

SANDRA LABUSCAGNE-JONCK APPOINTED AS A DIRECTOR ON SACCS EXCO

Sandra Labuscagne-Jonck, the 2018 South African National Special Vehicle Navigators' Champion and the first female competitor in South Africa to receive her Protea Colours, has been appointed to the South African Cross Country Series (SACCS) Executive Committee as a director.

Labuscagne-Jonck, who competes in the SACCS championship as a driver in the Special Vehicle Category, replaces Terence Marsh, who served on the SACCS Exco since 2016 and has resigned due to business commitments. Marsh played an important role in the working of the Exco and will remain close to the SACCS as he will continue to provide valuable input.

Sandra, who has been competing in Cross Country events since the age of 18, started her racing career as a navigator and has seen her competing in four different SACCS classes over more than a decade. She received the Highest Placed Female Competitor award for four seasons and was the only South African female competitor selected to participate in the FIA Women in Motorsport Development Program.

Subsequent to winning the co-driver category of this program, she also competed in multiple international events including the Italian Baja, the Sealine Cross Country Rally in Qatar and the Baja Portalegre and qualified to receive Protea Colours in Cross Country racing.

Her father, Coetzee Labuscagne, is a multiple champion and a member of the "100 Club" having completed 107 SACCS races of which Sandra has been his navigator for the last eight seasons. With Coetzee announcing his retirement after competing for 35 years and having won the 2018 SA National Special Vehicle Championship together with his daughter. Sandra moved in behind the wheel of the Total Agri Porter and has been competing with husband, Jaco, in the SACCS on national and regional level.

Doctor (Dr.) Sandra Labuscagne is a veterinarian by profession and loves mountain biking and scuba diving.

With a long history in the sport and her love and total commitment to the SACCS, Labuscagne-Jonck is looking forward to adding even more value to the sport. "As a competitor I have a unique vantage point that could provide valuable insight and assist in addressing challenging issues" Sandra said.

She will serve on the Exco with two fellow directors, Archie Rutherford (CEO) and Greg Higgins with the rest of the Exco consisting of Evan Hutchison, Wammy Haddad, Eric Sommer and Charmaine Fortune.

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