



## SABBA broadens horizon

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“SABBA must change its image of ‘being an island unto its own.’ So says Executive Chairman, Jaap Maré, in reaction to queries about organised and individual liaison with non-affiliated associations.

“A case in point is the forthcoming international symposium of SAMBA global in Belgium. Because of differences in the past, members now seek guidance on SABBA’s position on their attendance, as well as on the fact that a prominent SABBA member has accepted an invitation to present a paper.

To use the cliché: the world has become a global village, and knowledge gathering is now essential for survival. To talk, listen, learn and interact outside our terms of reference will help grow the Association’s presence and influence – locally and abroad. Thanks to our Europe and USA executive members, SABBA and the Boerboel are now firmly established outside South Africa.

To the best of my knowledge, SAMBA primarily aims to address health and temperament issues concerning the Boerboel in Europe. There is also official involvement, e.g. Government departments from Belgium and the Netherlands, as well as the FCI (Fédération Cynologique Internationale - the world canine organisation) which is seated in Belgium.

In my opinion this symposium, and any platform that may present in future, will be ideal opportunities for SABBA and enthusiastic members to promote our true commitment to our vision of “ennobling the Boerboel breed.”