



# CATALYSIS SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

## AGENDA OF THE CATSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON 9 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 14:00

### REGISTER OF ATTENDANCE

Selwyn Mapolie (Catsa088)	Saphan Owino Akiri (Catsa003)	Yusheng Zhang (Catsa203)
Pooja Philip (Catsa157)	Nijal Krishen Singh (Catsa173)	Nicholas Musyoka (Catsa123)
Letisha Naicker (Catsa124)	Koop Lammertsma (Catsa064)	Zhaozhou Peng (Catsa156)
Xiangjun Hou (Catsa052)	Archie Sifundo Mpotulo (Catsa116)	Selusiwe Ncube (Catsa126)
Paul J. Chirik (Catsa019)	Marile Landman (Catsa066)	Tomutenda Godfrey Jowah Jowah (Catsa058)
Nasseela Hytoolakhan Lal Mahomed (Catsa055)	Bao Shi (Catsa168)	Mbongiseni Dlamini (Catsa031)
Noluvuyo Ndila (Catsa128)	Thulani Nyathi (Catsa144)	Cassiem Joseph (Catsa057)
Kyle Fraser Batchelor (Catsa009)	Isaac Beas (Catsa010)	Veroushia Padayachee (Catsa152)
Hong Xu (Catsa201)	Xiao Tian (Catsa184)	Selisha Ann Sooklal (Catsa177)
Liberty Lungisani Mguni (Catsa101)	Mohamed Fadlalla (Catsa039)	Yatheshthrao Ragoo (Catsa160)
Xiaokun Cheng (Catsa017)	Charmaine Arderne (Catsa005)	Jiangbo Guo (Catsa046)
Boying Zhang (Catsa204)	Martin Onani (Catsa149)	Rehana Malgas-enus (Catsa086)
Wijnand Marquart (Catsa089)	Franscina Katuchero Ramutsindela (Catsa162)	Kyle Meerholz (Catsa098)
Kabir Opeyemi Otun (Catsa150)	Ruijuan Zhang (Catsa205)	Chen Liu (Catsa075)
Ran Liu (Catsa073)	Shanwang Wang (Catsa193)	Samantha Padayatchee (Catsa153)
Nora de Leeuw (Catsa028)	Vincent Onserio Nyamori (Catsa143)	Anthea Farmer (Catsa040)
Thirusha Naicker (Catsa125)	Jiehao Li (Catsa072)	Reineck Mhlaba (Catsa102)
Lindokuhle Ngema (Catsa134)	Tanya Hughes (Catsa054)	Leonard Uchejim Okonye (Catsa147)
Cornie Van Sittert (Catsa189)	Mzamo Shozi (Catsa170)	Jianli Chang (Catsa016)
Thishana Singh (Catsa172)	Bernard Owaga (Catsa151)	Babusí Balopi (Catsa008)
Nico Fischer (Catsa041)	Hermanus Vosloo (Catsa192)	Patricia Jane Kooyman (Catsa062)
Juliana Mana Edor (Catsa038)	Kamogelo Modisane (Catsa107)	Zikhona Nobuntu Tetana (Catsa182)
Xin Li (Catsa071)	Amanda Mbhele (Catsa097)	Simangaliso Sibusiso Nkosi (Catsa138)
Na Hu (Catsa053)	Veronique Wassenaar (Catsa194)	Wakhiwe Mthandi Mthiyane (Catsa119)
Sinqobile Vuyisile Lusanda Mahlaba (Catsa081)	Mahluli Moyo (Catsa115)	Andrew Swarts (Catsa180)
Samukeliso Dube (Catsa035)	Yali Yao (Catsa202)	Pumza Mente (Catsa099)
Talent Ngwenya (Catsa136)	John Moma (Catsa112)	Cheslin Moodley (Catsa113)
Ying Liu (Catsa074)	Damilola Caleb Akintayo (Catsa002)	Jianqi Shen (Catsa167)
James Darkwa (Catsa025)	Chike George Okoye-Chine (Catsa148)	Tingting Sun (Catsa179)
Shuang Zong (Catsa206)	Johan Jordaan (Catsa056)	Shaine Raseale (Catsa164)
Stephen Ojwach (Catsa146)	Vincent Vermaak (Catsa191)	Peter Ajibade (Catsa001)
Neil Coville (Catsa022)	Jason Samuel Frederick Botha (Catsa012)	Biao Wu Wu (Catsa197)
Derik Wilbers (Catsa196)	George Simba Nyamato (Catsa142)	Qiang Chang (Catsa015)
Dominic De Oliveira (Catsa029)	Christopher Mullins (Catsa122)	Estefan Van Vuuren (Catsa190)
Mgcini Tshwaku (Catsa186)	Xinying Liu (Catsa076)	Bongani Leslie Mtetwa (Catsa118)
Boipelo Nicholette Mathe (Catsa090)	Joshua Gorimbo (Catsa045)	Nothando Shiba (Catsa169)
Bongokuhle Sifundo Xaba (Catsa199)	Alex Le Roux (Catsa067)	Sooboo Singh (Catsa174)
Nosaibeh Nosrati Ghods (Catsa139)	Thuli Buthelezi (Catsa013)	



## 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Due to technical problems, Nico Fischer chaired the meeting.

After confirming that a quorum (50% plus 1 of the 206 CATSA members – 104 people) had been obtained, Nico Fischer welcomed all present.

No apologies were received.

## 2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

The agenda was confirmed.

## 3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2020 AGM

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with no corrections as a true reflection of the meeting. [Proposed: S. Mapolie; Seconded: R. Malgas-Enus]

## 4. MATTERS ARISING

No matters arise.

## 5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Nico Fischer presented the chairperson's report.

Like last year, this year was a challenging year in many ways. However, we are also creating history this year by having our first virtual CATSA conference. On this topic, I would like to express my gratitude to Stephen Ojwach and his team for a wonderful new CATSA experience.

- **Sponsors:**

In 2019, a 5-year sponsorship-continuation agreement was concluded for 2018 – 2022, with Clariant for the Best Student Oral award and Micromeritics for the Best Student Poster award. Micromeritics agreed to extend the agreement until 2023 since there was no award in 2020. However, the discussion about extending the Clariant Best Student Oral award is still ongoing.

- **Membership:**

- At present, the Society has 206 members.
- Membership certificates for all members (2020/2021) in good standing were distributed.

- **Consolidation of Bank Accounts:**

At the 2019 AGM, you were informed that a new investment account with higher interest rates would be opened with Nedbank, and the old Nedbank Investment Account would be closed. This took longer than expected and was finalised in 2021.

- **International Association of Catalysis Societies (IACS):**

- As mentioned last year, the 17th ICC was cancelled due to COVID.
- The next International Congress on Catalysis will be held in Lyon, France, in 2024.



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- **European Federation of Catalysis Societies (EFCATS):**
  - EFCATS planned to have the 2021 EuropaCat XV conference in Prague, Czech Republic, organised jointly by the catalysis societies of Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and the Czech Republic. In early 2021 it became clear that no extensive international travel would be possible by August 2021, and the council decided to postpone the conference to 2023.
  - EFCATS still organised a wonderful scientific virtual seminar in September 2021 honouring its 2021 awardees Prof Graham Hutchings (Michel Boudart Award and former CATSA Eminent Visitor), Prof Javier Pérez-Ramirez (the newly established Robert K. Grasselli Award), Dr H  l  ne Olivier-Bourbigou (EFCATS Applied Catalysis Award) and Prof Maarten Roef  aers (EFCATS Young Researcher Award). The EFCATS best PhD Thesis Award winners were announced at the same event.
- **Travel Awards:**
  - No travel awards were made this year.
- **Eminent Visitor Award:**
  - In 2021, the award goes to Prof. Paul Chirik, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA.
  - Prof. Charles Sykes of Tufts University, Massachusetts, USA, has accepted the nomination as the eminent visitor for CATSA2022.

## 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

Maril   Landman presented the Treasurer's Report.

The Financial Statements reported at the AGM were presented as per previous years. However, CATSA's official Financial Statements (prepared by our independent Accounting Officer) include all CATSA bank accounts, particularly the income and expenditure from conferences.

- **Financial Statement: March 2020 – Feb 2021**
  - Budgeted to make a net surplus of R 166,013 – in the outcome, a Society net surplus of R 229,300 was reported for the financial period 2020/21. CATSA 2019 profit of R 234,617 was achieved, higher than the targeted R 185,300. Due to there not being a conference in 2020, no membership fees were realised for 2020/21. The Clariant Award for Student Oral presentation of R17,500 was received.
  - For administration, R 3,500 was budgeted. However, the actual expenditure was only R915.
  - The bank charges were slightly lower than budgeted. While the contingency was slightly higher than budgeted.
  - No travel award was awarded.
  - The financial services were lower, R8,360, than the expected budget of R 20,000.
  - Although R 1,000 was budgeted for the newsletter and website, R 2,350 was spent.
  - Additionally, bad debt of R 24,499 was written off.
- **Budget: March 2021 – February 2022**
  - Membership fees from participation were budgeted at R 36,000.
  - Award sponsorships were budgeted at R 29,000.
  - Expenditures budgeted for are administration, awards, financial services, contingency and bank charges. Financial services will be the biggest expenditure for the 2021/2022 financial year.
  - Anticipated surplus of R 37,400.

The Financial Report was proposed by J. Moma, seconded by S. Mapolie, and unanimously accepted by the members.



## **7. MEDIA OFFICER'S REPORT**

John Moma presented the Media Officer's Report.

- The website, Facebook page, and LinkedIn account/page have been updated.
- A request was made that members link to and follow these pages.
- A digital newsletter will be published for 2021 on the CATSA website. An appeal for newsletter articles from the broad catalysis community was again extended to the members. The article could cover highlights of research activities and events from various institutions, conferences and workshops, major publications, and achievements.
- In closing, he indicated that passing the skills within the media portfolio down is important; Rehana Malgas-Enus joined him in the portfolio.

## **8. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Kamogelo Modisane presented the Student Representative's Report.

- Due to circumstances, there is little to report on from the student's side.
- One of the biggest challenges is getting a student representative from each university. An invitation was extended to all student members to nominate representatives from the various universities.
- A new student representative to serve on the CATSA committee will be elected as soon as student representatives of each university have been identified.

## **9. CONFERENCE 2021 ORGANISER'S INTERIM REPORT**

Stephen Ojwach presented the Conference 2021 Report.

- 206 delegates ultimately attended the conference.
- There was good student representation for oral and poster presentations across various universities.
- The 2021 Eminent Visitor, Prof Paul Chirik, will do his national tour in 2022.
- Special thanks and appreciation were extended to the generous sponsors and the 2021 Organising Committee.

## **10. CONFERENCE 2022 UPDATE**

John Moma reported that the venue for CATSA2022 will be the Champagne Sports Resort. It will take place from 13 – 16 November 2022. The organising committee expects approximately 200 delegates, and it will be face-to-face. He gave a short presentation showing the venue's features to CATSA members.

## **11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Rehana Malgas-Enus from US will host CATSA2023 as a joint venture with UWC and UCT (Chemistry).

## **12. ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Nominations were requested and received via email. Additional nominations were accepted from members in the meeting. The following members of CATSA were nominated to serve on the CATSA committee:



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- Xinying Lui (UNISA)h
- Marilé Landman (UP)
- John Moma (WITS)
- Mahluli Moyo (UNISA)
- Cornie van Sittert (NWU)
- Mohamed Fadlalla (UCT)
- Zenixole Tshentu (NMU)
- Martin Onani (UWC)

After members voted, the following members were elected to serve on the committee:

- Xinying Lui (UNISA)h
- Marilé Landman (UP)
- John Moma (WITS)
- Mahluli Moyo (UNISA)
- Cornie van Sittert (NWU)
- Martin Onani (UWC)

## **14. CLOSING OF MEETING**