



The Society of Cosmetic Chemists

Annual Report

January - December
2015

President's Report

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Message from our President



It has been a year of challenge and change across the world. As the expression goes, we are living in interesting times. Some sources say this is an Ancient Chinese curse, but as with all things, there is the balance of yin and yang. I believe that interesting times are also exciting times.

Coschem certainly has had an eventful and exciting first year in our new premises. One of our aims is to use the premises for seminars, lecture evenings, workshops and networking. As you will see in the report, we set the bar with lots of events hosted including our first practical workshop. Our members can look forward to many more innovative workshops and events that will share scientific knowledge and encourage shared learning.

I would like to thank everyone that contributed to our success this year for their continuing support and generosity. This includes our members, our sponsors and also non-members and companies supporting our social and scientific events.

A special thank you to the Council and Sub-committee members. You volunteer your time and it is through your dedication and commitment that we continue to grow as a Society. It is an honour to serve the industry with such a passionate team.

As I hand the Presidency over to Lyndsay Calenborne for 2016, please join me in wishing her well for the year ahead. Coschem will be in good hands and we can look forward to another wonderful year.

Conny Oberrauter - President 2015

Executive Committee 2015

The Council consists of an Executive Committee plus seven other voting members.

The Executive Committee is chaired by the Immediate Past President and includes the President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and General Secretariat.

These Office Bearers, who are responsible for all major decisions, should not be connected persons in relation to each other, so as to accept the fiduciary responsibilities of the Society.

Executive Committee Members 2015:

Conny Oberrauter	President Chair of PR Committee / Membership Committee
Lyndsay Calenborne	Vice President Chair of Social Committee
Roy Gardiner	Honorary Treasurer
Bridget MacDonald	General Secretariat
Wayne van Wyk	Honorary Secretary Chair of Scientific Committee

Coschem Council 2015

The affairs of the Society shall be conducted by the Council in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society for the purposes of achieving the objectives of the Society.

This is a considerable task and Council members are dedicated and passionate about the future success of the Society. The minimum term on the Council is a three year period, however if you are elected as an Officer Bearer you would be required to stand for an additional period.

The Council Members listed below offered their time and support to the Executive Committee by participating in various Sub-Committee activities.

Thank you to the following members for their commitment to and support of the Society and its activities during 2015.

Council Members for 2015:

Allison Barty	Member of PR Committee
Gillian Gardiner	Chair of Education Committee/ Education Officer
Gillian Kuhn	Member of Scientific Committee
Kim MacCallum	Member of Social Committee
Kirsten Scott	Member of Seminar/PR Committee
Roshelle Serpaul	Member of Social Committee
Janine Wilson	Chair of Seminar Committee
Ivor Zwane	Member of Education Committee

Chapter Representatives:

Erica de Kock	Natal Representative
Shanaaz Samsodien	Cape Town Representative

Council Members 2015



Chapters

Natal Chapter

Erica de Kock and Jemma Roberts ran the Natal Chapter. They worked hard to organise many events in KZN. Some events had to be cancelled due to insufficient support.

The IMCD “New Trends and Technologies in Hair care” lecture was held at the Durban Country Club. IMCD paid in full and Unichem sponsored discounted rate for the venue.

The first Lecture held via Web Connection was held on the 24 June on Botanicals, four people attended, we experienced a little noise factor in the background but other than that it was good.

A very successful Ladies Day was held in October instead of August at the Beverly Hills Hotel in conjunction with the Estee Lauder event. Members were treated with a very motivational speech followed by a tasty three course meal and a lovely Estee Lauder gift plus skincare demonstrations.

The KZN Christmas lunch was held on 26 November 2015.



Cape Town Chapter

Cape Town Committee Members for 2015:

Shanaaz Samsodien Chairperson

Linda Edkins

Warren Petersen

Megan Smith

Robyn van Zyl

4 May - Lean Product Development 5 attendees

24 June - Botanicals Refresher approximately 6 attendees

15 July - Waste Act (1 attendee)

16 Sept - Rheology (cancelled due to insufficient support)

Currently analysing survey sent out to Coschem members

Seminar Committee

Seminar Committee Members for 2015:

Janine Wilson Chairperson

Lyndsay Calenborne

Liz Hahn

Kirsten Scott

Leticia Smith

Liezanne van der Walt

The initiative of basic refresher lectures has been implemented as opposed to seminars. The focus is to revisit relevant and interesting topics to educate younger members whilst refreshing the older members. In addition to the basic refreshers we also hosted a morning seminar focused on In-cosmetics and a basic Emulsion Workshop.

The following successful events were hosted:

13 May 2015 - In-cosmetics Day

In-cosmetics is the global leading exhibition for personal care ingredients, but unfortunately due to the large financial implications to travel to Barcelona, it is difficult for our members to attend. As such we asked some of the attendees to share pertinent information with our members.

Our presentations for the day included:

- In-cosmetics Barcelona: Crunching the Numbers by Abby Vorster, P & C Review
An overview of In-cosmetics Barcelona.

- Speaking to the Senses by Ana da Costa, IMCD
An interactive hands-on sensorial presentation presenting various raw materials.

- Innovation Trends & Awards by Liz Hahn, Impact Chemicals
Looked at some current trends and the in-cosmetics award winners.

- Time Related Skin Care Trends by Chantal O'Brien de Villiers, Materia Medica

A review of current trends and actives launched.

- Innovative New Active Launched at In-cosmetics by Robyn Brown Botanichem



A review of some new actives launched.

The morning concluded with a key note presentation from Martin Hue of REACH 24H Consulting Group (via webinar) entitled China Cosmetic Regulation Introduction and Future Trends.

This was the first Morning Seminar hosted at the Coschem offices and delegates found the information most informative.

24 June 2015 - Botanicals Refresher

Botanicals play a key part to many personal care formulations but many formulators have minimal understanding of the intricacies of formulating with such materials. To assist our members with this two key players from the industry discussed Botanicals with our delegates.

The presentations were:

- The Ins and Outs of Essential Oils by Sharon Bolel, SAAFFI
Included the history, manufacturing processes and a hands-on essential oil smelling and explanation session.



- A Rose by Any Other Name would Smell as Sweet by Chantal O'Brien De Villiers, Materia Medica
Included a Scientific explanation to the compositional break down of Botanical species, looking at plant parts etc.

This was the first nationwide presentation with delegates attending (via webinar) from the Cape and Natal Chapters. All delegates found the information useful and the presentation informative.

28 July 2015 - Sensorial Refresher

Formulating of cosmetics products is a science but with a consumer as our client. As such the needs of our consumer are key to promote sales and even more importantly repeat sales. It is critical that products appeal to the consumer and this is often achieved by the sensorial aspects of your product, independent on the performance of a cosmetic, if the sensorial profile is unappealing the consumer is not likely to purchase. To assist our members we hosted a morning refresher.



The presentations were:

- The Art and Science of Developing Cosmetic Products by Dr Heidi Grimmer of Sense,Nambitha
Key focus on consumer sensorial testing protocols and measurement criteria.

- The Sensory Properties of Cosmetic Skin Care Products by John Knowlton, Cosmetic Solutions
Key focus on refreshing the delegates on the use of sensorial profiling and how it may be defined, measured and influenced.

An extremely successful event, highly informative and enjoyed by all delegates.

30 September 2015 - Fragrance Refresher

Smell is one of our five senses and is often a key driver in the consumers purchase of a cosmetic product. Formulators need to understand consumer trends and likes when formulating with fragrance. During this morning refresher our presenters exposed the delegates to the current trends and formulating advise.



The presentations were:

- In the Air by Laetitia Ngassa, Symrise
Included a hands-on fragrance smelling session introducing delegates to current olfractive trends.
- The Magical Ingredient by Mike Capon, Sensetek
Included the history, make-up, olfractive profiling and regulatory (IFRA) aspects of fragrances.

Well attended and enjoyed by all. Nice technical information presented.

4 November 2015 - Colour Cosmetics Refresher

Colour cosmetics is a blend of science and art with a close link to fashion, as consumers buy according to trend. Formulating with colour can sometimes be difficult as pigments and dyes don't always behave as wished. This morning's refresher focused on current trends and understanding pigments and dyes.



The presentations were:

- Full Colour Insights - Colour Trends and the Cosmetic Industry by Karen Maier, Merck Chemicals
Included a review of trends and a hands-on session looking at Spring/ Summer 2016 colour trends.
- What is a pigment? What is a dye? Why do they behave so strangely? Colour Formulating Fundamentals by Janine Wilson, Botanichem
Key focus on the fundamental chemistry of pigments and dyes, with formulating advice.

This refresher was enjoyable and informative.

28 November 2015 - Emulsion Workshop

Coschem decided to reintroduce the hands-on workshops to assist junior staff to understand the fundamentals of cosmetic science. The first of these events was hosted at the Coschem offices. The delegates were introduced to basic emulsion theory through practical everyday experiments such as the emulsification of a simple vinaigrette though to more complex cosmetic emulsions. Through practical, hands-on experiments the workshop addressed how various factors, such as heat-dependence, pH-dependence and

mechanical stress, can affect an emulsion. The hosts for the day were Roy Gardiner, Conny Oberrauter and Janine Wilson.

The morning was excellent training for the delegates and enjoyed by all.

Finally the Seminar Committee would just like to thank all the presenters for their assistance during 2015.



Lecture Evening Committee

The Lecture Evening Committee falls under the stewardship of the Seminar Committee, chaired by Janine Wilson. The focus of these evenings is networking and dissemination of information.

2015 has been an exciting year with the launch of the nationwide webinars allowing the live streaming of our presentations, thus allowing access to information to more of our members.

This year we hosted four successful lecture evenings.

17 February 2015 - *New Trends and Technologies in Hair Care-Conditioning Products Market Focus Area by Dave Popplewell, Ashland, Holland at IMCD*

Dave shared how the latest global Hair Care market trends would influence the African market with specific focus on the rapid development of the conditioning ingredient market growth. He reviewed current technologies and new additions to this rapidly growing area, which is expected to be the highest growth area in Hair Care.

He presented delegates information on how formulators are looking to create innovative products such as Co-Wash products, and how new conditioning technologies could help to improve the challenges faced when formulating shampoos and conditioning products.

This evening was hosted by IMCD and enjoyed by all the delegates.

4 March 2015 - *Industry Insight in South Africa by John Knowlton, Cosmetic Solutions, South Africa*

The sociodemographics and socioeconomic climate of South Africa are unique and complex thus the effects that they both will have on the sustainability and growth of the domestic cosmetic and toiletries industry is pivotal to its future existence.

In his presentation, John briefly reviewed the prevailing socioeconomic climate in South Africa, highlighting the key drivers that are likely to determine the future of the cosmetic and toiletries industry locally.

He then provided a detailed summary of the Hair Care, Skin Care and Bath & Shower Care markets in South Africa, looking at market performance, key trends and prospects in each sector.

John provided a market summary and spoke about some personal insights into what he believes will be good opportunities for new product development, in the South African marketplace.

This evening was well attended and the information presented well received by all the delegates.

15 July 2015 - *The Waste Act Simplified by Belinda Berry, ConnectMe Group, South Africa*

Belinda introduced the key legal requirements for Hazardous Waste Management in South Africa. Focusing on storage of waste, classification of waste as per SANS 10234 and the GHS, the Basel Convention, prohibitions to landfill and timeline implications as well the norms and standards for the assessment of waste for landfill disposal. The lecture touched on licensed waste activities and the South African Waste Information System.

This was the first lecture evening to allow nationwide participation with delegates logging into the webinar from the Cape Town and Natal chapters. The presentation was informative and extremely useful for all delegates present.

15 September 2015 - *Innovation 101 for Cosmetic Chemists in Africa by Shani Vermeulen, Cosmetic Ingredients, South Africa*

Shani discussed the meaning of Innovation both in the broad aspect as well as possible innovative options for cosmetics, touching on innovation in emerging markets and Africa. By looking at global and local innovative ideas, Shani showed delegates the process of innovation and the importance of correct research prior to innovative project release.

This evening was well enjoyed by all with many delegates acknowledging the importance of innovation in the current economic climate. The evening was hosted by Evonik.

The Lecture Evening Committee would like to appeal to members to sponsor a Lecture Evening during 2016, thus promoting more networking and dissemination of information.

Thank you to the presenters and hosts for their assistance.

Social Committee

The Social Committee is responsible for organising all social activities which are linked to the Society and its members as well as providing support to other Society Committees engaged in any social activity which supports the Society's Aims and Objectives.

Hence there is always an element of fun and relaxation surrounding our function. The Social committee is responsible for organising three major social events during the year. These being the Golf Day, Ladies Day and the Year End Lunch.

Social Committee Members 2015:

Lyndsay Calenborne Chairperson
Tiffany de Astui
Johan Hennessy
Cheri Kahn
Kim MacCallum
Darryl Mostert
Roshelle Serpaul
Janine Wilson

Social Events hosted this year include:

Golf Day – 19 May 2015

The 2015 Coschem Golf Day took place at the Eagle Canyon Golf Estate situated in Johannesburg. This Event is always very well attended by the Industry's suppliers as well as their customers. Something different to add to this year's Golf Day was the Introduction to Golf which was a great added bonus to those of us who would love to partake in the game but don't have the necessary skills. The winning team was the Savannah Fine Chemicals and this included Richard Hallam (CTL Contracting), Duncan Botha (Tag Solvents), Darrel Ducroq (Ipack) and Peter Devenish (Cairn Distributors).

As with every year there was cash collected from the popular sale of Mulligans, this totalled an amount of R2940. The generous amount was donated to Barnswallows Baby Shelter, which provides a haven to care for and rehabilitate abused and abandoned babies.



Ladies Day - 13 August 2015

Coschem's 10th Ladies Day was held at Oakfield Farm. The theme was Decadence & Living and our speakers ranged from inspirational to healthy living through diet and exercise as well as the usual "woman" funnies. Our MC for the day was Trevor Conn, Trevor is an internationally trained make-up artist and a well-known name in the industry. He was a great MC and kept the ladies very amused for the day.

Our ladies again donated gifts for our chosen charity which was Door of Hope. The mission statement for them is as follows and best describes this phenomenal charity... "We aim to rescue and receive any abandoned, aborted, abused and orphaned babies and children from any source in cooperation with other agencies. To provide a temporary Christian home for all our babies and children whilst seeking a forever family, suitable long term foster care or other permanent care for each one".

Decadence & Living



Year-end luncheon – 12 November 2015

The 2015 year-end luncheon was held at Da Vincenzo. It was a very festive end to the year for everyone. This afternoon is about relaxing and enjoying the company of colleagues, customers and friends and generally catching up on the year and what's to come for 2016.

This year the Social Committee introduced BB Fridays, which is to bring a buddy and a bottle and enjoy some time together in a relaxed casual atmosphere. Ultimately we see it as introducing new people to the Society in order to show them what we are about and to possibly start increasing our numbers. There are so many individuals who can benefit from being part of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists and this is considered to be a way of introduction for them. The first one was held on 8 May 2015 and was well attended. We plan to have many more in 2016.

The Social Committee is constantly held together by the dedicated members of this Committee and my thanks go out to all of them for their assistance whenever there is a function to be held. It was a successful year in terms of the events that were held and we look forward to an even more exciting 2016.



JHB Year End Lunch

Education Committee

The Education Committee has the onerous task of ensuring that the Cosmetic Science Diploma remains a reputable and sought after qualification within the cosmetic industry.

Their key function is to ensure that suitable topics are selected for assignments, product briefs are relevant and that exam papers are representative of the application based nature of the course. They also have to deal with extraneous student issues that arise from time to time and need to ensure that expert lecturers and markers are sourced for the course.

Education Committee Members 2015:

Jill Gardiner Chairperson and Education Officer
Brigette Blaeser
Roy Gardiner
Elizna Hurter
Megan Jones
Samantha Louw
Conny Oberrauter
Chantal O'Brien De Villiers
Lee-Ann Raaff
Percy Sibanda
Ivor Zwane

Cosmetic Science Diploma 2015

We are happy to report yet another successful year of our ever popular Cosmetic Science Diploma Course. The Course caters for varying needs by offering both a correspondence and a lecture based local version. The year kicked off with 58 students enrolled for 2015 – 37 for Module 1 and 21 for Module 2. A local Module 2 class was also held this year as the minimum number of students was met and exceeded, contrary to the previous year.

The Induction Evening was well supported with enthusiastic Module 1 students being introduced to the Course Requirements and Module 2 students eagerly awaiting their Project Product Brief. This is the evening where Module 2 students commit the next six months of their lives to their Project. This time-

framed Product Development, which simulates a Product Launch, is onerous on even the most diligent of students.

A lot of work was done on the course material to ensure that the content remains current and relevant. Once extensive updates to certain units had been made the course material was copied and bound ready for both the local and correspondence versions of the course to kick-off.

The Module 1 students took time to get to grips with the expected learning outcomes. However after receiving comprehensive feedback from their first Tutorial Exercise they found their feet. Three students retracted from Module 1 during the year and a further five did not qualify to write the exams. Five of the remaining students failed the October Exams and only one of these qualified to sit the Supplementary Exams.

The Module 2 students were required to work hard from day one, thus their mind set was in the right place from the start. One student retracted from Module 2 during the year. Two of the remaining students failed the October Exams, but fortunately both of them qualified to write the Supplementary Exams. The quality of the local Module 2 student presentations was outstanding this year! Each and every presentation came with a unique, well thought out and aptly delivered message. Being able to deliver a good presentation is an integral part of any job description in today's very competitive work environment.

The Cosmetic Science Diploma Course is no walk in the park and in order to be a successful student one needs to work hard and perform. Our standards will never be compromised or dropped and this Diploma will remain one that all holders can be proud to have. We congratulate all our successful students of 2015 and especially those who achieved a distinction. Distinctions in Module 1 were awarded to Eileen Botes, Karien Kotze, Michaela van den Honert and Charis Lewis. Distinctions in Module 2 were awarded to Cathrine Marume, Riana Oosthuizen and Cara Roelofse.

Special Awards are also given to those students who excel overall or in certain disciplines. Top Module 1 Student was shared by Eileen Botes and Karien Kotze. Top Module 2 Student went to Cara Roelofse. The Norman Sanan Award, which is for the top Module 2 Project also went to Cara Roelofse. These students most certainly did themselves and our Course proud. The Creativity Award, which is for the most creative Module 2 Presentation, went to Johindra van Rensburg, not forgetting her puppet who stole the show!

Thanks, thanks and more thanks to my unfailing Education Committee who mark Assignments, set Exams, lecture, help review student's results and advise on dealing with student issues. Special thanks to Roy Gardiner for picking up the pieces and updating the notes when lecturers find themselves swamped with work commitments and unable to deliver on time. This is a very special Committee as we need to meet the needs of students, which can be emotional and draining at times. As stated previously, "Education is a calling", and it takes special people to deliver on this and step up to make a difference. Let's push and see what miracles we can perform in 2016.

Membership Committee

Members of the Society agreed to observe the Constitution and Bylaws and to do their best to promote and maintain the dignity of the Society.

Our aim, in working with the various Sub-Committees, was to ensure that members have a sense of belonging and view their membership fees as being value for money. As a Society we aim to focus on adding value to the cosmetic industry. Education in this regard is a key focus.

Membership benefits include:

- Subscriptions to magazines (P & C Review, IFSCC)
- Seminars, refresher lectures, workshops
- Annual Conference and Gala Dinner
- Diploma in Cosmetic Science
- Vacancies
- Newsblasts (access to information)
- Networking

Membership Analysis 2014 vs 2015

Category	Total members as at 31/12/14	Total members as at 31/12/15
Full Member	261	274
Associate Member	66	66
Student Member	70	62
Senior Citizen /Honorary Membership	19	17
Long Term	14	14
TOTAL	430	433

The membership rates for 2016 are as follows:

	2016
Full/ Associate Members	R1371
Student Members	R 656
Senior Citizens	R 230

PR Committee

PR Committee Members 2015:

Conny Oberrauter Chairperson
Allison Barty
Kirsten Scott
Liezanne van der Walt

The year started off with a sabrage of champagne popping at our AGM and roof wetting party. It's been an exciting year in our own offices. Coschem is growing as it's own brand. Many functions were held in our premises and the feedback from members has been very encouraging.

Coschem reached out to Universities this year and members of the Society are doing all they can to promote the cosmetics industry to post grad BSc students. Liezanne van der Walt, Roy Gardiner, Janine Wilson and Bridget MacDonald visited the University of Witwatersrand (Wits) to present to students, who, despite it being their holiday period, were very keen to attend. Liezanne revealed fascinating insights on how to apply a BSc within the industry and the associated career opportunities, from quality control and manufacturing, to R&D, import and export, sales and marketing, and legislation. By garnering a greater understanding, the students realised just how relevant the cosmetics industry is to their field of study. In addition, Roy focused his discussion on the Coschem Diploma of Cosmetic Science, while Janine facilitated and set up the actual event, using her immensely valuable network of contacts within the industry.

Coschem has also been expanding its social media reach through its Facebook and LinkedIn page and making connections with beauty bloggers. The website has been continually updated and through our regular NewsBlasts we keep the members informed of any relevant news. Coschem continues it's efforts to make relevant connections in related industries and various functions have been attended including trade commissions with a cosmetic focus.

Scientific Committee

Scientific Committee Members 2015:

Wayne van Wyk Chairperson

Luda Grobler

Karen Keyter

Gillian Kuhn

Martin Mason

Wesley Perumal

Warren Petersen

Sonja Steyn

Liezanne van der Walt

Rose Westbrook

Prism of Possibilities

2-3 September 2015

Every year when the Scientific Committee meets to discuss the conference, we always have two major concerns, firstly, how many presentations we will receive, and secondly how many delegates will attend.

We are all faced with a very difficult economic environment and this results in declined numbers of delegates and reduced sponsorship. These all impact on the success of the conference.

This year we were in the fortunate position to have had great interest in the conference, from both local and international speakers, to the point that we had to decline a few presentations. We were also privileged to have had Dr Gérard Provot from L'Oreal, who delivered the Keynote address, covering Hair Science and Innovation.

Many topics were presented at the conference, covering all areas of interest, including issues with regards to skin lightening, which raised discussions and concerns. This has allowed the Society and the cosmetic industry to forge new relationships with the Dermatological Society, and jointly we can make a difference to ensure that safe and responsible products are developed and marketed.



As the Scientific Committee, it is our responsibility to ensure that Academia has a platform to present new techniques and allow young and upcoming Master students the opportunity to present their current work. This is an important step in the progression of education, and ensuring that the industry has new and vibrant blood, ensuring longevity. This year we were again fortunate to have presentations from the University of Pretoria, North West, Witwatersrand and KwaZulu Natal, showing that the objectives that were set to introduce Cosmetic Science are being achieved.

For the first time in 2014, we started a poster session. From the survey in 2014, the Poster session was seen as worthwhile, and again in 2015 this was offered. The amount of posters presented increased, and going forward we are investigating the possibility for a larger area, to give presenters more space and place to hold open discussions.

We had 136 delegates register for the conference, and we were able to raise R230K, which will be used to further fund the new Laboratory/Teaching facility at the Society office. This will be of great value to students that are doing the Diploma course and to help them achieve their goals and train members in new technologies, together striving for a professional industry.

One of the yearly calendar highlights is the Gala Dinner, and this year's theme was a Venetian Masquerade. As with every year, we believe that there is an outstanding turnout, and majority of delegates enjoy the festivities and entertainment.



I would like to thank Bridget for her continual dedication and hard work, ensuring that the Conference and Gala Dinner is a success, and to the Scientific Committee, namely, Luda Grobler, Karen Keyter, Gillian Kuhn, Martin Mason, Wesley Perumal, Warren Petersen, Sonja Steyn, Liezanne van der Walt and Rose Westbrook, thank you for the time that you offer and the extra mile that you all take to making this event a success.

To the sponsors, your support and dedication is valuable and important to the Society, ensuring that we are able to continue to grow and educate members, and with time we will have more qualified Cosmetic Chemists coming through the industry, helping the Industry grow from Strength to Strength. I am forever grateful for this support, and appreciate the continual dedication to the Society and the industry.

Venetian Masquerade



IFSCC Report

During the year we were asked for a proposal to host the IFSCC Secretariat at our office. This would obviously have helped with our finances and increased the office complement. There were also a number of other advantages but this was not to be. The IFSCC has now left London and will be based in the US. They are currently sourcing a replacement for the Secretary General, a position held by Lorna Weston until her retirement in the latter part of the year. We wish Amy Wyatt, the incoming President from the US all the best with the sourcing and appointment of a new Secretary General and the hosting of the Orlando Congress.

We have seen the introduction of IFSCC Newsletters and also electronic advice of the availability of the IFSCC Magazine. The magazine is part of the IFSCC website and is available at no cost to all Coschem members. I encourage you to use it.

KOSMET is a continually updated database purely and uniquely focussed on cosmetic science and is of great value to researchers and development chemists. A lot of effort has gone into this database and is freely available to our members.

IFSCC Zone 2 Meeting

Conny Oberrauter, Coschem President 2015, was invited by the Japanese Society of Cosmetic Chemists to attend the IFSCC Zone 2 meeting held in Yokohama on 3 June 2015. The Japanese Society covered all expenses for Conny to travel to Japan.

The meeting coincided with CITE Japan 2015. This exhibition highlights new trends and innovations in Cosmetics and is held in Japan every two years. There was a total of 14 397 visitor over the three day period, 3 – 5 June 2015. The next CITE Japan will be 31 May 2017 – 2 June 2017. South Africa has bid to host 2028 IFSCC Congress.

Finances

Treasurer's Report 2015 by Roy Gardiner, Honorary Treasurer



The year was one of concern because of the uncertainty of membership renewal from the larger Corporates who are feeling the economic downturn. Despite a shrinking market, the Rand fall trying to eclipse gravity, an unstable economy and our reservations about the economic outlook for the year, we are pleased to report another positive year for our Society. We are very grateful to

those members and companies that continued to support us during these testing times. I must emphasise our gratitude and again thank them for their contributions.

The three major areas that generated the funds required to operate our office were the Membership subscriptions, Education Programme and our local Scientific Conference.

Membership remains fairly stable and efforts to maintain this level are being addressed. We contribute to the membership of the IFSCC and to P & C Review and encourage you to use these publications. It would be wonderful if subscriptions covered the cost of the office.

The Education Programme continues to be a large contributor to the generation of funds. The course is seen to be of value to the industry and we continually strive to improve this image. As a result we had a large number of enrolments for both Module 1 and Module 2 in 2016. We are honoured to have an educational team who unselfishly give of their time and expertise.

The Scientific Committee put in a huge amount of work to assist our industry by bringing international expertise to our conference. We also sponsored guest speakers to boost the science offered. We had good attendance and thankfully showed a surplus.

Seminars held during the year on industry topics were well supported and very successful which also contributed to the surplus. We even attempted a Saturday lecture to encourage junior technicians and compounding staff.

We have continued to give financial support to both the Natal and Cape Chapters and hope that this will inspire scientists from these regions to join.

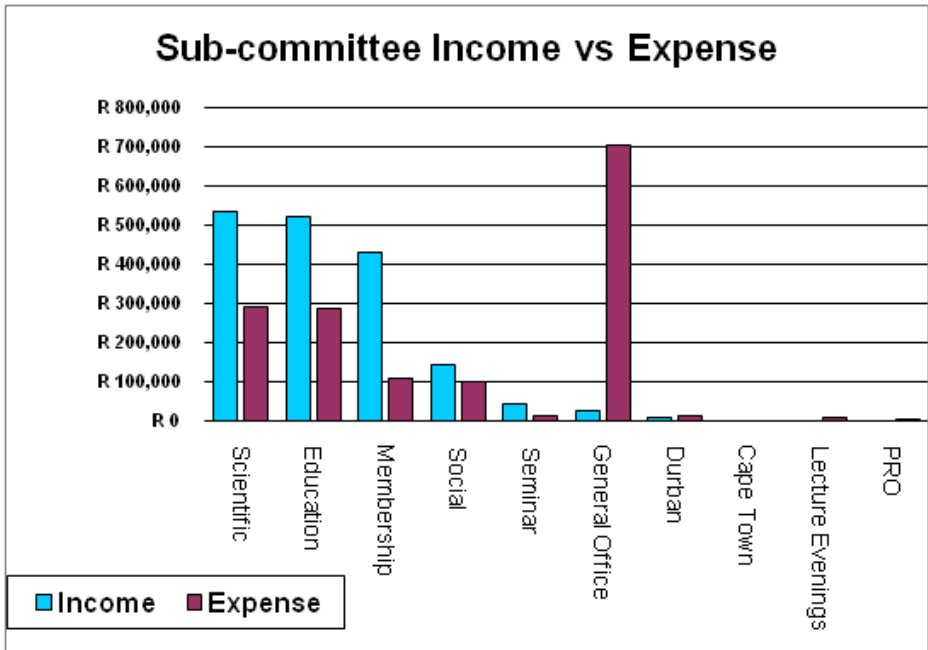
The Social Committee has also been very active and contributed positively with the Golf Day and Ladies Day. The key driver (pardon the pun) is networking within the industry.

We visited SA Revenue Services on a few occasions to update our records. These included our Banking details, NPO status (Non-Profit Organisation), Tax Clearance Certificate and registration of our Public Officer. This has to be done in person and after taking a numbered ticket at the door you will eventually be allowed to see the official a few hours later. Document requirements are not advised before the visit and therefore this process had to be followed quite a few times.

We continued to use the services of FTR and a bookkeeper to ensure proper accounting practices. FTR are a mine of valuable information and it has been a privilege to work with them.

The surplus for the year will be used in future projects which will support the aims of the society by increasing its educational offering. These include the bid for the IFSCC Congress in 2028 and also to provide laboratory facilities and library at our offices.

The graph below shows the contributions from all Coschem operations.



Thank you

We would like to thank the following companies for their support during the year. Support takes on many forms and includes the use of facilities for lecture evenings / mornings and social events, the donation of products, expertise and human resource. Thank you again for your support.

Acorn	H & R
Acti-Chem	Hands on Healing
Afrisil	IMCD South Africa
Aloe Ferox	Incolabs
Amka Products	Indigo Brands
Annique Skin Care	Investchem
Anatech	Johnson & Johnson
Arrero	Kalahari
Azochem	KPSS
Blendwell	Le Sel
BRB Silicones	L'Oreal
Brunational	Marlons
Carst & Walker	Meganede
Chemical Initiatives	NCP Alcohols
Chemgrit Cosmetics	NewMedia
Chempure	Private Label Brands
ChemSystems	Protea Chemicals
CJP Chemicals	Quantum Colours
Claman	Reckitt Benckiser
Clariant	Remancos
Colour Harmony	Savannah Fine Chemicals
Crest Chemicals	Sensetek CC
Croda	Serendipity
Cosmetic Ingredients	Sensient Colors
DSM Nutritional Products	Shield Chem
Dow Chemicals	Solal
Environ Skin Care	Symrise
ESP	Unichem
Essel	Van Dyk Pharmaceuticals
Evonik	Vantage
Forgeweld	Women & Home
	Zinplex