

# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



## **Strategic planning and Governance Charter**

The ALLSA Excom started off 2009 with a strategic planning session that proved to be very successful. As mentioned in previous reports, a major effort has been put into our Governance Charter by Cas Motala and Tom Sutcliffe, and I believe we have an excellent document that will guide us in our

governance of the Society. The finalised document will be discussed at the AGM in July, when members will have the opportunity to comment and suggest changes. For this document, ALLSA's mission and vision have been formulated as follows:

### **Vision**

To be the leading professional medical organisation devoted to the field of allergy for Africa.

### **Mission**

To be an African resource and a national advocate in the field of allergy, advancing excellence in clinical care, continuing professional development, research and training.

### **Core values**

- Respect for the individual and diversity
- Openness, honesty, trust and support for each other
- Integrity and high ethical standards
- Leadership by example at all levels
- Professionalism
- Commitment to equity and justice.

## **Congress 2009**

Our congress this year will be held in Durban from 10 to 12 July. Our Durban congresses have always been outstanding, and I am certain that this one will be no different. The focus will be on drug allergy, food allergy and anaphylaxis, and our international guest speakers will be Estelle Simons and George du Toit. We look forward to hosting them and you, and encourage all ALLSA members to attend.

## **Asthma guidelines**

The development of the new guidelines is at an advanced stage, and they will be presented and hopefully finalised at the July congress. Thank you to Cas Motala and all the contributors for an outstanding job!

## **WAC 2009**

The World Allergy Congress will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 6 to 10 December 2009 and I would like to encourage as many of our members as possible to attend it. We have put together an excellent symposium on "Paediatric Asthma and Allergic Rhinitis in sub-Saharan Africa" with excellent topics and speakers.

It would be remiss of me not to thank the entire Excom, ALLSA office and journal staff, and our members for your ongoing work and support for the Society. I believe we can be immensely proud of our Society, and of its proactive and brave stance in advocating for ethical and good clinical allergy practice in South Africa. I look forward to seeing many of you in Durban.

**Sharon Kling**

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