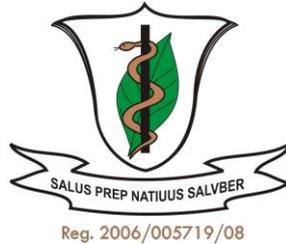


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Important Notice

Dear Member

The Allied Health Professions Council of South Africa (AHPCSA) officially informed EPASA on the 22nd November 2010 that Ethnomedicine has been accepted in principle. This decision by the AHPCSA is a historic and ground breaking event for South Africa, and indeed for the African Renaissance. We believe that an "African Ethnomedicine" benchmark has been set for Global expansion of the modality.

EPASA is required to complete certain steps to conclude the process of establishing the register of Ethnomedicine. In January 2011 timeframe an official notice will be placed in various leading newspapers announcing the proposed opening of an Ethnomedicine register. Comments from all professions and other walks of life will be called for. These comments will be fielded by AHPCSA for noting and assessment. For this first but vital step EPASA ask everyone concerned to place your supportive comments. The registration of Ethnomedicine depends on you and your colleagues.

All members applying for Ethnomedicine Practitioner status will require uniformity of education and a standard of practice that identifies you as an Ethnomedicine Practitioner. This implies that each member is equipped to function within a specific scope of practice that embraces the philosophy and principles of healing as defined by the training of an Ethnomedicine Practitioner.

EPASA has in the past urged members to complete their upgrade subjects as soon as possible. Your final acceptance with EPASA and the AHPCSA will depend on your education. Contact EPASA for details regarding the necessary training institutes.

To assist you in achieving your goal that you are working so hard for, EPASA ask members to undergo an audit process. In this process your application together with your current qualifications is assessed. The outcome of this assessment is to inform you of what subjects qualify for RPL and what subjects are outstanding and required to be completed prior to full registration with EPASA. These educational requirements are the minimum for EPASA membership.

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The process of auditing is of paramount importance. Please contact the office and book your appointment for your EPASA audit as soon as possible. The process will take approximately thirty minutes of your time. Please understand that the audit committees, who are taking time out of their practice to facilitate the process, require a sitting fee. EPASA thanks those members who have already been audited during 2010.

Please come forward and take your place in this pioneering field of Ethnomedicine. Inform those members who you know of and have perhaps lost contact with EPASA to come forward. This could literally be the last opportunity for practitioners to register for a long time to come, in this field. EPASA wish to invite all existing Ethnomedicine Practitioners to come forward and be included in the process.

The lengthily struggle for the recognition of Ethnomedicine has had a financial impact on the association. We sincerely thank members who have kept their membership up to date and given full support in the past years when all seemed so drawn out and hopeless. Thank you.

Members who are in arrears for whatsoever reason must please understand that they have enjoyed recourse through EPASA in the past. Membership fees are due for 2011; please find your statement enclosed. For those EPASA members who are in arrears please include the outstanding amounts in your payment.

A primary requisite for membership of EPASA is that all members are "in good standing". This implies that EPASA registration fees are paid up to date. Also that course fees at the various training institutes have been settled in full.

The AHPCSA has a primary function to protect the public. It is quite possible that the council will impose additional educational subjects to complete your profile. As a final step you will be required to complete an AHPCSA application with all your credentials for final review before official publication.

May this festive season also serve to reflect and rejoice on this felicitous stage in our collective endeavour.

Yours in Ethnomedicine,

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