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COVID-19 message to our members

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The continuation of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus, or COVID-19, health hazard situation is an unprecedented challenge to everyone, both personally and professionally. In this regard SARPA Executive would like to express its sincere heartfelt COVID-19 sympathies and thoughts to SARPA members, colleagues, families and any one infected or affected by the virus.

The outbreak of COVID-19 has in recent times traumatised the world. The coronavirus disease COVID-19 was subsequently declared a pandemic on the 11th of March 2020 by the World Health Organisation (WHO). Consequently, countries followed through with developing respective strategies to address health impact of COVID-19. This is also the case with South Africa - where the government declared and effected a national lockdown since the 26th of March 2020 to date. It is indeed a reality, difficult times await us as humans. A number of corporates are suffering while others are at risk of closure, leaving the workers in a state of fear and uncertainty for the future. This is also particularly true about the education situation in our academic institutions.

The impact of COVID-19 forces institutions and industries to reconsider their operations and important events in the year 2020, and SARPA is not immune to this reality. The health and safety of our valued members is very important, therefore SARPA Executive temporarily place on hold workshops, Annual General Meeting (AGM) and any activity that may risk the health by bringing more than fifty members together. Resuming SARPA Activities at full scale will depend on Alert Systems of the Risk-adjusted Strategy for Economic Activity, including the government's decision on easing some lockdown regulations at various alert systems. This highlighted to mean work which can be executed without risking personal health and contravention of the lockdown regulations will continue.

We therefore wish to express our gratitude to all SARPA members and citizens in general, who are helping to limit and control the spread of the deadly virus, either by staying at home (working from home) or going to work to support the health system, the social care system, as well as industry and essential services in general.

To all of you, our dear valued members, would like to emphasise that you stay committed to precautionary measures published by medical experts through the South African government.

Do take good care of yourself and your families...

Stay safe!

Message by

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