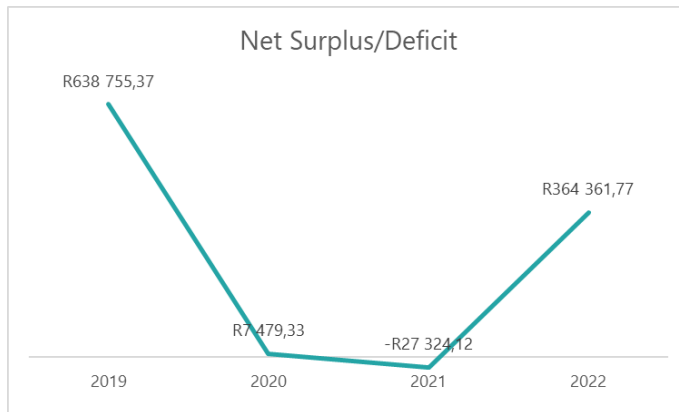


TREASURER'S REPORT

1 SEPTEMBER 2021 TO 31 AUGUST 2022

It gives me great pleasure to update you on the financial position of the Southern African Association for Institutional Research (SAAIR).

The audited financial report has been completed by Riaan Eksteen Professional Accountants and Financial Consultants. A copy of the audited report has been posted to our SAAIR website (<https://www.sair-web.co.za>). SAAIR has received a clean audit. The year ended with a net surplus of R364, 361.77.



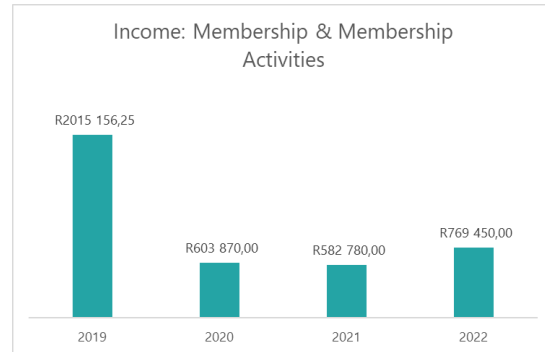
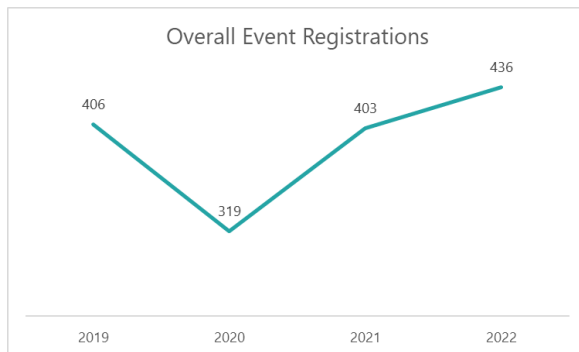
The lion's share of our income is derived from membership fees and activities. Our membership activities consist of our professional development events. Just like our higher education institutions, SAAIR has also had to adjust and readjust under COVID. In 2020 we made the shift from in-person events to going fully online. This year we braved the growing pains of hybrid hosting and you have kept with us through it all. Thank you! We are incredibly grateful to all our hosts who took up these challenges with us. We have certainly grown as an organization and as a community.

In 2020/1 we set our event targets against our operational budgets. Our priority was to enable continued participation in our professional development activities during a time when our institutions were facing financial constraints. In some instances, the circumstances were such that institutions placed moratoriums on professional development activities and or had to redirect associated budgets. Our bulk pricing model and the online mode of our events allowed us to continue in carrying out our statement of purpose.

In 2021/2 as the world started to reopen, we had to reassess our event targets, the impact of mode on our event budgets and the sustainability of bulk pricing. Standing at the better part

of a period of adjusting and readjusting we are pleased that we have not been forced to dig into our savings. We feel more confident in our position to face future uncertainties.

Our 2022 overall event registrations are comparable with our 2019 figures. Our income derived from our membership fees and activities increased by 32% from what we achieved in 2021.



We are also pleased that we were in the financial position to carry out our strategic initiatives. We continued our partnership with AIR who again made a significant contribution to our 2021 Best Paper Award in the form of the AIR Travel Grant which was valued up to a \$1000. SAAIR extended this amount by a further R14 000 to cover the shortfall for the trip. Well done, Fezile Mdluli (Wits), who traveled to Phoenix, AZ, to participate in the AIR Forum in June 2022.

This year we were also able to award two Conference Scholarships for in-person attendance to our 29th Annual Conference. Our scholars are Bradley Khumalo (UWC) and Zamangwane Zikhali (TUT). The Conference Scholarships have a combined value of R40 000.

We are immensely grateful for the continued support and generosity of our sponsors, Quantum Education Systems, IDSC, Freeformz Software and LinkedIn.

We have great ambitions for the future of SAAIR and look forward to celebrating SAAIR's 30th anniversary with you and many more remarkable years to come. Stay with us. Grow with us.

Allison Mlitwa

Executive Committee Member and Treasurer

Southern African Association for Institutional Research (SAAIR)

16 November 2022