Distance learning programme

Distance Learning Programme:

The distance learning programme is in the process of being modified to make it more manageable for everyone. The last research module 4.2 was completed on the 18th June with most of the Fellows completing this module. The assessment modules remain as follows:

Module 3.1 started on the 28 May and this will be followed by module 3.2 on 13 Aug, module 3.3 on 22 Oct. and module 3.4 on 18 March 2013. This brings the programme to an end for the 2011 Fellows.

New modules (still to be decided) will be introduced on the 29 April 2013, which the 2012 Fellows will continue with as well as the new intake of Fellows for 2013.

SAAHE 5th National Conference 2012

SAFRI well represented at SAAHE Conference

The fifth annual national conference of the South African Association of health Educationalists (SAAHE) took place from 21—23 June and was hosted by Faculty of health Sciences of the University of Bloemfontein. There were 180 delegates from all regions of SA and other countries in Africa. There were up to 6 parallel sessions of poster and paper presentations addressing a wide range of educational themes such as simulation; selection, support and retention; teaching, learning and assessment; curriculum development; e-learning and technology; ethics and social accountability; postgraduate education; and quality assurance. A number of very useful workshops were run during the programme.

The following keynote presentations were made:

Prof Wendy McMillan (SAAHE Distinguished Educator) “Ensuring effective practises: Understanding who our students are”

Prof W Bosseau Murray (Pennsylvania State University, College of Medicine, USA) “Simulation: the ideal preparation for safer, more efficient and cost-effective clinical experiences”

Prof Janet Grant (UK, SAFRI invited speaker) “Apprenticeship in the era of competence”
As usual SAFRI was well represented at SAAHE. We are very proud of our SAFRI Faculty and Fellows who made poster and/or oral presentations. Congratulations to Lakshini McNamee (2009 SAFRI Fellow) and Paula Barnard-Ashton (2011 SAFRI Fellow) who received the 2 awards for “highly recommended” posters at the SAAHE conference.

Go to [http://www.saahe.org.za](http://www.saahe.org.za) and select Conference 2012 for the programme, the conference book for the full abstracts, and key note speakers for their biographies.

The next SAAHE conference will be held in Durban towards the end of June 2013 so start preparing now for your poster or paper presentation!

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SAFRI (Session 5) in Bloemfontein:

SAFRI Session 5 took place at the Bloemfontein Hotel conference facilities on the 20th June with sessions on evaluation, feedback, setting up an OSCE and standard setting. Everyone seemed to benefit and enjoy the days sessions.

Alan posed a challenge to the Fellows to join him for a Winter swim in the hotel pool. Most of us thought he had completely lost his mind but Ellenore was up for the challenge! With a temperature of approx. 10 degrees Allan managed to do 2 lengths, which is incredible and Ellenore braved a quick in and out! Well done to you both, Alaska here we come!!

On Saturday 23 June in the evening the graduation ceremony for the 2011 class was held. This was from all accounts a very moving and emotional time for everyone.

Traditional dress was worn where possible and it formed a colourful and interesting group of people as you can see from the photo to the left.

The 2011 Fellows presented the facilitators with a memento of a birthday calendar which included a collage of the SAFRI 2011 Class at the top. This was an unexpected surprise and a very creative and clever way of thanking Faculty for all their hard work and at the same time leaving many special memories of the group.
SAFRI NEWS ITEMS:

SAFRI is proud to include the following important news items received from Faculty and Fellows. Please keep your news items coming in, so they can be include in our Newsletters.

Publications:

Carmen Oltmann (SAFRI 2010 Fellow) Grahamstown


If unable to access online please contact me for a copy: dbransby@gmail.com

Heike Geduld (SAFRI 2011 Fellow) Cape Town


Please contact me if you would like a copy of this article: dbransby@gmail.com

Anthea Rhoda (SAFRI 2012 Fellow) Cape Town

Anthea co-authored an article published in the South African Journal of Physiotherapy.


Mohamed Abdelrahman (SAFRI 2009 Fellow) Sudan

Mohamed has had a book published entitled "Hypospadias in Sudan - Clinical and Surgical Review", published in August 2012 - LAP LAMBERT ACADEMIC PUBLISHING - herewith is a link: https://www.morebooks.de/store/gb/book/hypospadias-in-sudan/isbn/978-3-659-16263-3

Also, he has made a new publication entitled "Assessing information and communication technology in surgical training, Sudan as example ", at South Sudan Medical Journal, herewith is a link: http://www.southsudanmedicaljournal.com/assets/files/Journals/vol_5_iss_3_aug_12/SSMJ_5_3_ICT_surgery.pdf

It is worth mentioning too that he has published the paper above in collaboration with many colleagues, one of them is Dr Shahd Osman - SAFRI/FAIMER fellow 2011.

Hester Julie (SAFRI 2010 Fellow) Cape Town

Hester co-authored an article which has been published in the Curationis.

The manuscript is entitled: “The academic transitional experiences of masters’ students at the University of the Western Cape”.

Career move for SAFRI Fellow

Mrs. Lianne Keiller (SAFRI 2012 Fellow)

Lianne will be taking up a new position from August 2012 at the Stellenbosch University. She will be moving from the Physiotherapy Dept. to the Centre for Teaching and Learning at the Stellenbosch University.

She will be working as an academic advisor in tutor training and also assisting in e-learning. We wish you every success Lianne, I am sure the Physiotherapy Dept. will miss you!

Promotion for SAFRI Fellow

Mrs. Safinah Museene (SAFRI 2009 Fellow)

Safinah has been appointed as Principal for Nursing and Midwifery Schools in Uganda on 13th July 2012 by Uganda Education Service Commission. This means that she can head any nursing and midwifery school in Uganda. She is the General Secretary for the Association of Principals of Health Training Institution in Uganda, the elections for this position were also done in July 2012.

Well done Safinah we are so proud of you!

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In 2005 the FAIMER programme was expanded to developing countries by setting up regional institutes, 3 in India, 1 in Brazil and 1 in South Africa, based on the USA model, but tailored to the unique local needs of the host country/region.

The Southern Africa FAIMER Regional Institute (SAFRI) programme is presented by the SAFRI voluntary membership association in Africa in cooperation with FAIMER. It aims to improve the quality of health care of Southern African communities by improving health professions education.

To date there are fellows from South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Uganda, Zambia, Madagascar, Botswana, Ethiopia, Rwanda and Tanzania.

### Graduation for SAFRI Faculty member

**Francois Cilliers (SAFRI Faculty)**

Francois was one of the original Faculty members in 2008 & 2009 at the start of the SAFRI programme. He took a couple of years away from SAFRI to work on his PhD and it was good to see him join the Faculty again in March 2012.

We congratulate him on receiving his PhD in Maastricht yesterday 5 Sept. 2012

Well done Francois!!

### Establishing a Medical Education Department

**Zerihun Gebremichael (SAFRI 2012 Fellow) Ethiopia:**

A two day workshop was organized by Zerihun from the Hawassa University in Ethiopia, the aim being to establish a medical education department. Sol and Tegbar FAIMER Fellows from 2011 and 2009 respectively were invited to facilitate the workshop. They delivered presentations and facilitated group activities on how the unit should be organized, what functions it should assume and to explore the possible areas of educational research.

The workshop was attended by 40 faculty members and by all accounts was a great success.

The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine was grateful for their input and asked for their continued assistance in the future.

Well done Zerihun on taking on this initiative!

### Scholarship of Medical Education

**Dr. Alan Barnard (SAFRI 2010 Fellow)**

Dr. Alan Barnard from SAFRI and the University of Cape Town visited the Dept. of Obs and Gynae, Makerere University College of Health Sciences in Uganda. He gave a presentation on Scholarship in Medical Education. There were over 15 participants SAFRI Fellows and other interested faculty in the meeting.

This meeting was a good example of the establishment of professional networks.

The meeting resolved to create a forum for health professions educators to meet regularly and share and plan for their Health Professions Educations Institutions.

### FAIMER visit by SAFRI Fellow

**Alwyn Louw (SAFRI 2008 Fellow)**

Alwyn has been invited to attend a FAIMER Session in Philadelphia USA in the first week of October 2012.

We wish him every success and we look forward to a brief report back on his return!