REPORT ON WEHD 2017 CELEBRATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

ALFRED NZO DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY held an event to celebrate WEHD on the 24/25 August 2017 at Imvelo Guest Lodge, Mount Frere, Eastern Cape.

The event was attended by over 100 EHPs, politicians, Provincial department of health representatives and South African Local Association representatives (Eastern Cape).

The program covered many topics related to Environmental Health, with emphasis on Air Quality and Climate Change.

The event was a tremendous success and it made politicians realize the importance of Environmental Health service delivery to the communities.

The President of the SAIEH attended this event.

NELSON MANDELA BAY METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY held a WEHD event from the 18/22 September 2017, jointly with the South African Local Government Association (Eastern Cape) and the Nelson Mandela University. The event was attended by EHPs, politicians, Academics, National Department of Health and National Department of Agriculture.
There were a series of presentations over these 5 days, a total of 39 presentations and an Open Forum discussion relating to training, research and community services for Environmental Health Practitioners.

The Mayor of the Metro Municipality had a Welcome reception for all the delegates.

The Chief Director of SALGA, Ms Mirriam Lehlokoa and the President of the SAIEH were the invited guests to this event.

The President-Elect, Dr. Selva Mudaly was invited to do a presentation about the IFEH. Henning assisted the President-Elect with a presentation he did in Malawi.

The LIMPOPO BRANCH of the SAIEH celebrated WEHD on the 22 September 2017 in the Vhembe region. The event was held at Mutuwafhethu Primary School, in a deep rural area of Vhembe region.

The school was identified after it was found that learners were urinating and defecating on the floor which made the toilets unusable and bad smell which compromised air quality within the school premises. The SAIEH members made contributions with cleaning detergents and equipment so that they could clean these toilets and conduct clean up campaigns. The Chairperson of region of the
SAIEH, David Nemakonde gave a presentation to learners and educators about the importance of living in a clean and healthy environment. The toilets and the surrounding area was cleaned and the Principal promised to keep these toilets and the surrounding areas clean.

The KZN BRANCH of the SAIEH celebrated WEHD on the 22 September 2017 in Durban. This event was attended by over 165 members of the SAIEH.

The day was dedicated to indoor and outdoor air quality. There was a display by the eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality on air quality management including bringing a caravan with air quality monitoring equipment. The event was a tremendous success. The event was attended by Academics,

The Department of Health celebrated WEHD on the 26/27 September 2017 in Richards Bay in partnership with King Cetshwayo District Municipality. The event was attended by over 350 EHPs from all over South Africa as this was the National event. Awards were also presented to the best performing Municipality and the best EHP student in the country.

THANKS,

SELVA