

CEASA and SAFHE Meeting – Thursday 11 November 2004

Present: SAFHE – Steve Drinkrow, Robin O’Reilly, Barney Shapiro, Ken Wardle
CEASA – Riaan van der Watt, Rob Dickinson, Gerald Koning, Sakkie du Plessis, Marius Fourie, James Herbert, Johan van Roon

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the roles of the two organisations in the market place and to develop closer working relationships between the two parties.

Roles of the organisations

SAFHE – The aim of SAFHE is to bring all professions involved in Healthcare Engineering together under one umbrella. The main objective of SAFHE is to promote the principle of integrated design by improved collaboration amongst all professions who are engaged in the broad field of healthcare facility design, construction, engineering and maintenance of plant and equipment. SAFHE further promotes the unrestricted acquisition, exchange and spread of knowledge amongst healthcare personnel.

CEASA – The aim of CEASA is to specifically look after the interest of Clinical Engineering Practitioners and all other people involved in Clinical Engineering as per the following definition in their constitution: *the management, support, development and quality assurance of healthcare technology as part of safe, cost effective and sustainable healthcare delivery.*

Agreements reached

After open discussions agreement was reached for informal collaboration and cooperation between the two parties specific to the following:

- Members of SAFHE and CEASA are welcome to attend functions and talks held by either party. They will receive invitations to functions and general meetings. Secretaries of branches will e-mail the invitations to each other for distribution via normal mailing lists.
- SAFHE and CEASA branch and sector committees will inform each other of committee meetings for which a representative from the other party would be able to obtain permission to attend. SAFHE branch committees will investigate the possibility of electing a senior CEASA member, who is also a SAFHE member, to their committees.
- Liaison in communication with the Government will take place in the interest of the hospital engineering industry as a whole.
- Cooperation will, in future, take place with regards to local conferences as with the Sun City conference during April 2005 currently being arranged.

Formal announcements will be made to all CEASA and SAFHE members with regards to the above.

General consensus was reached that a combined meeting like this could be repeated once a year or when required.