

BioSA

Annual General Meeting Agenda

**16 September, 16:00-17:00,
Jacaranda Room,
Sandton Convention Centre**

Present: Michael Pepper (UP), Viresh Ramburan (SunBio), Donrich Jordaan (Sylvean Biotech), Anotnel Olckers (DNAbiotec), Lynn Katsoulis (Cato Research), Sabine Hellyer (AEC-Amersham), Nuno Pires (Altis Biologics), Nic Duneas (Altis Biologics), Ramazan Uctu (Stellenbosch University), Babst Scheàn (DNAbiotec), Anri Raath (DNAbiotec), Annelize van der Merwe (DNAbiotec), Kerry Taylor (Spoor and Fisher), Butana Mboniswa (Sereco Technology), Motlatjo Makaepa (Gauteng), Njodzi Zhizou (Cape Carotene), Judy Coates (Mintek), Patrick Tippoo (Biovac Institute)

See attached slide presentation

1. Welcome

Michael Pepper welcomed the attendees. A quorum of 10 members was not present - 7 full member organizations were counted. A decision was taken to continue the report presentation.

2. Report on BioSA activities for 2006/2007

- BioSA membership
- BioSA representation at the public hearings of the TIA Bill
- BioSA/COFISA GoGlobal: Finland
- BioSA Bioprospecting events
- BioSA website

3. BioSA finances

- Auditors Report

The auditors report was accepted with no queries

- Membership fees to be implemented in the next financial year

A proposal was put forward to change the annual membership fee to R1,500 per year for full members, R300 for associate members, with students getting free membership provided they register on the BioSA Web site annually. After discussion, it was agreed to move forward with the proposal, subject to approval by 10 BioSA members – 3 additional full members to be added via an email vote.

4. Election of BioSA management team

Michael Pepper thanked the outgoing Management Team. Three nominations were received for positions on the incoming Management Team: Michael Pepper, Donrich Jordaan, Viresh Ramburan. The three candidates were accepted on the Management Team for the next term.

5. Activities planned in next financial year

- BioSA SMME-University workshop
- South African IP landscape workshop

6. Items from the floor

6.1 Change of the BioSA financial year

A proposal was put forward to change the financial year BioSA from 01 January - 31 December. There were no objections from the floor. The proposal was accepted.

6.2 Change in the term of office for the BioSA Management Team

A proposal was put forward to reduce the term of office of Management Team members from 3 to 2 years. There were no objections from the floor. The proposal was accepted.

6.3 Developing a list a support service companies

It was decided that BioSA would compile a list of organizations that provide products and services to the biotech and life science industries. A list of these companies, the items they supply and contact details would be compiled and placed on the BioSA website.

6.4 Biotech incubator at the Innovation Hub in Pretoria

The Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment is launching a feasibility study into a biotech incubator in Gauteng. It was decided that BioSA will consult with its Gauteng members to develop a position on the subject.

6.5 Restricted access to the BioSA Web site

BioSA will consider setting up a blog facility on the BioSA Web site that will allow members to discuss issues pertinent to the development of the biotech and life science sectors in South Africa. This blog should only be accessible to SMMEs via a password.