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## RETIG ANNUAL REPORT (29 Sept 2014 -16 July 2015)

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of interest groups as stipulated in the constitution of LIASA is to promote library and information services and/or science within and for a particular service, category of user, type of material, function or activity. Research, Education and Training Interest Group is one such interest group formed under the constitution of LIASA.

### 2. OFFICE BEARES

Chairperson:	Mr Lefose Makgahlela
Chairperson-elect:	Dr Connie Bitso
Secretary:	Dr Solomon Bopape
Treasurer:	Ms Salamina Molamu
PRO:	Mr Jan Moeketsi

### 3. INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES

The interest group took over from the office after the 2014 annual general meeting election held at the Birchwood Hotel & O R Tambo Conference Centre on the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The first task of the interest group was to open a bank account and subsequently, the committee met on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and a bank account was open with FNB on the same date.

The committee also held a virtual meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015

#### **4. FINANCES**

The interest group opens its account for the first time on the 11<sup>th</sup> March and an amount of R6000 was deposited from the LIASA National office. No activities or event took place in this financial year. The treasurer kept the financial record and reported to the interest group committee on a regular basis. The financial records were not audited for this financial year as there were never any activities on the bank account.

#### **5. SUMMARY OF CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENT**

As with any organizations, our interest group has also experienced the following challenges:

- Decreasing membership
- Distances that make it difficult for interest group executive to meet.
- Inactive provincial branches except in two provinces.

The interest group manages to open a bank account for the first time. The committee has planned some activities in the next coming year to revive and strengthen the interest group by organizing workshop and conferences in 2016.

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

I would like to thank RETIG committee members for their continuous support and contribution to our interest group.

Mr L.A Makgahlela

RETIG : Chairperson

25 July 2015

