

SECRETARY'S REPORT



In this report I wish to focus on the Society's educational activities, which have occupied most of our energy since the last report.

The Diploma in Allergology examination was held at the University of Pretoria in May, and was extremely well organised by Robin Green. We gained three Diplomates – Marlene Engelbrecht, Refiloe Masekela and Tammy Urquhart. Congratulations to all three candidates – they set an incredibly high standard for future diplomates to follow!

The Allergy Masterclass for 2006 was held at the UCT Lung Institute on 20 May, and was attended by 16 doctors. The delegates participated enthusiastically in the discussions, and were regaled with extremely high-quality presentations on state-of-the-art allergology. Thanks to all the speakers and the delegates for making it such a successful update. Thanks to Abbott for being prepared to sponsor doctors in the State sector, and to MSD for the writing materials. And a very special 'thank you' to Ruwayda for her superbly efficient organisation.

The **ALL 4 KIDS** Congress, to be held in Sun City from 7-10 September, promises to be a congress of the very highest quality. Make sure you register early as this



Shirani Naidoo, Mike Levin, Rowan Dunkley.



Selna Tonkin, Henriette Saunders, Erica Cilliers, Freda Smit, Alexia Joachim.



Geraldine Brown and Alexia Joachim.



Skin prick testing: Gerry Brown testing Chris Oettle; Freda Smit and Bery Leibbrandt look on!

makes it extremely affordable. We look forward to renewing all our allergy friendships at this event. The new ALLSA Excom will also be announced at the AGM to be held at the congress.

Mike Levin co-ordinated the events surrounding World Asthma Day in South Africa on 2 May (see the WAD report elsewhere in this issue). The publicity gained for asthma and its treatment was well worth the effort – congratulations to Mike! I was again surprised to realise how poorly asthma is still managed, despite all our efforts at education.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the editors, Eugene Weinberg and Heather Zar, and Production Editor, Anne Hahn, of *Current Allergy and Clinical Immunology*, for the continuing high standard of the journal, and for getting it CPD-approved. Now is your chance to earn CPD points not only for reading the journal, but also for writing articles!

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Sun City!

Sharon Kling
Secretary