

SAAIR Conference Scholarship_Report_Conference Experience

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SAAIR Conference and SAHELA Workshop

In my application I made a somewhat passionate plea for the advancement EBDM in IR and was delighted to be in the company of IR practitioners who are zealous about our students and our country, and who are truly advancing a new society with their contributions to HE. I was in the presence of thought leaders and change agents. And this in turn made me feel proud and delighted to be associated with SAAIR. There were so many highlights: you educated, you shared expertise, you challenged, you invested, and you entertained.

It was great to learn about the impact of the research projects. As IR officer I process applications for institutional permission. We often receive applications from researchers at other institutions and only view the work at proposal stage. It was good to hear some of the outcomes of those projects.

It was good to be able to share experiences, knowledge and questions with peers and to learn from peers and to be inspired by the work that others are doing and to recognize the potential of IR in SA and broader.

I experienced a feeling of comradery and it was wonderful to be around people who understand and share my world of work.

North West University

NWU is a beautiful university and was a most gracious host. Thank you so much for hosting the SAHELA Workshop and the SAAIR Conference. Thank you for your generosity and warmth. You were so meticulous in your preparations. The NWU Sport Village is an excellent facility. You really shone.

Potchefstroom

It was my first time in Potchefstroom. It is a charming town with all its trees, churches and old buildings. The bus tour was a great treat.

I am really thankful for the SAAIR Scholarship Award. It is a wonderful initiative. My heartfelt thanks to the Exco. Thank you for all that you do to make this association what it is. Thank you for all the tools, the knowledge-sharing and that wonderful book and all its contributors.