



Report to the Annual General Meeting

24 November 2010

2010 IN BRIEF

SAIIA Western Cape maintained its high standard of offerings this past year, with nine meetings for members in which a variety of topics were covered by knowledgeable speakers, plus two university lectures and the increasingly popular interschool quiz on international affairs. The mid-year period was dominated by the FIFA World Cup, which captivated most of Cape Town and South Africa for the duration. The latter part of the year brought the unexpected news of a great increase in funding from Caltex/Chevron for the quiz, renewable over the next three years, as well as meetings between SAIIA WC and representatives of the SAIIA national office regarding greater collaboration between the branch and the institute's offices in Cape Town, where the Governance of Africa's Resources Project (GARP) is based. This collaboration is due to extend into youth outreach, as the national office has this year hired a youth outreach coordinator and there is great interest in seeing the SAIIA WC quiz being expanded and replicated. At the same time, a Small Business Membership category has been developed for the benefit of local business people.

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MATTERS (Martha Bridgman)

The Branch Executive Committee, while undergoing changes mid-year, continues to work together as a team, with excellent support from Branch Project Administrator **Pippa Segall**. Many thanks are due to the committee members for efforts expended in their volunteer roles for the branch.

The branch welcomed SAIIA research fellow **Tim Hughes** onto the committee, in the role of Parliamentary Liaison, following the departure for Pretoria of Kayum Ahmed, due to a career move. Ryan Lobban, who resigned his post as universities' liaison due to study pressures, handed on to another post-graduate student at UCT, **Grant Bridgman**, for the second half of 2010. **Mary Carson** stepped forward to take up the InterSchool Quiz Chair role again with the departure for overseas of Ada Watson. **Dave Wheeler**, who has served as minute taker for the past two years, was co-opted onto the committee mid-year as well. Many thanks go to each new committee member for stepping forward.

Lidia Hall continues to serve as the branch honorary treasurer. Her gracious and highly competent services are greatly appreciated. **Diana Higgs** was briefly co-opted onto the committee to assist with the quiz, but will leave Cape Town at the end of the year as work moves her family on. We wish her and the Admiral well. Various other branch members have served the branch in other capacities: **Julian Hobbs** has managed publications, **Ruth Hobbs** and **John Patten** have often stepped in to greet guests at the door, **Lee Hall** developed and mans the computer marking system at the Interschool quiz and **Charles Sacks** has assisted with public address systems. Thanks to these members for their contributions of time.

PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES (Martha Bridgman)

The following events comprised our programme of activities for 2010.

- **8 February: Dr Greg Mills** of the Brenthurst Foundation on 'Choices for Africa'
- **31 March: Tanja Hichert** of the Institute for Futures Research on 'Driving Forces and Trends Shaping the Future of Southern Africa's Agriculture'

- **14 April: Dr Kathryn Sturman** “of SAIIA’s GARP office on ‘Do oil and democracy mix? Africa’s oil boom and consequences for governance’
- **12 May: Caltex/SAIIA WC Interschool Quiz** at Bishops College
(FIFA World Cup Hiatus for June/July)
- **29 July: Dr Nomfundo Xenia Ngwenya** of SAIIA’s African Drivers’ Programme, on ‘Leaning towards Luanda and Abuja? South Africa’s evolving African liaisons’
- **18 August: Dr Lyal White**“ of GIBS at University of Pretoria, on ‘Understanding Brazil’s New Drive for Africa’
- **16 September: Sumatee Pahwa**, of the Sustainability Institute at the University of Stellenbosch, on ‘Internalizing sustainability for a low-carbon global future: a South African case study’
- **20 October: Prof Jeremy Sarkin**, Chairperson-Rapporteur of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances.Rapporteur for the UN Disappearances and Secret Detentions in Africa”
- **24 November: Branch AGM and Timothy Butcher**, on his book ‘Chasing the Devil’

MEMBERSHIP (Martyn Trainor)

Membership numbers, as displayed below, show a slight decline over the past year. A contributing factor is that this year the termination of membership for arrears in payment of subscriptions was more stringently applied than in the past. Branch events are still well attended by both members and visitors. There has been a marked increase in attendance by small groups of learners from schools that have taken part in the Caltex/Chevron Interschool Quiz. The provision in the constitution for by-laws has been used to give greater definition to the various categories of institutional membership.

SAIIA Western Cape Membership Figures as at October 2009 (cf 2007 and 2006):

Category	2010	2009	2008
Company Nominees	8	14	6
Corporate	9	11	-
Diplomatic/Consular	30	37	38
Educational/Institutional	10	11	18
Family/Donor	38	50	40
Fellow	3	1	1
Honorary	4	3	1
Individuals	93	98	104
Members of Parliament	32	32*	32
Students	18	22	35
TOTAL	245	279	275

(*Provisional number. **Non-paying categories are Fellows, Honorary & MP's. Nominees and Corporates are members of the Institute nationally, but served by SAIIA WC in Cape Town.)

Three Honorary memberships were offered this year, all to members who have served the branch and retained membership faithfully over several years. These were awarded to John Watson, Chris Inskip and Grace Daniel.

FINANCE (Lidia Hall)

The financial statements presented at this meeting have been prepared by myself and signed by Mr Karl Stulpner. We thank him once again for his kind service. Thanks also to members who have paid their subscription dues timeously, as this has assisted the committee with its budget and plans.

The 2010 Interschool Quiz expenses were again covered by sponsorship. We owe Caltex/Chevron, the branding sponsor, much gratitude for its support in 2010. We believe this investment in the global awareness of South Africa's youth is well placed. Many thanks are due to our other sponsors, noted in the Quiz annual report.

Increased subscription rates were necessary to support the activities of the branch, but with cost-cutting measures in place the financial position of the branch is secure.

Matching funds from Jan Smuts House in July financed the development of a new branch advertising poster, laminated copies of which have been distributed around local university campuses and other public venues. The funds also covered various expenses related to bringing in speakers for SAIIA WC meetings and subsidising student transport to branch meetings throughout the year.

WEBSITE/TECHNICAL SUPPORT/ADVERTISING (Chris Inskip)

SAIIA Headquarters, at Jan Smuts House in Johannesburg, continue to provide valued support by including a page for the Western Cape Branch on their website www.saiia.org.za. This page contains information on upcoming Branch activity, and makes Branch documents (Annual Reports, the membership application form, newsletters) available. SAIIA HQ also includes mention of our upcoming events in their emailed Members Newsletter.

The Centre for the Book provides a venue for many of our meetings and we appreciate the assistance of their staff on these occasions, as well as recent availability of improved PA equipment. We appreciate the continuing support of local newspapers and radio stations, which have carried mention of our upcoming events. We have experienced a good proportion of newcomers attending our meetings.

DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY (Rob Mackay)

The diplomatic community in Cape Town continues in its support for SAIIA and regularly attends and participates in our meetings. Equally SAIIA is privileged to attend national day celebrations and other activities hosted by members of the diplomatic community. We plan to address a meeting of the Consular Corps to better publicize SAIIA WC events among diplomats. We remain alert to source visiting dignitaries who may be appropriate guest speakers for the branch. We look forward to further cementing the growing links with the Diplomatic Community in Cape Town.

PARLIAMENT (Tim Hughes)

A presentation about SAIIA was conducted to the Committee of Committee Chairs, through the good offices of the then Chair of Chairs Hon Obed Bapela, a long-standing supporter and ally of SAIIA. Meetings were held about the work of SAIIA with the Chair of the International Relations Committee, the Trade Committee, the Committee on Defence and Veterans, the Energy Committee and the Mining Committee. Before his promotion to Deputy Minister, Hon Bapela had agreed to conduct a talk to the branch on the role of Parliaments in international relations. However, he and the Chair of the International Relations Committee have been promoted to Deputy Minister and we shall thus have to introduce SAIIA to their replacements. Invitations have been extended to Hon Professor Ben Turok to address the branch in 2011, as well as to Hon John Jeffrey to address the topic: The role of the Presidency and South Africa's International Relations. A request has been made via Hon Jeffrey that the Deputy President address the branch at a suitable date in 2011.

CORPORATE COMMUNITY (Anthony Silberberg)

Against the background of the demographics and composition of the membership of the Western Cape Branch of SAIIA, a new Western Cape Small Business membership category has been developed. Currently, major corporate members are linked directly to SAIIA national based in Johannesburg, with the lowest annual subscription for corporates in the region of R13 000 p.a. There is need to meet this gap with a lower-priced small business membership category at the local level.

For this reason a proposed Western Cape Small Business Member Category was developed and its benefits and conditions have been agreed with SAIIA national. The annual subscription would be reasonable and affordable for small companies. The category would also serve as a vehicle to attract younger professionals and business people to the branch. This category is ready to be promoted and rolled out.

The branch, however, as a volunteer-run body, is stretched already in providing services to members. It is hoped the income from the small business corporate subscriptions would finance the resources and capacity needed to offer additional benefits. What is needed is a member of the branch who might take this initiative forward. Efforts to identify such a person continue. Hopefully the branch will be able to roll out the new Western Cape Small Business membership category in the new year.

INTERSCHOOL QUIZ (Mary Carson)

The Branch interschool quiz continued in its 18th year to offer students in the Western Cape an opportunity to learn more about international affairs and to win prizes for their schools. Caltex/Chevron again approved the SAIIA WC Quiz Proposal and Budget for 2010, donating R63 000 for the event. The Abe Bailey Trust doubled their donation to R10 000, which was set aside to purchase appropriate books for the schools libraries, in addition to the large number of books donated by 20 Cape Town publishers. This year saw the largest supply of excellent books from the publishers, which included atlases, dictionaries, encyclopaedias, reference books, biographies, text books and novels.

The previous faithful sponsors provided refreshments, and new sponsors were added to that list to help with further prizes for the schools. Diocesan College (Bishops) in Rondebosch for a second year gave us the use of their Mallett Centre for a three day period of setting up and breaking down. With all this in mind the organising committee of Pippa Segall and Mary Carson, with assistance from Lidia Hall, were able to happily set about Quiz 2010.

We sent notice of the May quiz to 126 schools in and around Cape Town in mid January, and accepted 35 schools for participation on a first-come, first-served basis. We invited a further 10 less resourced schools to participate in the quiz, and offered them a pre-quiz workshop. The workshop took place at Bergvleit High School in March under the tuition of Tim Hughes, assisted by Martha Bridgman. We had five new schools and five who had attended both the workshop and the quiz in 2009 but needed further encouragement. This is an important part of the Quiz which helps to encourage and empower the learners and their teachers.

On 12 May 2010, 43 high school teams of four learners (2 teams did not arrive) came together at Bishops to compete by answering correctly the 20 testing questions set by Tim and Martha, Peter Fabricius, Alan Harvey, and Merlyn Segall. These were based on articles from the *Cape Times* over a specified two week period prior to the Quiz and from one of SAIIA's recently published *Diplomatic Pouches*, "Protesting in 140 keystrokes: Twitter and the Iranian Unrest".

Tim Hughes served as Quiz Master, whilst Africa Melane from Cape Talk Radio cheerfully and skilfully fulfilled his new role as Master of Ceremonies. The Quiz questions were posed to the school teams totalling 172 learners, for a total of 44 points. Jan van Riebeeck High School won the first prize with 33 points and received R4000 and the Caltex/SAIIA Floating Trophy. Westerford High School with 31 points was 2nd and received R2000, and third place went to SACS with 30 points. Lee Hall was referee and his marking and scoring system was manned by volunteers from the SAIIA GARP office. A careers table was on hand. The Committee Members of the Western Cape turned out in force to become welcomers and ushers. It was also so encouraging to see so many of our SAIIA Western Cape members in the audience.

SAIIA would like to thank Chevron, Bishops, Abe Bailey Trust, all our sponsors and suppliers and particularly, all the learners and their hard working teachers who take the extra time for us all to combine to make an important and happy contribution to the future. Deliveries of 5 copies of the *Cape Times* to each school teacher's house went relatively smoothly and for this we thank the *Cape Times*.

The exciting news is that Chevron wish to include SAIIA WC in a three year partnership, beginning with the 2011 workshop and quiz, during which we will receive R150 000 per annum "to do more of what we have been doing".

UNIVERSITIES (Grant Bridgman)

SAIIA hosted two events on local university campuses in 2010. Dr Nomfundo Xenia Ngwenya spoke on South Africa's relations with Nigeria and Angola at the University of Stellenbosch, for the Political Science Department's Friday Lunch Seminar of 29 July, and Dr Lyal White spoke on Brazil's new

engagement with Africa at the University of Cape Town on 18 August for a second-year political science course comprised of over two hundred students. Both these events led to follow up inquiries regarding membership in the branch and other engagements. The Maties students' political science association organised a delegation to visit the SAIIA offices in Cape Town and then had a tour of parliament with Tim Hughes, for instance. We continued to advertise our branch events at UCT, Stellenbosch and UWC, and had attendance from students from all three universities, both through email and by posting notices. Student membership must be further encouraged, as numbers are dropping. But the new year brings a new opportunity for bringing in newly arrived students ready to get involved with SAIIA WC.

CONCLUSION: (Martha Bridgman)

SAIIA Western Cape looks ahead to a full programme of events already taking shape for 2011. Many thanks to the membership for continued support, for the speaker proposals submitted and the votes of confidence expressed. Further contributions of time and ideas are genuinely welcome. With the election of the proposed slate, the work of SAIIA WC to generate public discussion on issues of South Africa's foreign policy and international affairs will continue in the coming year.

Martha Bridgman

Chair, SAIIA Western Cape

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ELECTION OF WESTERN CAPE BRANCH COMMITTEE:

The following is the proposed slate for 2011.

Martha Bridgman	Chair
Tim Hughes	Parliamentary Liaison
Rob Mackay	Diplomatic Liaison
Grant Bridgman	Universities Liaison
Anthony Silberberg	Corporate Liaison
Martyn Trainor	Membership Portfolio
Mary Carson	Interschool Quiz Committee Chair
Chris Inskip	Technical Support/Logistics Portfolio
Dave Wheeler	Minutes Secretary
Lidia Hall	Honorary Treasurer