



Southern African Online User Group Chair's Report: 2019

COMMITTEE:

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Co-opted Member:	Maggie Mashilo
Co-opted Member:	Jacqueline Wilson

2019 MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **15 February 2019: Valentine's Event & Talk**
Stop surviving and start really thriving - Sue Fuller-Good
Venue: Da Vincenzo, Barbeque Downs, Kyalami
- **15 May 2019" Workshop**
Introduction to Library Carpentry - Martin Dreyer
Venue: CSIR Knowledge Commons, CSIR, Meiring Naude Road, Pretoria
- **26 August 2019: Event & Talk**
Beyond the 4th IR - The human implications of the technological disruptions - Prof Johannes Cronje
Venue: University of Pretoria, Groenkloof Research Commons, Pretoria
- **5 December 2019: Year-end function & meeting**
Artificial Intelligence: Decision Making in an Uncertain World - Dr Benjamin Rosman
Venue: Accolades Boutique Venue, 72 Dale Rd, President Park AH, Midrand

MEMBERSHIP

We have had a slight increase in membership numbers this year. Our paid up members for 2017, 2018 & 2019 are as follows:

	2017	2018	2019
Individual members:	99	87	88
Corporate members:	22	21	29

We would like to ask all our current members to please encourage colleagues to join the SAOUG.

We decided to not increase membership for 2020, fees remain as follows:

Individual membership: R 160-00

Corporate membership: R 580-00



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WEBSITE

The SAOUG Committee is currently busy with a revamp of our website and we hope to soon launch our new, dynamic site.

FINANCES

The SAOUG is financially stable due to our membership renewals and the income from the 2018 conference. The audited financial statements for end 2018 are available on request.

SAOIM 2020

As you all know 2020 is conference year! Preparations are already underway to bring you another exciting SAOIM. As in the past, SAOUG in collaboration with OSALL would like to bring you a conference of high quality and relevant content. Please submit all papers by the end of January 2020.

Our aim is to keep the cost as low as possible for our members. Compared to other South African conferences the SAOIM is still relatively affordable.

Costs have been revised for exhibitors for 2020 and hopefully this will enable even more exhibitors to be part of SAOIM 2020.

NOTE OF THANKS

This has been a very busy year for all of us, so it is a great privilege for me to be able to thank the SAOUG Committee for all the hard work and dedication in 2019. I am extremely grateful to serve on this committee with such an amazing team. We should all feel proud of what has been accomplished this year.

Finally I would like to thank all our members for your support, participation and contributions to the organisation. Without you the SAOUG would not be successful in its endeavours.

Christelle Steyn
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