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Dear HITSA Members

HITSA Newsletter September 2023

HITSA is now approaching its 4th birthday and we plan to go big with the celebrations!

Firstly, we have another exceptional speaker for our September 5th Town Hall in senior business executive Brett Dungan, who will be talking about *“Hospitality, Healthcare and Teamwork”*. Brett has a multi-page CV of exceptional achievements including the “Young Hotelier of the Year Award” by the International Hotel and Restaurant Association as well as being the CEO of the Hospitality Association of South Africa for the 2010 Soccer World Cup. This will be another exceptional meeting! [Click here](#) or [click here](#) to read more about Brett. Remember that all our Townhalls are also CPD accredited! [Register now](#) for this exciting event!

We plan to conclude our activities for the year on the 18th of November, in Johannesburg, with another *“Theatre of Errors”*. This exceptional workshop was developed by Anthony Reed and Gareth Davies and gives a practical demonstration of the importance of communication and team work to avoid potential pitfalls in operating theatres. This workshop is always overbooked, and I recommend you register early! Remember that HITSA is a multidisciplinary group, and this workshop offers great value to teams. So, invite your surgeon, nursing staff or anaesthetist and join us as a team for maximum value and entertainment! We have kept the cost of the *“Theatre of Errors”* at R950 for HITSA members and R1900 for non-members.

- To register for the workshop [click here](#) and [click here](#) to review the programme.
- For queries, email hitsa@eventmanagementsolutions.co.za

Membership fees have been kept at zero since the start of HITSA to encourage multi-disciplinary involvement without financial stress so join before the workshop to get the discount.



The Townhall on the 5th will start with a short AGM for HITSA and we are calling for nominations to the HITSA committee or volunteers to join in the fun of managing this exceptional SASA Special Interest Group (SIG). To allow HITSA to grow even further we will be discussing a proposal to institute a nominal membership fee from the next year (2024/2025), but in the spirit as stated above of encouraging all interested to join in an affordable way. A mechanism to allow sponsorship of this fee will also be tabled.

As we approach our 2nd AGM it is appropriate that we remind everybody of the aims and goals of HITSA. HITSA was created in 2020 as a special interest group of SASA, but specifically open to all healthcare personnel, to work towards creating the first multi-disciplinary grouping in healthcare focussing on teamwork, theatre management and hospital safety, as well as management in the larger healthcare space.

HITSA has been fortunate in attracting an exceptional Chairman and Vice-chair from the outset who have grown this exceptional initiative to a jewel in the South African Healthcare landscape. HITSA aims for around 6 townhall meetings each year. of these are CPD accredited and feature an exceptional speaker; these have ranged from international authors and management consultants to lawyers and managers in national hospital groups. Everyone with a unique approach to how we work in healthcare, how we can do better and how we should strive to do better! Every meeting is a winner!

Now as we go forward after the AGM ([click here](#) to read the Chairmans report) with an enlarged committee and new members on our team (and we want to encourage anybody interested and passionate about healthcare safety and management to consider joining the HITSA committee) we look forward to the *Theatre of Errors* in November and an exciting line-up for next year!

In our planning for next year's Town Halls, we also invite members to suggest speakers they would like to hear, either that you know and can connect us with or simply that you have heard about in your field and would like the committee to approach and invite to speak at a Town Hall.



HITSA was created as an interactive forum and without spamming our members or clogging your WhatsApp feed we encourage debate and want to make it as interactive as possible, so everybody feels comfortable to get involved and ask questions or offer comments!

I want to encourage you not to miss these next two events of HITSA for this year and again invite all our members to invite those persons they work with in healthcare to join, learn and contribute!

See you on the 5th!

Dr André Roux

HITSA Treasurer