



THE CHROMATOGRAPHY DIVISION  
Of the South African Chemical Institute

**SACI REPORT**  
**MAY 2022 TO APRIL 2023**

**COMMITTEE and MEMBERSHIP:**

Two committee meetings were held virtually during the period of reporting.

During the reporting period, the national committee members were:

Belinda Hickman Mosdell (Chairperson)

Prof Patricia Forbes (Immediate Past Chairperson)

Marion Rippon (Vice Chairperson and Treasurer)

Dr Yvette Naudé (Honorary Secretary and Membership)

Prof Lawrence Madikizela (Minutes secretary)

Dr Madelien Wooding (Website)

Dr Sifiso Nsibande and Dr Somandla Ncube (Student liaison)

Additional members: Margaux Lim Ah Tock; Dr Elize Smit and Corlien Bezuidenhout.

Prof André de Villiers continues to be the ChromSA representative for the Western Cape.

Additional members of the Western Cape committee are Ben Burger, Dalene de Beer, Wessel Kriek, Brenda Marx, Marietjie Stander, Karl Storbeck, Hannes van der Merwe, Mare Vlok, and Merrill Wicht.

Belinda Hickman Mosdell represented ChromSA at the SACI Council meeting and AGM on 25 August 2022.

There are currently over 590 members on the ChromSA mailing list.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The annual general meeting was not held during the reporting period as ChromSA was still mostly conducting its business virtually. The 2022 annual report and audited financial statements will be presented to members for their information and acceptance during the upcoming 2023 annual general meeting.

### **FINANCES:**

The funds held by the National ChromSA division are >R430 000.

### **EVENTS ORGANISED:**

One hybrid event was arranged (invited lecture) for ChromSA members in the 2022/2023 year. The lecture titled “Combining 3D-Printing and Chromatography for the Analysis of Food, Fuel and Flavonoids” was presented by Dr Elize Smit (University of Johannesburg) with face-to-face audience attending from the South African Grain Laboratories in Pretoria.

### **44<sup>th</sup> SACI NATIONAL CONVENTION:**

ChromSA sponsored two speakers who provided lectures during the 44<sup>th</sup> SACI National Convention. Prof Ralf Zimmerman (University of Rostock, Germany) gave a keynote lecture “Air pollution and health: Improvements in characterisation of the composition and toxicological impact of aerosol emissions and the polluted ambient air”, while Prof Lawrence Madikizela (University of South Africa) was among the invited speakers and delivered a Raikes Medal lecture titled “Fate of pharmaceuticals in South African environment: Past, present and future research”.

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

A national ChromSA student event is already planned for 21 September 2023 at PerkinElmer offices, Midrand. The 2023 Chromatographer of the year function will be held in October 2023. ChromSA is happy to announce that the preparations for ANALITIKA 2024 national conference to take place in March 2024 are underway.

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

ChromSA membership continued to grow over the past few years despite the Covid19 related set-backs. This is a result of excellent initiatives of ChromSA which continued to take place during the Covid pandemic. ChromSA has moved from the online to hybrids events, and now mostly organizing face-to-face events. The support from our members through various ways including attending the ChromSA events is greatly appreciated. I would like to thank the

national committee and ChromSA regions for their continued support and excellent chromatographic related initiatives that they perform/organize.

**Prof Lawrence M. Madikizela**  
**ChromSA Chairperson**