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SAAA/IAAER/AAFA INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE 30 JUNE 2017



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“Ngaphandle kwe-Afrika”

For the delegates, sponsors, exhibitors and valuable guests of the SAAA/IAAER/AAFA 2017 conference, one of the highlights of the week was the energetic Zulu dancers that surprised everyone with their amazing moves at the “Out of Africa” themed Gala Dinner.



SAAA Long Life Award – Prof Anton du Toit

The SAAA Long Life Award has been awarded as an Honorary Membership to the late Prof Anton du Toit. His contributions have made a visible dent in the size and shape of the Accounting profession in South Africa.

The award was presented to his wife, Lorette du Toit, at the Gala Dinner on Thursday night, by Dr Steven Firer, Ms Magda Odendaal and Ms Karen Odendaal.



Things you should do after attending a conference



Throughout the week you were probably overloaded with a lot of information that you need to digest over the next few weeks. Keeping these tips in mind will help you implement some of the things you have learned:

- **Network even after the event**

The conference might be over, but the networking is just beginning. At the event you inevitably ran into acquaintances, peers or businesses that you want to find out more about. Now it's time to put those newfound contacts to use. While it's still fresh in everyone's mind, follow up with an email that might sound something like "Hey, we talked at the 2017 SAAA/IAAER/AAFA conference, and I really wanted to get in touch about..."

- **Brain dump**

Conferences can be hectic, even the most organised note takers can end up with chicken scratch and scribbled shorthand that become completely indecipherable once some time has passed. Shortly after the conference, while things are still fresh, take an hour to sit down and unload all of your thoughts onto paper. Also flesh out any notes you did take to make sure they are clear to you. This will help preserve anything that didn't get written down or that was written down in haste for later reference.

- **Update LinkedIn**

Gather all the business cards that you have collected during the event and within a few days after the conference, follow up with those whom you feel could be valuable contacts. The most obvious place to connect is on LinkedIn, where most professionals have come to expect connection requests post-conference. Remember to write a personalised salutation so they are able to connect the dots on how you met. You'd be surprised at how often these contacts will come in handy if you're utilizing your network regularly. If you really bonded with someone in particular don't hesitate to send them a text message or give them a call directly.

- **Reflect on your conference goals**

Did you get to visit all the booths you wanted to see? Did you get to the sessions that were most important to you? If you had certain goals for the conference, take some time to think about what it was you wanted to achieve, and if you didn't get a chance to do a training session or visit a partner's booth, look for ways that you can fill that gap. Perhaps plan for another conference that you can attend in the near future.

(SOURCE: <http://www.pardot.com/blog/7-things-after-conference/> and <http://blog.virtuouscrm.com/tips/11-things-conference/> - adapted)

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Thursday 29 June 2017

The second day of the conference included the following sessions:

- *Concurrent session 1*, which consisted of AUD, FAC, MAF, TAX and EDU papers
- *Subject Interest Groups Meetings*
- *Concurrent session 2*, which consisted of AUD, FAC, MAF, TAX and EDU papers
- *Panel 3: Current topics and methodological issues in Accounting research*
- *Concurrent session 3*, which consisted of AUD, FAC, MAF, PSA, TAX and EDU papers
- *Concurrent session 4*, which consisted of AUD, FAC, MAF, TAX and EDU papers
- *SAAA Regional Meetings* for the Central Region, Western Cape Region, Central Gauteng Region, Northern Gauteng Region, KwaZulu Natal Region and the Eastern Cape Region
- *Gala Dinner*, where a SAAA Long Life Award was awarded in honorary membership to Prof Anton du Toit and which also included entertainment from a local Zulu dance group, Igal and Drak entertainment

Next SAAA conferences



2018 SAAA Teaching & Learning conference in Accountancy

“Save the date” for the 3rd SAAA T&L conference

Friday 7 December 2018 hosted by Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth

Please contact Prof Houdini Fourie at houdini.fourie@nmmu.ac.za for further information.

2019 SAAA conference hosted by Central Gauteng

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