

Autumn greetings from OMASA

Autumn is here, and with it comes a season of progress for OMASA. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to strengthen the O&M profession. This newsletter highlights some exciting development, from registration news, and our upcoming conference.



Great Milestone!!!

We're thrilled that Orientation and Mobility Practitioners can now register with the HPCSA starting 1st April 2026, via their online portal.

Registration Fees: R846.00 Annual Fees: R643.00

A huge congratulations to everyone involved in making this milestone possible!

The white cane is not just a tool for independence but also a symbol of dignity, resilience, and the indomitable spirit of those who navigate the world without sight.

UPCOMING CONFERENCE: SAVE THE DATE! ORIENTATION & MOBILITY CONFERENCE 2026

Venue: Dainfern Country Club, Fourways

Dates: Thursday, 25 June 2026 & Friday, 26 June 2026

Times: 9:00am – 5:00pm daily

Registration: Thursday 25 June 2026, 8:00am – 9:00am

Welcome tea/coffee: 8:00am – 9:00am on Thursday and Friday

Tea/coffee and lunch included in registration fee

Registration Fees

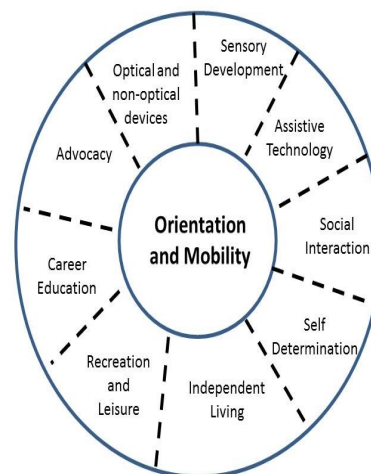
Standard Conference Fee: R2,000.00

OMASA Member Conference Fee: R1,500.00

Fees cover conference lectures and meals. No refunds for cancellation made after 18 June 2026.

Provisional Programme Topics

- Registration with the HPCSA: report back.
- Supervision: principles, practicalities and various models of supervision.
- O&M core Knowledge.
- Individual training programmes: preparing, evaluating, and adjustment.
- Complex Mobility systems.
- OT support for integrated care e.g. balance, posture, weak legs, hypertone.
- Electronic management & record keeping: principles and use of eWork planning, time management and optimization of situational realities.
- Multidisciplinary care – referrals, co-operation, support for clients and practitioners.
- Legal, ethical, and insurance considerations for supervision.
- Assessment, after intake.
- Procurement options for devices to assist VI children in the classroom.
- Latest technology for VI – specifically that which is available in South Africa.
- Opportunities for discussion.



How to Register:

Download and complete the Conference Registration Form 2026 from our website.

Make payment to: First National Bank

Branch Code: 250655

Acc Name: Orientation & Mobility Association

Acc No: 62900216806

Ref: Conference + Your Name

Email proof of payment and completed form to admin@omasa.org.za

Reminder!!!

OMASA Partial Sponsorship for IMC 2026

OMASA is proud to offer partial sponsorship for two delegates to attend IMC 2026, taking place 18–20 November 2026.

To be eligible for this sponsorship, delegates must meet the following criteria:

- Submit an abstract to the IMC by the closing date of 31 May 2026 (details on the IMC website).
- The abstract must be accepted for presentation at the IMC Conference 2026.

New Committee Member

We're delighted to welcome Prince Monyayi to the OMASA committee! His expertise and dedication will undoubtedly enrich our organization and contribute to our mission.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much” -Helen Keller

We look forward to moving the O&M profession forward together, and to seeing many of you at the conference in June as we celebrate these milestones.

Best regards,

OMASA Team



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