

Happy Holidays

Best wishes from your
EASA EXECUTIVE!



Annemarie, Lesley, Eldrie, Liesel, Naydene, Raj
Aslam, Linda, Lebo

Letter from chairperson



Dear EASA members

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and plan for the new one.

As you all know by now, there will not be an EASA conference in 2013, but a joint conference with other educational research organisations at Klein-Kariba from 27 to 30 January 2013. Our medal function will be held at the SAERA conference on 27 January 2013 and you are all invited to attend. I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference. I wish you a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

May 2013 be all that you wish for and more.

Eldrie Gouws
EASA chair 2012

NEWS FLASH! Incoming chair nomination



The EASA executive is pleased to announce that it has received the following nomination for INCOMING CHAIR for 2013 for Professor Ronel Ferreira. A short bio follows:

Professor Ronel Ferreira is head of the Department of Educational Psychology, as well as theme leader of the Institute for Food, Nutrition and Well-being, at the University of Pretoria. Her current research focus areas are psychosocial support within the context of vulnerability, psychological well-being of children and communities, HIV&AIDS, asset-based psychosocial coping, and the use of action research in intervention studies that could facilitate community development and well-being. Ronel is involved in various research projects, some of which involve international affiliations. She has authored/co-authored over 20 journal articles, one scholarly book and 13 chapters in scholarly books; and has supervised/co-supervised almost 30 students to completion of their studies. Her research accomplishments are signified, amongst others, by being a rated researcher at the South African National Research Foundation and recipient of the Samuel Henry Prince Dissertation Award of the International Sociological Association (2009), the University of Pretoria Young Researcher Award (2009) and the Education Association of South Africa (EASA) Young Researcher Award (2007).



EASA MEMBERS DO US PROUD!

Three EASA members received national awards this year:

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO PROF YUSEF WAGHID for the NRF award for research capacity development that he received earlier this year – due to a technical glitch this news was omitted from our June newsletter. Champion of Research Capacity Development at South African Higher Education Institutions Award



Professor Yusef Waghid is a Professor of Philosophy of Education and Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Stellenbosch (SU). Prof Waghid is a consummate scholar whose passion for teaching has successfully supported 31 students to complete their Master's and Doctoral Studies by having established opportunities to present papers at conferences, and by offering students bursaries from his research fund. He has furthermore co-authored and published articles with a number of students. Of the 12 students he currently supervises, 11 PhD candidates are from disadvantaged communities and working within the ambit of his democratic citizenship education research focus. His deliberate engagement with students of designated groups can most appropriately be illustrated in his

2006 paper Reclaiming Freedom and Friendship Through Postgraduate Students Supervision, published in *Teaching in Higher Education*.
(EXTRACTED from an article that originally appeared in *Mail and Guardian*)

CONGATULATIONS YUSEF ON THIS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!

PROF RELEBOHILE MOLETSANE

In August this year, Lebo received the Distinguished Woman Scientists award in the Social Sciences and Humanities Category from the Department of Science and Technology in recognition of her contribution to the field of Education in South Africa. Lebo is currently Chair of Rural Education at UKZN and is involved in many projects to address HIV and AIDS and other issues that affect education in SA. She was also selected in the November edition of the Woman and Home Magazine as the CHAMPION of EDUCATION for this achievement.

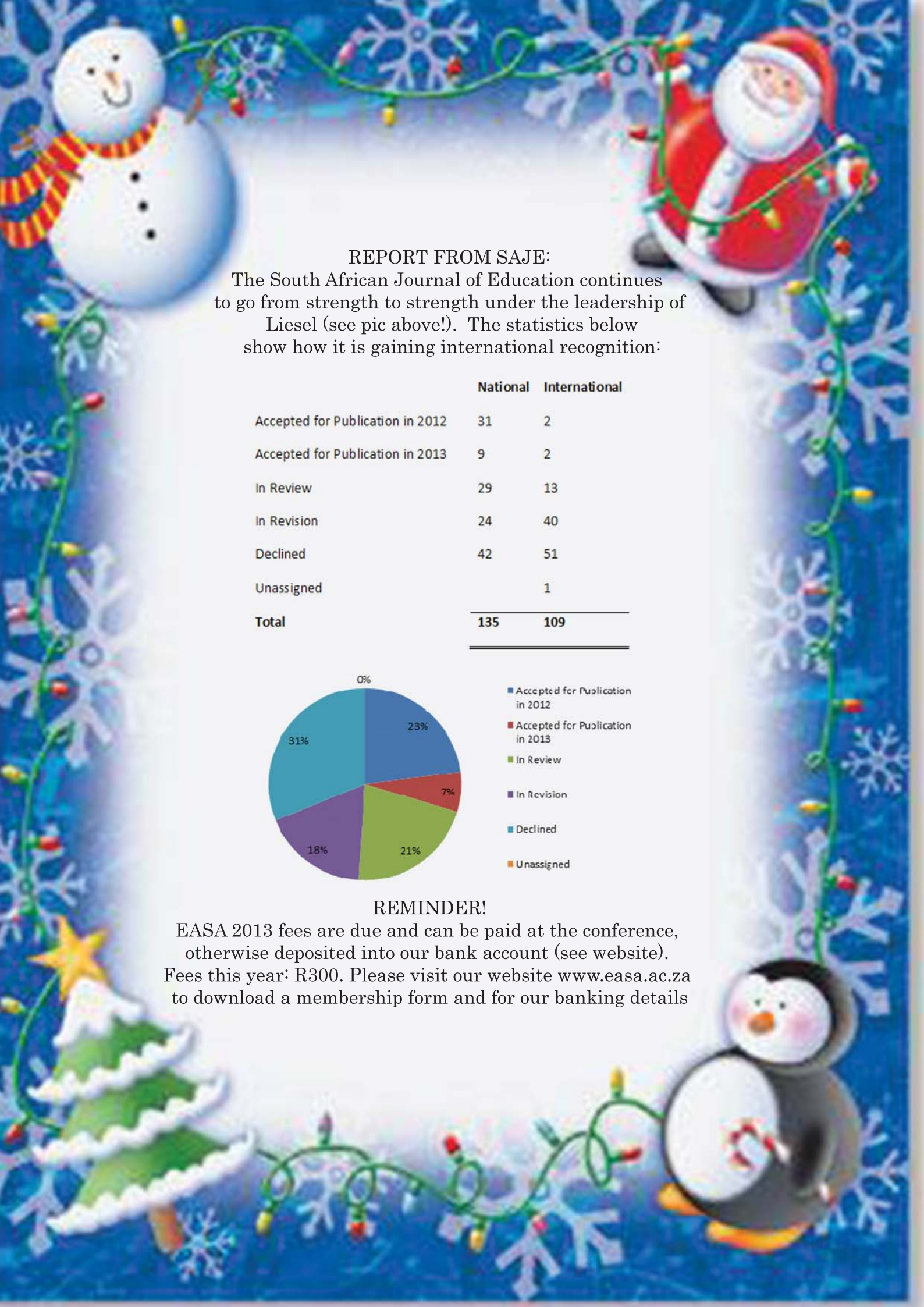
WELL DONE LEBO, EASA IS PROUD TO HAVE YOU AS A MEMBER



PROF LIESEL EBERSÖHN

Liesel was runner-up to the same Distinguished Woman Scientists Award – quite remarkable that EASA members both achieved such distinction! She is pictured below with Science and Technology Minister Naledi Pandor.

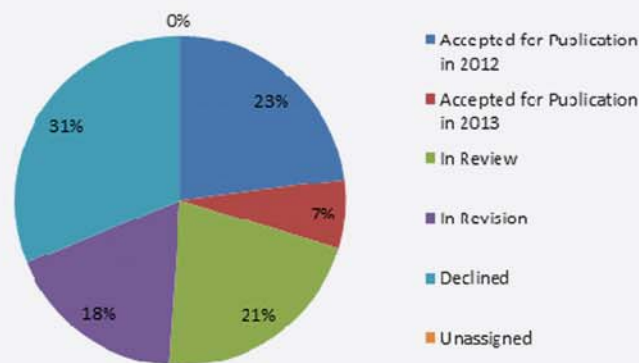




REPORT FROM SAJE:

The South African Journal of Education continues to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Liesel (see pic above!). The statistics below show how it is gaining international recognition:

	National	International
Accepted for Publication in 2012	31	2
Accepted for Publication in 2013	9	2
In Review	29	13
In Revision	24	40
Declined	42	51
Unassigned		1
Total	135	109



REMINDER!

EASA 2013 fees are due and can be paid at the conference, otherwise deposited into our bank account (see website). Fees this year: R300. Please visit our website www.easa.ac.za to download a membership form and for our banking details