Treasurer declaration

- First, I had no access to financial transactions of the SONA bank accounts within Nairobi Kenya, and Cape Town South Africa.
- I could not track, receive any funds and paid by the name of the Society in any of the above-mentioned bank.
- I could not thus make transactions to be forwarded to the secretary general from time to time on a regular basis.
- Me and the secretary general were not able to share approval by the Executive Committee in any financial issue.
News

• The Cape Town account has been closed and the funds transferred to the account of the IBRO Center for Advanced Training in Neuroscience at UCT, to be used as deposit to reserve accommodation for students attending the IBRO-UCT Advanced School on Epilepsy in December 2015. As noted at the AGM, there has been no activity apart from my annual donation of R10 required to keep the account open.
• The only SONA account is the one in Kenya.
• The only funds raised for SONA are those provided from IBRO and transferred to the local organizing bank account.
A call has been performed by the local organizing committee to receive SONA membership.

Number of membership received so far is around 60.

I made during the last SONA AG in Durban a proposal of new status of the SONA Treasurer Representative (STR) with the following duties.

This initiative should be endorsed constitutionally to ensure transparency and organize well the tasks that will be performed by the treasurer and the local organizers of the SONA meeting.
Proposal of the SONA treasurer representative (SONATR)

Creating a new status of the SONA Treasurer Representative (SONATR) with the following duties:

1. She/he must create together with the SONA president a SONA bank account (SONABA) within the country where the SONA conference will be held.

2. Her/his nationality must be from the country where the next SONA meeting will be held so they can easily create with the president a new SONABA.

3. She/he should be elected during the SONA general assembly, and in case of lack of candidates, the SONA executive committee must elect the STR one month after the SONA meeting through an online voting process.
Proposal of the SONATR

4. In case, it is possible for the treasurer to have an electronic access to the new SONABA in a different country, a procedure must be performed so to allow the treasure to have close fellow up of the SONABA with the SONATR and the SONA president.

5. She/he will be responsible for collecting all funds for the SONA, under the close supervision of the SONA treasurer, during the two years term until the next SONA meeting.

6. Funds that will be collected during the 2 years term on the SONABA may include:
   a. membership fees,
   b. donations and legacies accepted by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Society in case they choose to put these funds within the current SONABA,
   c. annual operating allowance received from the African Regional Committee (IBRO-ARC),
   d. Transfer of any excess to be used as ‘seed’ money from the previous conference bank account.
7. She/he must provide to the treasurer in a monthly basis reports on the SONABA.
8. She/he should submit a detailed report on the expenses within one month after the SONA biannual conference to the treasurer and the executive committee.
9. The SONA president should approve the report of the SONATR.
10. A transfer of the SONA funds within the SONABA to another SONA account bank within Africa after each SONA conference must occur following a written decision from the SONA executive committee.
Advantages of such change

1. Make the constitution effective: real duties which are applied “on the ground”.
2. Transparent management: the more people involved the better is.
3. Gain the SONA trust which is mandatory to develop the ability to raise more funds
4. The more funds we can raise, the healthy society we will be