

MEDIA STATEMENT

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DR. ANTHONY PAUL LESCH JULIUS HAS BEEN ELECTED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (SADA)

Johannesburg, South Africa, 21 June 2023 – The South African Dental Association (SADA) is pleased to announce the election by the National Council, on 20 May 2023, of Dr Anthony Paul Lesch Julius as the President of this esteemed organization. Dr Julius, an accomplished professional with an impressive background in dentistry and leadership, is poised to lead SADA into a new era of excellence and growth.

Dr Julius' educational journey began at Kapteinskloof and continues at Steynville Secondary School in Piketberg, where he completed his matriculation in 1993, serving as the Student Representative Council (SRC) President. He then pursued his Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) degree at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) for two years before enrolling in the dentistry program at UWC, where he obtained his Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BChD) degree from 1996 to 2000.

Following his education, Dr Julius embarked on his professional career, starting with a year of Community Service in Springbok, Namakwa District, from 2000 to 2001. He then went on to establish a successful private practice in the Northern Cape, serving patients from 2001 to 2016. In 2009, he wrote the board exam in Namibia and registered with the Health Professional Council of Namibia (HPCNA).

In July 2016, Dr Julius joined the Advanced Dental Centre in Potchefstroom as an Associate, where he continues to contribute his expertise and provide exceptional dental care. During his tenure, he has made significant contributions to the field and demonstrated his commitment to professional development and growth.

Dr Julius' dedication to the dental profession extends beyond his clinical practice. He served as the Vice-President of SADA's North West branch from 2017 to 2018 and as the SADA National Councillor for the North West branch from 2018 to 2023. Additionally, he served as a Trustee on the Dentistry Development Foundation Trust (DDFT) from 2018 to 2023, showcasing his commitment to advancing dentistry and supporting the profession's development.

Furthermore, Dr Julius's outstanding contributions were recognized when he assumed the role of Vice-President of the South African Dental Association (SADA) from 2020 to 2022, demonstrating his leadership capabilities and dedication to the advancement of the dental profession.

As President of SADA, Dr Julius will play a pivotal role in steering the organization's strategic direction and driving initiatives that promote excellence, professional development, and improved oral healthcare across South Africa. His extensive experience in the field, leadership acumen, and unwavering commitment to the profession make him the ideal candidate for this esteemed position. SADA expresses sincere congratulations to Dr Julius on his appointment as President and wishes him great success in his new role. With his visionary leadership and passion for dentistry, Dr Julius is expected to make significant contributions to the dental community and the overall well-being of South Africans.

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The Association is committed and engaged in processes relating to setting industry standards and formulating policies. Learn more about SADA at <u>https://www.sada.co.za</u>