



# SASOHN

SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY OF  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH  
NURSING PRACTITIONERS  
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SASOHN BORDER DISCUSSION GROUP

## Feedback on Workshop held

### Background

The Border Discussion Group went through a difficult period with being disbanded and absorbed by Eastern Cape and then formed again a few years ago. There therefore was very little activity in the Border Area for a while now. The current members felt that it is time to change that and the best way to start the change was to organize a Workshop. With only 19 paid up members in the area it was decided to open the workshop to production managers, HR officers, OH&S officers and safety reps – all playing a role in Occupational Health in the Industry.

As Noise Induced Hearing Loss is one of the most reported Occupational Health Diseases it was decided to run the workshop on Noise in the work place. Experience has taught us that often there is total ignorance about the effect of noise and if there is some monitoring done it is done without insight. As there is a lot of smaller industries in the Border area, very few have Occupational Health Practitioners on their staff and Occupational Health is handled by HR officers and Safety Officers.

### Implementation

As a discussion group we do not qualify to have a bank account and the challenge was to organize and implement the workshop without a budget.

Speakers were approached and fortunately all agreed to do it on their own expense.

A very reasonable venue was identified that only required payment once our registration fees were received (no deposit).

As our target group was smaller industries we had to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

Registration fee was R300.

Exhibitors were approached.

The members got donations for Goodie bags.

Marketing was done directly with flyers via email/fax. (once again the lack of a budget was a challenge)

The info was also sent to the SASOHN website.

See Flyer and Final Program attached.

45 people registered

43 people signed the attendance register

We had 5 guests – the speakers and Sonja Kruger

Registration was handled by a member and her admin officer.

The sessions was chaired by our members and one member was time keeper.

Attendance certificates were given

### Evaluation

According to the feedback forms received the people found it to be a worthwhile and informative day. The topics were rated as relevant and the speakers were mostly rated high.

Requests were received for more workshops and topics for next workshops were given.

The venue was value for money.

For our group this was a learning and growth experience and we are looking forward to start planning the next one.

Karin Meyer  
Chairperson