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4. BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- **Access to professional information** on occupational health matters, including new and / or changes in legislation, standards, norms, policies and guidelines.
- **Guidelines** on aspects of the scope and practice of occupational health.
- **Annual congresses**, meetings, workplace visits, workshops, on topical, academic and practical issues, with continuous educational units for participation.
- **Bi-monthly** academically accredited scientific Journal registered for continuous educational units.
- **Access** to SASOM's Scientific Committees' reports.
- **Opportunities to give input** on occupational health legislation, standards, norms, guidelines etc.
- **Advertising** opportunities, both professional and general issues, including advertising of vacancies.
- **Guidance on professional fee structure.**
- **Communication** and networking with colleagues and cross referencing to relevant sites through the website.
- **Assistance** with difficult / sensitive issues in occupational health practice.
- **Reduced fees** for SASOM congresses, seminars, sets of guidelines and the Journal.



SASOM
South African Society
of Occupational Medicine

FOUNDED IN 1948

1. INTRODUCTION

The South African Society of Occupational Medicine (**SASOM**) was formed in 1948 to further Occupational Medicine and has subsequently played a leading role in the pursuit of health and safety in industry in general.

SASOM is a professional society and a special interest group of the South African Medical Association (SAMA) with links to the World Medical Association. **SASOM** has been affiliated with the International Commission on Occupational Health (**ICOH**) and its 27 scientific committees since its inception.

Our members are registered medical practitioners and other professionals who work in occupational health or who have an interest in this area of medical practice.

SASOM advocated the recognition of occupational medicine as a specialty field in medicine for many years before it was finally received from the Health Professions Council of South Africa.

SASOM networks with specialist groups in the field of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and jointly issues an accredited scientific journal with them.

SASOM has a permanent National Office in Pretoria with a full time staff member and branches in all nine provinces and in Namibia.

2. THE AIMS OF THE SOCIETY ARE:

- **To determine, protect, maintain and promote** the health of workers.
- **To enhance** physical, mental and social well-being of workers and support the development and maintenance of their working capacity, as well as career and social development at work.
- **To develop and promote** healthy and safe work, work environments and work organisations by eliminating occupational factors and conditions hazardous to health and preventing and controlling occupational diseases and accidents.
- **To enable workers** to conduct socially and economically productive lives and to contribute positively to sustainable development.
- **To maintain accreditation** of continuing professional development activities through conferences, workshops and the academically accredited scientific journal Occupational Health Southern Africa with CEUnits for participation.
- **To maintain recognition of Occupational Medicine** as a distinct multi-disciplinary activity and act as guardian of ethical and medical standards
- **To contribute** to national and international occupational health strategies, policies, standards, research, literature and conferences.

3. MEMBERSHIP

SASOM has several different categories of membership, namely:

- **Ordinary membership** for registered medical practitioners who have an interest in and/or practise Occupational Medicine.
- **Retiree membership** for members over 60 years of age who would like to keep informed of, and contributes to, developments in Occupational Medicine.
- **International membership** for medical practitioners in other countries who are interested in the development of Occupational Medicine in South Africa.
- **Corporate membership** for Medical Practitioner groups, company's, healthcare organisations, etc. who employ several Occupational Medicine Practitioners, which has special benefits for the organisations.
- **Affiliate membership** for non-medical practitioners who are interested in Occupational Medicine. They receive full benefits of membership without the right to vote on SASOM issues.