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What a late starter we are in 2005. Although the year is well on its way our first publication is only appearing now! From all of us at the South African Journal of Physiotherapy we wish you a successful and happy 2005. This is also the year of our second International Congress to be held at the Sandton Convention Centre. This prestigious event will take place from 25 - 28 May and the theme is : *Gateway to Recovery*. We are expecting some highly esteemed international speakers and we have a number of enthusiastic experts who will inform us of what is new on the local front. An exciting social programme has also been planned. Let's get together and support and enjoy this special event!

The Journal will continue in 2005 to support Continuous Professional Development and questions based on

the articles published will appear with every edition. By successfully answering the questions in the Journal you will be able to accumulate 8 out of the 30 points that will be required annually. However, readers are reminded that these points are still not mandatory and that for Physiotherapists the voluntary status quo remains. Points can also be accrued by writing for the Journal and /or reviewing for the Journal. An article published in the Journal will earn you 5 or more points and the same will be the case for reviewing articles for publication in the Journal. In order to prepare the readers for these categories two workshops will be held at the Congress. One will be on writing for publication and the other on reviewing the literature. I hope to see you there!

Celie Eales (Editor)

AWARDS OF THE SASP

The awards are intended to honour members of the South African Society of Physiotherapy for an outstanding contribution, achievement or special service to the Society and or the physiotherapy profession.

The awards also serve to make all members of the Society aware of the achievements of physiotherapists in South Africa.

A BRONZE MEDALLION

This may be given in recognition of specific achievements or outstanding service to the Society and the profession. Examples of achievements that will be considered are:

- Outstanding contributions in clinical practice and education
- International or national recognition in any sphere of physiotherapy or other similar levels of achievement

A SILVER MEDALLION

This may be awarded for meritorious research. Examples of achievements that will be considered are:

- The publication of a book which receives international acclaim
- Consistent publication of scientific articles in internationally recognized journals

- The award of a doctorate for a thesis that contributes significantly to physiotherapy in South Africa

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES

- The candidate must be a member in good standing with the Society
- The proposal together with the citation, must be sent to the President, who will then submit it to the Executive Council of the SASP.
- The nomination will then be forwarded to National Assembly for finalization and approval.
- The nominee will only be informed when the nomination is approved.
- Official announcements of the recipients will be made at the annual general meeting of the SASP.

Send your proposal and citation by email to president@saphysio.co.za; by post to the President, PO Box 92125, Norwood 2117; or by fax to (011) 485-1613.

The Medallion awards will be handed out at a special ceremony during the 2nd International SASP congress on the 26th May 2005 at the Sandton Convention Centre.

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