



# SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

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## NEWSLETTER: NO. 4 DECEMBER 2016

Dear SACLAP Registered Professionals, Candidates, Students and Stakeholders,

SACLAP trusts that this final Newsletter of 2016 finds you well as you race towards the finish line to complete that last project, write that last report and realise that there is so much more to do than anticipated. SACLAP hopes that you find the time to read this Newsletter before you take your end of the year break.

SACLAP had its fair amount of challenges in 2016 but has managed to conclude on a number of matters that were outstanding for quite some time.

### 1. COUNCIL AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Some of the key activities that took place in the third quarter include:

#### 1.1 Strategic Planning for the next 5 years

The SACLAP Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2021 was completed and submitted to the Department of Public Works (DPW) on 3 November 2016. The revised plan took much longer to complete due to the unique challenges faced by SACLAP in terms of resourcing and the conditions of the financial assistance received from DPW.

This was however, a useful opportunity for SACLAP to reflect and to focus on a long term vision that would impact on infrastructure, additional resources and capacity for the long term financial sustainability of the Council. The process required additional input from a human resources perspective, which were procured and for the first time SACLAP has a projected organogram for the Council.

Different to other Strategic Plans, is the fact that the SACLAP document includes a detailed section on the anticipated growth of the Council going forward. The statistical analysis makes for interesting reading. Please refer to the document previously circulated which is also on the download page of the website for the details thereof. Much credit to all who assisted to complete this process, in particular the SACLAP Registrar!

#### 1.2 Important milestones achieved since the previous Quarter

- The **Landscape Management Profession's categories of registration** were established.
- The **Professional Registration Assessment Process** of 2016 was concluded.
- The draft **Rules for the Nomination Process** were gazetted for Public Comment.
- The **Professional Registration Assessment Outcomes** were communicated to all.
- The **Accreditation Review Panels** for the UP and UCT Accreditation Review visits were appointed.

### 1.3 Work under way

- **The Annual Performance Plans** are in the process of being drafted. The 2016/2017 plan will be drafted retrospectively and the 2017/2018 plan will be aligned with the revised Strategic Plan.
- The third **CBE Quarterly Report** will be submitted to the CBE by the 15 December 2016 which sets out the SACLAP's compliance to the mandates as per the Landscape Architectural Profession Act, Act 45 of 2000.
- Preparations for the **Nomination Process for a New Council** to take place in 2017 are already in progress. Please start thinking about and talking to registered professionals that would be available and willing to take on this task which will focus on growing and taking the professions forward.

### 1.4 Landscape Management Professions

As part of the Landscape Management Profession's categories of registration milestone, SACLAP gazetted for implementation the Addendum and the Weighted Core Competency table for the Landscape Management professions on the 4 November 2016.

In line with this, SACLAP is required to go through a process of identifying, with the help of SALI, the landscape management industry peers ("grandfathers") that will become the first registered Professional Landscape Managers. These professionals will form the first Registration Committee for the Landscape Management Profession and can act as mentors to the candidates.

The list of industry peers from the IERM will be published early in the new year.

#### Landscape Management Industry Peer confirmations

Over the past two years, SALI has gone through a process of identifying the landscape management industry peers. The criteria to qualify as a "grandfather" are as follows:

- Have 15 - 20 years' experience in the field.
- Have suitable recognized qualifications in line with the requirements of the proposed registration requirements.
- Demonstrated, through general or industry recognition, the ability to produce work of a high standard.
- Be respected amongst peers and willing to act in this role, and
- Have prior or current industry involvement through recognized organizations.

The names that have been submitted to SACLAP are:

Gauteng	Western Cape	Kwa Zulu Natal
Peter Clark Deighton Clegg Jonathan Ferguson Oscar Lockwood Ida-Marie Strydom Peet van der Merwe Terry van der Riet Richard Wijnberg	Eric Cherry Alan Dawson Colin de Wet Morné Faulhammer Donovan Gillman Redewaan Isaacs Reginald Mayman Richard Morris Deon van Eeden Jean Wouters	Doreen Aucamp Ken Burgess Harry Dickinson Gavin Foster Marcus Govender Ian Hiscocks Rudi Jonck Ryan Pembroke

**Should you not be in agreement with any of the individuals listed above, you are requested to make a submission to the Registrar, in writing ([registrar@saclap.org.za](mailto:registrar@saclap.org.za)), no later than 13 January 2017 advising such and provide a motivation.**

## 2. REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

As at 30 September 2016, the SACLAP had 176 registered professionals and 83 candidates on the database. The Register will be updated in line with the outcome of the Professional Registration Assessment Process and be available as of 15 December 2016. The Registration Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis and is currently attending to the following matters:

### 2.1 Revised Registration Policy

The Registration Policy and the associated addendums for the registration categories of Landscape Management and Landscape Architectural Professions as well as the Weighted Core Competency Tables for both were gazetted for implementation on the 04 November 2016. A mailer with the relevant documents was circulated to all SACLAP stakeholders and is also available on the website download page under the Registration heading. This revised policy makes provision for the following:

- i. Guidelines for the registration of compliant individuals in all categories of registration.
- ii. The roles and responsibilities of candidates and mentors.
- iii. Sets out the rules relating to the various processes associated with the registration processes.
- iv. The Addendums for each profession set out profession specific details not covered in the overall Registration Policy.
- v. The two Weighted Core Competency Tables provide a clear indication of the variance in competency requirements related to the Landscape Architectural vs. Landscape Management Professions at graduation as well as registration level. These tables have been workshopped extensively with academia and stakeholders over the past few years to ensure the accurate reflection of the uniqueness of each profession.

Thank you to all who assisted with the revision of the Registration Policy. The Registrar wishes to thank particularly those who assisted in bringing about the Landscape Management Registration Categories, especially Mr Jonathan Ferguson. It has been a long journey and the implementation thereof is the biggest reward!

### 2.2 Workshops in 2017 for the Landscape Architectural Mentors and Candidates

#### Landscape Architectural Mentor Workshops in 2017

SACLAP will host a series of workshops for the landscape architectural mentors. Mentors are to attend at one of the dates provided. The purpose of this **compulsory workshop** is to update all on the amended process, as well as the requirements and deliverables that SACLAP expects from the mentors. A fee, that is to be determined, will be charged for these workshops and CPD points can also be claimed. The workshops are provisionally planned as follows and venues will be confirmed timeously:

- **27 January 2017 in Kwa Zulu Natal**
- **10 February 2017 in Gauteng**
- **23 February 2017 in Cape Town**
- **9 June 2017 in Gauteng**
- **23 June 2017 in Cape Town**

A mentor is a person that is registered professionally with SACLAP in any given category that undertakes the responsibility of assisting a candidate with his/her further development towards becoming a registered professional. For more information on Mentors, please refer to the

Registration Policy of November 2016. **Anyone that mentors currently or intends to mentor a candidate is to attend.**

### Candidate Workshops – 6 May 2017 in Cape Town and Gauteng

Please note that SACLAP has taken a decision to once more sponsor the workshops in order to facilitate the effective registration of candidates. **It is important to note that the compulsory candidate workshop is offered at no cost to you.** This may not be a given in future and candidates are motivated to make use of the opportunity.

There will be two candidate workshops held on the **6 May 2017 in Cape Town and Gauteng** simultaneously. The **FREE** workshop is compulsory for those who are undertaking the SACLAP Professional Registration Assessment in 2017. The purpose of the workshop is to:

- Brief all Candidates on the Registration Policy, the addendum and new Weighted Core Competency Table for the Landscape Architectural Professions as gazetted for implementation on the 4 November 2016,
- Provide more information on the amended Professional Registration Assessment Process which commenced in May 2016, and
- Address any query/ies on the requirements and criteria for Sections 1 - 3 of the Professional Registration Assessment process.
- Disseminate the Section 2 ,Project Profile Checklist and the Section 3 assignment.

More detail on the confirmed venues on the workshops will follow in a mailer timeously.

### 2.3 Professional Registration Assessment Process for 2016

Congratulations to all the Landscape Architectural applicants, who are successful in their application for Professional Registration in 2016. SACLAP extends a very warm welcome to the professionals and looks forward to the contribution that these individuals will make to the profession.

To those candidates who were not successful in 2016 in terms of the criteria – focus on the lessons learnt, as an extra year is an opportunity to reflect, grow and develop. You are strongly encouraged to continue in 2017.

SACLAP acknowledges with many thanks, all the professionals who have volunteered their time and assisted with the setting, marking and moderating of the exam paper, assignment and project profile.

### 2.4 Professional Registration Assessment Process for 2017 – Landscape Architectural Profession

Two mailers have been circulated thus far to all landscape architectural candidates concerned. Please refer to the correspondence for the relevant details.

**All candidates undertaking the Professional Registration Assessment for 2017 will be assessed on the Registration Policy of November 2014 and the Core Competency Table of August 2011. Thereafter the revised Registration Policy and Weighted Core Competency Table for the Landscape Architectural Profession, gazetted on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 will apply.**

The dates for the various section submissions are as follows:

- Section 1 – Professional Practice Examination (only one written exam) – **3 June 2017** in Gauteng and Cape Town.
- Section 2 – Landscape Design – **30 June 2017** is the due date for submission of the relevant project profile. The details of which will be distributed at the Candidate Workshop.

- Section 3 – Environmental Planning – **28 July 2017** is the due date for the submission of the assignment. The details of which will be distributed at the Candidate Workshop.

## **2.5 Registration by Recognition of Prior Learning for 2017 – Landscape Architectural Profession**

The Registrar's Office has been in touch with the individuals that have come forward for this process and numerous arrangements regarding this process have been communicated.

The confirmed dates of the actual interviews will be communicated in due course as the feasibility of hosting the interviews is dependent on the number of applicants confirmed for both Gauteng and the Western Cape. At this stage the tentative dates are as follows:

- **8 March 2017 in Cape Town.**
- **29 – 30 March 2017 in Pretoria.**

## **2.6 Workshop for the Landscape Management Professions**

SACLAP will embark on a series of workshops for the Landscape Management Profession. The purpose of the workshop is to explain the process, registration requirements and deadlines for submissions. The sessions are provisionally planned as follows and details will be confirmed timeously:

- **26 January 2017 in Kwa Zulu Natal**
- **3 February 2017 in Gauteng**
- **23 February 2017 in Western Cape**

To benefit from the session you are encouraged to work through the Registration Policy, Landscape Management Addendum and the Weighted Core Competency Table for the Landscape Management Profession prior to the session. You are encouraged to bring along a certified copy of your ID, certified copies of your qualifications and an updated CV to submit with the application form at the workshops. However, please note that electronic copies of applications and supporting documents will also need to be forwarded to the Registrar at [Registrar@saclap.org.za](mailto:Registrar@saclap.org.za).

## **2.7 Free Student Registration**

SACLAP continues to register students (at no cost to the student), who are currently completing their studies in Landscape Architecture and Landscape Technology or other programmes relating to the profession. This allows students to remain up to date on SACLAP matters and in preparation for entry to the professional realm. Should you be interested and in need of an application form, visit the website on [www.saclap.org.za](http://www.saclap.org.za) and click on the download section.

# **3. PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

## **3.1 Code of Practice and Fee Protocol**

This document is to be revised in the fourth quarter of this financial year (January to March 2017). If anyone is available to assist, please contact the Registrar's Office.

## 3.2 Continued Professional Development (CPD) 2017 for the Landscape Architectural Profession

The first reminder was sent out at the end of September 2016 to all the individuals that are due for a renewal of registration in 2017. A reminder will follow in December 2016 to those this has bearing on. These individuals are to submit their five (5) year registration renewal CPD in line with the old policy and template no later than **31 March 2017**.

In terms of the **Revised CPD Policy gazetted on 6 May 2016, annual submissions** are to be made as from 2017 as per the transitional arrangements (Section 7.7 in the relevant Policy). Details regarding this submission will follow in due course. The submissions are to be made no later than **31 March 2017**.

## 4. FINANCE COMMITTEE

### 4.1 Financial Sustainability of SACLAP

As per the note above, the SACLAP Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2021 was submitted to the Department of Public Works on the 4 November 2016. A follow up meeting is being held, to ascertain if the request for the additional funding will be granted by the DPW, before the closing of the Registrar's Office.

In line with the Registration Policy gazetted on 4 November 2016, SACLAP has undertaken the establishment of the Landscape Management Profession. This together with the continual pressure to put in place certain deliverables in order to meet corporate governance and other compliances necessitates financial assistance. A detailed financial projection was undertaken in order to map the road towards achieving financial sustainability and meet compliances. This serves to inform the strategic plan and motivation for DPW bridging funding in order to build a sustainable council. The details of this were set out in a separate section included in the Strategic Plan. The projected budgets can be made available on request.

## 5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

### 5.1 Academic Forum Matters

The last meeting took place on the 30 November 2016. Any information related to the Forum can be made available on request. The purpose of this forum is to open channels of communication between the various academic Institutions and facilitate the inclusion of the academic programmes for the Landscape Management Professions in the accreditation programme of SACLAP.

### 5.2 Accreditation Visits

#### 1. University of Pretoria Review in 2017

SACLAP has commenced with the preparation for the Accreditation visit to the UP, which takes place from 27 February to 1 March 2017. The programmes to be reviewed are the BSc (LArch) NQF 7, BL (Hons) NQF 8, and MLA (Prof) NQF 9.

#### 2. University of Cape Town Review in 2017

SACLAP has commenced on the preparation for the Accreditation visit to the UCT from 9 - 10 March 2017. The programmes that will be under review are the MLA Professional NQF 9, as well as the new programmes that are to be introduced namely the BLA (Hons) NQF 8 (1 year) and MLA (1 year) NQF 9.

#### 3. Tshwane University of Technology in 2017

The dates are still to be confirmed for TUT.

### 5.3 CPUT Landscape Architectural Programme

As of 2017, CPUT will be introducing a National Diploma in Landscape Architecture. Please contact the Department directly if you require any further information.

## 6. GENERAL

The following items are shared for your information:

### 6.1 SANS 1936-3: Development of Dolomite Land – Part 3 Design and Construction of Buildings, Structures and Infrastructure

SACLAP has participated in this process and new standards will be published soon. SACLAP acknowledges with thanks, the following Task Team members who have contributed to the SANS 1936-3:

Fourie Pieterse	from UP	representing the profession,
Ida-Marie Strydom	from Life landscape	representing SALI,
Sheldon Hutchison	from Control Irrigation	representing SABI,
Frans van Wyk	from DPW	representing SACLAP and
Franya Botha	from M&T Developments	representing the profession.

Your time and commitment to the above process is highly appreciated. A special word of thanks to Franya Botha for leading the process.

### 6.2 SACLAP Registrar's Office

The Registrar's Office will close on the 15 December 2016 and re-open on the 10 January 2017.

SACLAP is very grateful to all in the landscape industry for the continuous support and assistance (sometimes at very short notice).

The SACLAP wishes all safe travels, a peaceful break and extends warm wishes for the New Year!

SACLAP reminds you to please contact the Registrar at [registrar@saclap.org.za](mailto:registrar@saclap.org.za) for additional queries and comments on matters affecting the landscape professions.

Yours sincerely

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