

DENTASA NEWS

Our "AGM on steroids" was one of the best ever according to the large numbers of technicians and traders in attendance. The AGM meeting was reduced to a shorter 90-minute version of powerful discussions of all key issues concerning the profession. The speakers addressed a variety of very interesting issues and all feedback from the technicians present was very good.

The following changes will take place in the profession soon:

- All technicians will have to acquire CPD points and the SADTC will be the administrator thereof. The DENTASA has applied to be the facilitator of programs/workshops and will register with SAQA.
- The technician's tariffs will possibly be changed to a National Reference Price Guide, with no minimum prices stipulated.
- Technicians will be allowed to directly claim from the Medical Aids, but are reminded that the Medical Aids only have a contract with the patient and not with the dentist or the technician.

The following lucky members attending the AGM meeting won the Kruger coins:

Mr. Clint Davis: Winner of the ½ Kruger Rand
Mr. Daniel Swanepoel: Winner of the ¼ Kruger Rand
Mr. Gavin Atkinson: Winner of the 1/10 (One tenth) Kruger Rand
It pays to be a member of DENTASA, join today!

At the Awards Dinner Mr. Edwin Bovill, lecturer at the then Technikon Pretoria was awarded the Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement for his decades of service to dental technology.

A special word of thanks goes out to the large group of students from The Cape Peninsula University of Technology that made the great trek north to join us for the AGM. It was a great effort guys and an example to all technicians!

The next AGM will take place on the first weekend in June 2008.

In closing, a message from the DENTASA Executive:

Our comfort zones will be stretched during the next few months, "Man your battle stations" and "Gird your loins" because 2008 will be a watershed year for dental technicians in South Africa.

Be involved, stay informed, be a DENTASA member!

BREAKING NEWS: ABSA now offers members of DENTASA credit card services at *STUNNING* rates. Contact Elize at 012-460 1155

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