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Dear SADAríte

A Remarkable Triumph of the 2023 Oral & Dental Health Congress & Exhibition

I am honoured to share with you a comprehensive report on the South African Dental Association's (SADA) standout event of the year, the SADA Oral & Dental Health Congress & Exhibition, which took place from August 25th to 27th, 2023, at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC).

This year's congress, with aptly structured and mixed learning content, was a resounding success that left an indelible mark on our dental community. Allow me to take you through the highlights and achievements of this extraordinary gathering of dental professionals, speakers, exhibitors, and thought leaders.

Unprecedented Attendance and Overwhelming Response

The 2023 congress saw an unprecedented level of engagement, with a staggering 40 International and local speakers gracing our stages. The program featured a diverse array of speakers who addressed a wide range of topics catering to various segments of our dental community. These included General Practitioner Dentists, Specialist Dentists, Dental Technicians, Dental Therapists, Oral Hygienists, Dental Assistants, Dental Receptionists, Practice Managers, and even their spouses. Additionally, a dedicated section was included to empower and celebrate "Women in Health Leadership." The event garnered exceptional interest, evident in the sale of 914 congress tickets for delegates—an astonishing 31% over-subscription rate. Additionally, we were privileged to host 78 Dental traders, including 66 local and 12 VDDI (German) traders, accompanied by over 330 trader delegates. This overwhelming response demonstrated the enthusiasm and commitment of our dental community to advancing oral and dental health care in South Africa.

Exceptional Feedback from Delegates, Speakers, and Traders:

The heartwarming feedback we received from delegates, speakers, and traders was a testament to the congress's success. Delegates expressed their appreciation for the wealth of practical knowledge gained during the event, knowledge that can be readily applied in their practices. Speakers, both international and local, were praised for their ability to engage, inspire reflection, and facilitate learning. Our traders were also celebrated for their quality products and services. Many individuals remarked that this was the most impactful dental conference they had attended in over a decade.

Dental Excellence in Action

As CEO, I had the privilege of personally visiting 99.9% of the trade stands, where I witnessed firsthand the dedication, innovation, and commitment of our exhibitors. This direct interaction reaffirmed the vitality of our dental industry and the potential for advancement through collaboration and knowledge exchange.

A Glimpse into the Future

Looking ahead, we are already gearing up for the SADA Oral & Dental Health Congress & Exhibition in 2024, scheduled at Times Square from August 30th to September 1st. Moreover, recognizing the brief period between these two noteworthy events, we are actively planning for the 2025 Congress to ensure continued excellence and growth within our community.

Acknowledgements

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the members of the SADA Scientific Advisory Committee for their exceptional work in organizing this congress. A special salute goes to Dr. Jean van Lierop, the committee's chairperson, for his exemplary leadership and dedication. Our committee members included Dr. Jean van Lierop, Dr. Mark Bowes, Dr. Ridhwaan Haffajee, Dr. Avish Jagathpal, Prof. Howard Gluckman, Prof. Riaan Mulder, and Prof. Dirk Smit. I also take an opportunity to thank all my operational staff who worked on this, Rebecca Mokwatlo, Kevin Woolward, Ann Bayman, and Tshepo Moletsane, but a special thanks go to Marilize Janse van Rensburg for being a formidable organiser of the entire event.

Final Thoughts

In conclusion, the 2023 SADA Oral & Dental Health Congress & Exhibition was a testament to the collective spirit of our dental community. It displayed our commitment to advancing oral and dental health care, fostering innovation, and nurturing professional growth. As we embark on the journey towards future congresses, we do so with a deep sense of purpose and a vision of a brighter, more prosperous future for South African dentistry.

I invite you all to stay tuned for the detailed feedback and survey results that will guide us as we plan our path forward.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey and for your unwavering support in our mission to elevate oral and dental health care in South Africa

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CPD Submission and HPCSA Backlog

SADA is continuing to be inundated regarding CPD submissions to the HPCSA, and can confirm all submissions have been made. The HPCSA have again communicated that there is a backlog on their side as a result of the SMS which their system distributed. SADA assures everyone that all submissions have been compiled and made to the HPCSA.

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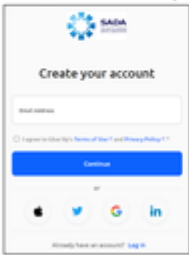
Following our telephone and email drive prior to Congress and assisting delegates we now have approximately two-thirds of our members registered with a MyGlue account. We continue to request your co-operation and encourage you to embrace this opportunity to unleash the full potential of your membership.

It is important to note the following

- This is not another membership, neither is it a replacement for the SADA website; however, a tool used by SADA to manage your membership and give you easier access to information securely 24/7/365, from anywhere via desktop, laptop, tablet, or mobile. Information at your fingertips - literally!
- Only one registration is required – GU is the access portal to interacting with SADA.
- You will be able to view and book for upcoming events quickly and easily, scan in at events to qualify for CPD CEUs.
- Stay updated through your Branch Community – share information – network – ask questions – and/or SADA Member Community - find staff/equipment, advertise a practice for sale or that you are seeking a practice, the possibilities are endless.
- SADA do still have a website www.sada.co.za, information is available from this domain to the public, and non-SADA members.
- SADA Members access restricted member only information through the website using the same Username and Password which they use for My Glue.

Creating/Activating a Glue Up Account via Desktop or Laptop using the SADA Website

- Go to www.sads.co.za
- Click on the **Register** button – in the top right-hand corner of your screen
- The following screen will appear to create an account. Complete your details – use the email address that SADA has in their database and communicates with you through.



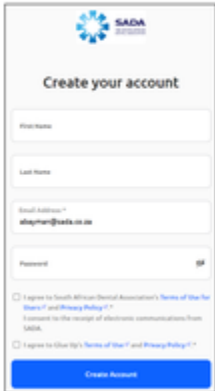
- Agree to Terms by ticking the box
- Click Continue

When opening the Verification email, you find in your (inbox) you will see the following:



Click on the Green button to verify you were creating a MyGlue account.

- The following screen will appear with your captured email address in the email address field.
- Capture your FirstName and Last Name
- Capture a Password



- Tick the agreement boxes.
- Click Create Account

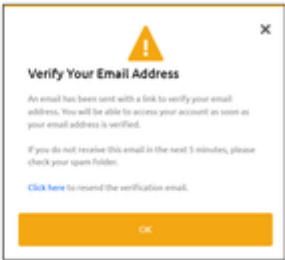
- As soon as you verify that it is you that has created a MyGlue account you will be directed to your account and see this screen which requires completing



- Currently the fields of Title/Position and Industry do not carry Dr/First or Oral Healthcare in the drop-down lists. SADA has requested these to be added.
- In the meantime, do not complete the Title/Position and Company fields. Use Healthcare in the Industry field
- Click SAVE

Congratulations! You now have a Glue Up account

- The following pop-up message will appear
- It is important to note this is an Alert
- You will need to check your email inbox for a verification email when you click OK



NEXT TO ACCESS THROUGH MOBILE PHONE

- Download MyGlue App from your iStore (iPhone) or PlayStore (Android)
- Click **Login** and use the credentials used above when you created your account above on your Desktop/Laptop via www.sads.co.za (if you click **Register** you will be able to create another account OR receive a message that the email is already associated with an account. Please do not create another account – this creates duplicates and confusion when you try to access information)

MyGlue can be used on desktops, laptops, and mobile.

One account – same access to information!

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NOTICE OF FINAL DENTAL ASSISTING EXAMINATION

We wish to advise that the Professional Board Dental Assisting Dental Therapy and Oral Hygiene has RESOLVED to allow two final opportunities to write the National Board Examination to the Dental Assisting practitioners who were registered under the grandfather clause to be able to Register as Dental Assistants. The examinations will be held in November 2023 and March 2024 (exact dates to be advised a month before each exam date).

All practitioners who have not taken this examination but are Registered under the grandfather clause are requested to [fill in form 324](#) and send it together with the proof of payment to dohexams@hpcsa.co.za

Dental Assisting practitioners who are registered under the grandfather clause are urged to register for an examination date.

Yours in oral health

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Chief Executive Officer

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SADA Gauteng South Branch Mini Congress (GS067)



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