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A warm welcome to the first AfrIPEN newsletter for 2021. The newsletters will provide information on future projects, conferences, workshops and networking.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

AFRIPEN COMMITTEE UPDATE

The afripen 2021 conference planning continues as the executive team meets regularly to host the first virtual conference scheduled for 14-17 September 2021.

Board meetings are expected to be scheduled quarterly. Communication for memberships, abstract submissions and conference information has been shared on different platforms.

3rd AFRIPEN CONFERENCE

Dates:	14 – 17 September 2021.
Venue:	Virtually

AfrIPEN (www.afripen.org) and its strategic partners cordially invite you to the **Third Interprofessional Education in Africa Conference 2021**. Delegates will be required to join the conference virtually.

Theme: Moving health into the future through IPECP

Conference Sub-themes

- IPECP during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Innovations in IPECP
- People centred health care through IPECP

Conference Organising

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REMINDER!

Submit your abstracts to AfrIPEN before 15 April 2021 at 4:00 pm GMT. Follow the link to submit: <https://afripen.org/events-2/second-symposium-interprofessional-education-for-africa/>

Notifications are expected to come out on the 30th of June 2021.

Further information may be found on the AfrIPEN website.



SAAHE CONFERENCE



The new Special Interest Group (SIG) that was recently established, will have their very first IPE SIG workshop that will take place during the 2021 SAAHE virtual conference (21 –25 June 2021).

Workshop Title: Let's go virtual – experiencing IPE online.

Facilitators:

1. Gerda Reitsma, *North West University*
2. Benjamin (Bennie) Botha, *University of the Free State*
3. Champion Nyoni, *University of the Free State*
4. Yvonne Botma, *University of the Free State*
5. Mathys Labuschagne, *University of the Free State*

Issues to be addressed and why it matters; The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in most higher education institutions in South Africa to adopt online learning as a mainstream approach to learning and teaching. Interprofessional education (IPE) programmes are still in their infancy in SA and are also expected to be presented online. This workshop aims at providing health educationalists an opportunity to engage in interprofessional activities using virtual reality in an online platform.

Objectives of the workshop: At the end of the session the participants will:

- Describe how to integrate virtual reality for simulation based education in IPE;
- Identify the different IPE competencies that can develop through virtual reality engagement; and
- Discuss the facilitators competencies required for effective IPE in an online environment.

Preliminary date and time of the workshop: Wednesday 23 June 8:30 – 10:30

Limited spaces are available. Register on time for the SAAHE conference <https://saaheconference.co.za/registration/> and the workshop.

AFRIPEN ANNOUNCES A CONFERENCE GRANT

AfrIPEN is proud to announce the “**The Stefanus Snyman Grant**”. This grant is in honour of Dr Stefanus Snyman (the past facilitator) for his contribution to the development of Interprofessional education in Africa and the establishment of AfrIPEN. The grant will be awarded to five applicants from the African continent to attend the 3rd Interprofessional Education conference in September 2021.

Eligibility for the grant:

Health professional/
Educator/Student from an
institution in Africa;

An accepted abstract for the
conference

Application process:

Apply for the grant through this form here:

<https://forms.gle/jDxwyouxqtz9xzADA>

Provide your details including the title of the accepted abstract

Provide a motivation for your application

Dates:

Applications open: 1 July 2021

Applications close: 14 July 2021: 1600 GMT

Notifications of outcomes: 30 July 2021

The names and details of the awardees will be posted on AfrIPEN media platforms and also announced during the Stefanus Snyman presentation at the virtual conference.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Queries, written works and photographs can be forwarded to: Interprofessional.africa15@gmail.com

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