIA with the CCCI at CCCI	102 [32]
***	16 Aug 18	SAIIA WC INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ	SAIIA WC Quiz Committee	Bishops	250
9	22 Aug 18	Defining African Liberalism	Stevens Mogalaka, MP. Chair of the African Liberal Network	SAIIA at MC	67

10	19 Sep 18	The Recent Resurgence of Traditional Authorities in Sub-Saharan Africa: what this means for African Politics, Law and Society	Dr Jan Erk	SAIIA at MC	50
11	26 Sep 18	Russia, South Africa and BRICS	Ambassador Mikhail Petrakov	SAIIA at MC	116
*****	2 Oct 18	CAREERS EVENING	Pippa Segall	SAIIA at UCT Sponsored by KAS	150
12	30 Oct 18	Russia, Ukraine and Hybrid Warfare	Eugene Czolij with discussant, Dr Sara Pienaar	SAIIA at MC Sponsored by KAS	90
13	20 Nov 18	Strengthening the US-South Africa Relationship Through the Western Cape	US Consul-General Virginia Blaser	SAIIA at MC [AGM]	?

FINANCIAL REPORT

The annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2018 is attached and has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting as was done in previous years. These financial statements show the receipts and payments for the year and financial position of the branch at the year end.

The accumulated operating fund stands at R10,286 (2017 R14,823) and the quiz fund at R193,269 (2017 R146,884). These funds are represented by cash and bank balances of R203,555 (2017 R161,707).

In order to make the financial outcome of the activities more meaningful the receipts and payments relating to the speaker's meetings, the careers evening and the branch administration are grouped separately to highlight the net surplus or shortfall for each category.

These net results of a surplus or (shortfall) may be summarised as follows:

	2018	2017
	R'000	R'000
Speaker's meetings	(6)	(17)

Careers evening	1	-
Administration	-	8
Operating shortfall	(5)	(9)

It is pleasing that the shortfall on the speaker's meetings has been substantially reduced relative to that for the prior year.

The careers evening that was funded by the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation is close to a breakeven as planned.

The breakeven outcome on administration is down on the surplus of the prior year mainly due to a R2,156 reduction in membership subscriptions received and a R6,272 increase in administration fees.

The movements on the annual Inter-School Quiz fund are set out in the financial report. Please note that at 30 June 2018 the full funding has been received but the bulk of the expenditure is still to be incurred and paid as the quiz is held in August.

We are most grateful for the continued valued support of various stakeholders:

- Our members for their subscriptions
- the Abe Bailey Trust for the sponsorship of the Inter-School Quiz
- the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation for the Careers Evening and contributions towards joint speakers' meetings
- SAIIA head office for the allocation towards our branch administration costs

UNIVERSITIES

SAIIA Western Cape organised a successful Careers Evening at the New Lecture Theatre at the University of Cape Town (UCT) on 2 October. This event was co-sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. Around 140 students interested in international relations attended from UCT, the University of the Western Cape (UWC), CPUT and Stellenbosch University. With fewer exhibitors in the foyer of the lecture theatre than on previous occasions, there was more room for students to congregate there. As the UCT technicians were late arriving, some students had drifted away before the speeches began in the large lecture theatre, but a hundred or so listened to them. Luke White was an excellent master of ceremonies. Speakers included Solly Moeng from Don Valley, John Stupart from African Defence Review and Daily Maverick; Mkhuleko Hlengwa, an MP from the IFP; Diana Nyabonga from S-RM; and Lennon Monyae, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM). It is hoped that the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung will partner with us again next year when another Careers Evening is held, perhaps at UWC or Stellenbosch.

SAIIA INTERSCHOOL QUIZ

The 26th Annual SAIIA Western Cape Interschool Quiz on International Affairs was held on Thursday, 16 August, at Bishops (Diocesan School for Boys), and featured Mr Solly Moeng of Brand SA fame as keynote speaker and Africa Melane of Cape Talk Radio as Quiz MC. The winning team was from the Oracle Academy of Ottery, with Reddam High Atlantic Seaboard taking second place and St Cyprian's

taking third. The Cape Academy for Maths, Science and Technology garnered the Cape Times trophy for 'Most Improved'.

On behalf of the Quiz Committee, we again thank the Abe Bailey Trust, our major funder for the 2018 quiz, as well as the many other donors who made the quiz possible. A heartfelt thanks goes again to Bishops for the provision of venues and technical support, for both the quiz and pre-quiz workshop that took place on 21 June and included 15 schools seeking additional preparation.

A full report on the 2018 quiz is posted on the Western Cape Branch page of the SAIIA website.

CONCLUSION

2018 has been a year of some big events which I referred to earlier. In a year when South Africa hosted and chaired the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg, we achieved half of our goal of having the Ambassadors of the BRICS countries address the Branch – the Chinese Ambassador in July and the Russian Ambassador in September. We still have Brazil and India in our sights – perhaps for next year.

Together with our partners and sponsors and our team of volunteers we look forward to meeting the challenges of 2019 with some more interesting talks and events in fulfilment of our mandate spelt out as I said earlier by SAIIA's chief executive Elizabeth Sidiropoulos.

The Chair

Sheila Camerer