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**SOUTH AFRICAN MEDICO LEGAL SOCIETY (SAMLs)**

**COMMUNIQUE**

**SEMINAR : SATURDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2013 IN STELLENBOSCH**

**TIME: 08h30 to 16h15**

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**TOPICS :**

- 1. RAF 4 Serious Injury Assessment - The Narrative Test**
- 2. Informed consent in medical matters**
- 3. Case discussions: the legal, medical and ethical perspectives**
- 4. The Shaken Baby Syndrome**

Dear SAMLs members, non-members and interested parties,

The name of our society – the South African Medico-legal Society- indicates that we are a society for the whole of the country, yet, up to now we have only functioned in Gauteng. We have decided it is time to extend our influence! We will be in Stellenbosch on 7 September 2013 to formally establish a Western Cape branch.

Saturday 7 September will be a full day seminar. The EXCO of the SAMLs will be there and you will be able to meet all of us. At the same time we will be presenting some of the most successful topics we presented in Pretoria. A detailed program for the day is attached to this communique. I would like to briefly introduce each speaker that will be contributing.

The speakers for the day are:

**Prof Magda Slabbert:**

Prof Slabbert is responsible for the subject Professional Ethics in the College of Law, Unisa. Her passion is Medical Law and she has published numerous articles on various topics in the fields of Medical Law and Ethics.

**Dr Herman Edeling:**

Dr Edeling is the vice chairperson of the SAMLs. He is a neurosurgeon that specialises in Road Accident Fund cases as well as medical negligence cases. Dr Edeling is extremely experienced especially concerning the Narrative test. He has been to court as an expert witness many times but he is also experienced in drafting reports necessary for medical claims. He is also a member of the Appeals Tribunal for RAF cases at the HPCSA.

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Directors : Prof Magda Slabbert (Chairperson), A T Lamey (Past Chairperson), Dr H Edeling (Vice Chairperson), Dr H Pienaar (Treasurer), Dr & Adv A H van den Bout, Prof E E G Lautenbach, Prof H Becker, Ms K Vermaak.

**Prof Lautenbach**

Prof Lautenbach is a well-known Orthopedic Surgeon from Johannesburg. He has unrivalled international experience in the field of chronic osteomyelitis and revision of infected joint replacements. During his career he has managed over 7,000 infected cases, successfully using a suction-irrigation system for antibiotic delivery and lavage. The aetiology of his patients ranged from post-arthroplasty and trauma, to lower limb infections in diabetics and spina bifida. Prof Lautenbach is a member of the Exco of the SAMLS.

**Ms Karen Vermaak**

Ms Karen Vermaak is an attorney in private practice as a partner in the law firm Munro Flowers and Vermaak. The firm specialises in medical negligence and personal injury cases. She therefore has extensive experience in such cases and in liaising with expert witnesses. Ms Vermaak is also a member of the Exco of the SAMLS.

**Adv Albert Lamey**

Adv Albert Lamey is a member of the Exco of the SAMLS and former chairperson of the Society. He is an advocate at the Bar in Pretoria. His fields of interest and expertise include inter alia professional ethics and medical negligence. Adv Lamey has practised for many years as a litigation attorney before he joined the Bar in 2012.

**Dr Hennie Pienaar**

Dr Hennie Pienaar is the Treasurer of the SAMLS. He is a senior lecturer at the University of Pretoria and the SBAH, Department of Surgery. He has an extreme interest in the application of medical law and ethics.

**Dr Andra Le-Roux-Kemp**

Dr Andra le Roux-Kemp is a part-time lecturer in Forensic Law and Medical Law at Stellenbosch University and an Ema2sa scholar at the Free University of Berlin, Germany. Her research interests and expertise are transdisciplinary in nature and includes a broad range of themes. She is currently completing a book, *Foundational Principles of Forensic Law in South Africa* (JUTA), and working on a multidisciplinary research project relating to the moral imperative of National Health Insurance Systems on the African continent.

**Dr Lene Burger**

Dr Lene Burger is a senior specialist at the Tygerberg Forensic Pathology Division of Stellenbosch University. Dr Burger has, *inter alia*, written extensively on the death notification form and death notification processes as applied in the South African context. She also lectures postgraduate law students of Stellenbosch University on the principles of death, dying and post-mortems.

Participants from the health professions qualify for CPD points by attending the seminar.

I am looking forward to meet all of you in Stellenbosch!

Prof Magda Slabbert  
SAMLS Chairperson

***Medical delegates qualify for ethical CPD points for attending the seminar.***

Please see the detailed program attached.

The venue is :

**Room No 1028,  
JC de Wet Hall,  
Law Faculty/Old Main Building,  
University of Stellenbosch,  
Stellenbosch.**

All interested persons, in particular medical practitioners (any person registered with the HPCSA), legal practitioners, academics and students are invited and welcome to attend the seminar.

**Cost of seminar (Includes tea/coffee, snacks and light lunch):**

Students, Law Students, Candidate Attorneys and Pupils of the Bar :	R200.00
Paid up members of the SAMLS :	R300.00
Non-members :	R500.00

**Seminar fees will be payable in advance by EFT before/on Friday, 30 August 2013.**

Please pay the money directly into the SAMLS current bank account by EFT before/on 30 August 2013:

Nedbank Account Number 1913 301 036

Branch: Cresta, Randburg 191305

***(Please submit your initials and surname and what the payment was for, e.g. Stellenbosch seminar 7 September 2013, membership fee, etc.)***

Registration starts at **08:30 - 09:00** on the date of the seminar.

Kindly RSVP your attendance by **Friday, 30 August 2013** and submit your registration form to:

**Christa Koelewyn by e-mail at :**  
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