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Dear Registered Member

As we approach the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2024, I cannot believe how quickly time has flown and how much we have been up to since January. To keep you abreast of matters that affect you, I will be reporting on the following issues:

- Governance issues
- Education Matters
- Pipeline students
- Dental Codes
- Accreditation Visits
- Qualification Standards



**GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

Council welcomes the appointment of Mr. Naeem Seedat who replaces Dr Vahed as a dental technician/technologist attached to a training institution where dental technicians/technologists are trained as per section 5 (1) (b) (ii). As an accomplished educator, he has worked for several Institutions and is currently pursuing his PHD. Mr. Seedat is currently serving as the Deputy Chair of the Education Committee and serves as a member in various committees of Council.

**COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The term of the current council will expire at the end of 25 March 2025. In terms of the regulations, the returning officer is mandated to start with the election process six months before the expiry of the current extended term. My office will be starting with the call for nominations. Please be on the look out for that announcement. We would like to urge all our registered members to exercise their constitutional democratic right by nominating preferred candidates when the call for elections is made.

## **PIPELINE STUDENTS**

The process of placement and training the pipeline students is in full swing. Council had its first engagement with the Laboratories appointed by TUT to train the pipeline students. We will soon be calling for other laboratories to engage in a similar manner. We encourage all laboratory owners who have been approached by the UoTs to participate in the process to help the students.

## **DENTAL TECHNOLOGY CODES**

After a long engagement process with DENTASA, the codes have finally been endorsed by the Council. Council would like to thank DENTASA for getting the process done. For more information on this, please contact the voluntary association.

## **ACCREDITATION VISITS**

As you may be aware that all the UoTs are embarking on new programmes. The full accreditation of these programmes has not yet been achieved as the Council is required to conduct site visits. TUT's site visit is scheduled to take place during the month of October 2024. The outcome of the Visit will indicate whether we are making progress in addressing the previous challenges which led to the creation of the Pipeline students or not. The visit to the other UoTs will only happen in 2025.

## **QUALIFICATION STANDARDS**

The Council of higher Education has invited Council to a consultative workshop to be held in October 2024. We were informed that the workshop will be the first of a series of planned stakeholder consultation meetings in preparation for the development of the proposed Dental Technology qualification standard. Council will update the Profession once the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop has been held.

## **CONCLUSION**

Council would like to thank the Profession for continued support to the work of the Council. We will continue to inform the profession of all the ongoing issues such as the update on the training of the pipeline students and the ongoing discussions of the National Professional Registration Examination.

