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EDITORIAL

Dear Members

I am not sure if we should still count this year or move on to 2021 already. As challenging as it has been to get used to the new "normal" we need to embrace these trying times.

The pandemic might have taken away the opportunity for us to meet in person but not our responsibilities. In this edition committee members will report on their activities throughout the year. The winner of the newsletter award is also announced.

Thank you for your never-ending support and I look forward to another year of working together.

Keep in touch with me on chair@osall.org.za

Karabo Moleya
 OSALL Chair



News

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

By Karabo Moleya

2020 was supposed to be our elective year; our AGM has been postponed to 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The secretary portfolio became vacant and Danielle Botha has stepped in as our interim secretary until the next AGM. Juta is now represented by Shane Filtane after Carien Verneti's retirement. Best wishes to both Helen and Caryn and all the best with their future endeavour.

2020/2021 Executive Committee

Chairperson: Karabo Moleya
 Vice Chair: Amanda Franken
 Secretary and Website: Danielle Botha
 Treasurer: Hesma Van Tonder
 PR and Listserv: Joyce Khakhu
 Membership: Audrey Lenoge
 Newsletter: Tanya Hubbard
 Additional members: Patricia Makhoba and Yani Gaba

Projects:

The following projects have been finalised:

- Constitution
- NPO Registration
- Supplier Registration (National Treasury)
- Salary Survey

Conferences:

SAOIM conference which was scheduled for June 2020 has been postponed; Future dates will be communicated to all.

- BIALL 2020

"They do it with mirrors": the BIALL (virtual) conference 2020, held on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June 2020.

The conference took the format of two 90 minute sessions; the speakers delivered short presentations and took questions. The sessions are accessible on YouTube (search for BIALL).

- AALL 2020 (Unmasking our Potential)

The AALL 2020 virtual conference was held on July 13-17 with a virtual exhibit hall and livestreamed sessions.

I am happy to mention that OSALL was recognised in both conferences during their Business Meetings.

Do keep in touch throughout the year. I hope to hear your comments and ideas and, even better, if you would like to get involved in some way.

OSALL LISTSERV REPORT

By Joyce Khakhu

The joy of the listserv continues to impress me, hope that those who were active in the past levels of lock down will agree with me. In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic the listserv was functioning well.

I'm happy and proud to say that the listserv is proving to be the most modern powerful and successful communication tool that keeps the group alive and active, especially when we were in total lock down, physically separated from the library collections. Today OSALL listserv currently has 341 subscribers and 14 bouncing members email addresses. Bouncing may contain e-addresses that no longer exist or may need moderation, however these addresses are constantly monitored for how long they bounce, the longer they sit in bouncing means the user changed the address or left without unsubscribing. This problem results in the address being deleted from the list. As always I advise that members who change addresses please inform the committee or if you experience any kind of a problem which stops you from getting your membership benefits. Now as we are officially registered as an NGO, I hope our listserv membership will increase in the next coming year.

NEWSLETTER REPORT

By Tanya Hubbard

Despite the meme's regarding 2020 and how we all wish this year would be over, the OSALL newsletter has had some great submissions this past year and each issue has produced delightful entertainment for our members, even if I do say so myself. Naturally I'd love to receive more and so once again I extend the invitation for every member of OSALL to experience the thrill of seeing their name as a by-line. It really is thrilling!

We started the year off with our Chairperson Karabo Moleya reporting back on her wonderful trip to Bournemouth to attend the 50TH BIALL Conference 2019, I love reading these kinds of articles, although the FOMO is real! Mariya Badeva-Bright highlighted the fantastic resource they are involved in namely African LIIS and Laws.Africa building the largest free and open access repository of African gazettes, a resource I am sure we are all very grateful for.

Our February 2020 edition had a moving tribute to Mrs Lynette Davis co-authored by Ruth Ward and Lydia Craemer, plus two interesting articles found online and

reproduced by permission, *Why Law Librarians Are So Important In A Data-Driven World* By Femi Cadmus and *New Report Underscores The Evolving Role Of Law Librarians* By Robert Ambrogi.

The May 2020 edition put a positive spin on the current global pandemic which has dominated our lives lately with submissions from Danielle Botha, Maropene Ramabina and an anonymous contributor all detailing their experiences working in their libraries under Covid-19. Truly fascinating reading! As mentioned previously I experience very real FOMO, as once again I found myself being envious whilst reading Lydia Craemer's report back on Learning in a Land Down Under: The IALL 2019 Annual Course, Sydney, Australia. These articles really do highlight just how beneficial OSALL's newsletter is, as we get to experience, albeit from afar, the wonderful opportunities these international events provide us.

As always, I wish to thank Pieter du Plessis from the Stellenbosch University Law Library for supplying us with a list of Publications Noted in the November 2019 and May 2020 editions; a very useful resource to refer to.

Something new was introduced and caused a flurry of excitement, the very generous donation of prize money for the best article by Mari and Michael Brightmore from Academic Marketing, but the prizes didn't end there, Daphne Burger from Lexinfo kindly donated a book prize for the runner up! It was so much fun receiving all the votes from the members and the winners were announced in the August 2020 newsletter: **Ruth Ward** and **Lydia Craemer** **Tribute to Mrs Lynette Davis** will each receive half of the prize money and **Selma Savitz** for **Olwyn Garratt Retired Librarians Don't Actually Retire**.

Congratulations!

Thank you again to Mari and Michael Brightmore as well as Daphne Burger for donating the prizes.

I look forward to another year as your newsletter editor.

OSALL TREASURERS' REPORT

By Hesma Van Tonder

OSALL Books were audited by Vincent Laubscher and Associates.

OSALL HAS TOTAL ASSETS TO THE BALANCE OF R107 901

Notice account: R50,973.78
Cheque account: R46,514.91
Accounts receivable: R9,704.20

INCOME: R22 569,84

Advertising Income: R5 400,00

Listserv: R5 400,00
Newsletter: R
OSALL Web: R

Interest capitalised (Notice account):

R2 120,19

Membership Fees: R15 049,65

Individual: R3 520,00
Institutional/Corporate: R11 060,00
Retired: R70,00

Sponsorships: R

EXPENSES: R26 587,86

Accounting Fees:

Bank Charges: R3 212,23

Cash deposit fees: R62,57
STD Bank's Monthly Management fee: R1410
STD Bank's Service fee: R1339,66

Functions: R9 205,23

Gifts (AGMs, speakers, flowers): R 4 970,08

Travel expenses: R6 567,00

Computer expenses: R3 033,32

Profit: -R4 027

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

By Danielle Botha

The OSALL website was last revamped in 2013, and it was time for an upgrade to give the website a modern feel, as the theme is now outdated. Michael Botha from MA Computer Consulting redesigned the website gratis in January 2020. After input given by committee members, some changes were incorporated, and the new website was launched on 10 February 2020.

Modern website design trends were incorporated, which are more minimalist in design with a tide of purposeful white space, large headers and icons, and bold fonts. The new website is more flexible as more functionality can be added.

Thanks to a new plug-in, detailed statistics can now be obtained.

Our total number of visitors grew to 202,342 from 172,952 the previous year. We had more visitors from the United States than from South Africa. Please see the top ten countries visitor count for the past year below.

Site Statistics as at 12 August 2020.

Site Statistics

- Online Users: 1
- Last 30 Days Visits: 9,186
- Total Visits: 236,734
- Total Visitors: 202,342
- Total Posts: 104

The new 2020 website look:



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Online Users:	0	
	Visitors	Visits
Today:	92	223
Yesterday:	129	330
Last 7 Days:	827	1,951
Last 30 Days:	3,520	9,315
Last 365 Days:	18,336	52,802
Total:	202,397	236,863

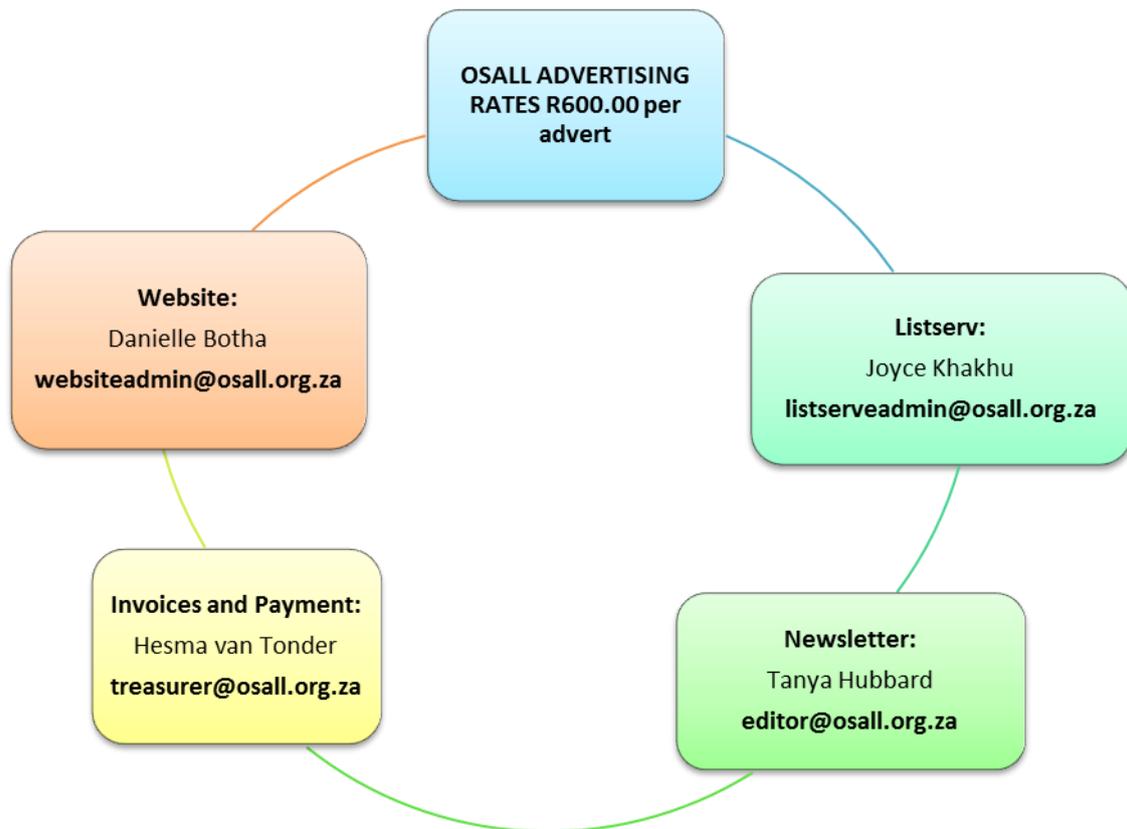
Top 10 Countries

Rank	Flag	Country	Visitor Count
1		United States	6,493
2		South Africa	4,414
3		France	636
4		China	628
5		Germany	604
6		Swaziland	506
7		United Kingdom	438
8		Unknown	301
9		Lesotho	291
10		Russian Federation	269

Top Pages visited over the last 12 months.

ID	Title	Visits
1	Home Page	11,070
2	Reopening of libraries after lockdown	1,384
3	Contact Us	1,095
4	Contact Us	1,069
5	African Legislation	717
6	Login	588
7	SARS Tax Legislation	405
8	About OSALL	389
9	About OSALL	319
10	Newsletter Archive	294

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