

The Paediatric Cardiac Society of South Africa



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Dear Colleagues

WORLD CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY AND CARDIAC SURGERY 2013

I am delighted to inform you that after a final presentation in Chicago on 31 March, we are successful in our bid to host the "VIth World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery" in Cape Town in 2013. We can therefore confirm that the Congress will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) between 10 and 15 March 2013. Our goal is to attract 5000 delegates to our city and our country.

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Cape Town - March 2013

As you know, when receiving our bid last year, the Steering Committee announced they had accepted an intention to bid from Turkey, the Netherlands and Portugal. The latter two dropped away and in the end it was a run off between Turkey and us. Prof Bongani Mayosi accompanied me to the final meeting of the "Steering Committee for the World Congress" and we had the opportunity for a second and final

presentation last Monday evening. Turkey and their Bid Committee, led by Dr Alpay Celiker, provided stiff competition. Happily through a secret ballot, the Steering Committee awarded it to Cape Town.

The congress promises to focus the attention of political and business leaders on the desperate plight of children with heart disease in Africa where so few receive adequate care and treatment for their disease. It is an opportunity for us in that it will draw attention to our country's capacity to bring assistance to these children and to the manner with which such assistance might be achieved.

This success brings credit to all the individuals and institutions that assisted us prepare and finance this bid and once again I would like to acknowledge.

- Premier of the Western Cape and Patron, Mr Ebrahim Rasool
- Mayor Helen Zille and the City of Cape Town

- Mr Raymond Ackerman and Pick n' Pay
- Mrs Caro Wiese
- Mr Ton Vosloo and Mr Hein Brand from Naspers and Media 24
- Mr Louis Alberts and Mediclinic
- Dr Richard Friedland and Netcare

- Mr Dirk Elzinga and the CTICC
- Mr Calvyn Gilfellan and Cape Town Routes Unlimited

- The Pan African Society of Cardiology
- The International Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society
- The World Society for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery

I would like to acknowledge too the effort and commitment of the other 3 members of the Bid Committee namely Susan Vosloo, John Lawrenson and Bongani Mayosi.

Although still 5 years hence there is much work ahead and our attention will obviously need shift to the substantial organizational challenge that this initiative presents. The support of our members will be critical to ensuring the ultimate successful organization and management of the congress in 2013.

MEDICLINIC PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SYMPOSIUM – 2008

The annual symposium takes place between Sunday 2 and Wednesday 5 November 2008 at the Wild Coast Sun situated just within the Eastern Cape, one kilometre over the border from Kwa-Zulu Natal. Please follow the announcements and call to abstracts available on both the SA Heart and PCSSA websites. Convenors Liezl Zühlke and Andre Brooks have invited an excellent international faculty and are developing a very attractive programme with particular reference to the burden of paediatric heart disease in Africa.

New sponsor:

We are very pleased to welcome the Mediclinic Private Hospital Group as the new sponsor of the annual Symposium. Their support will ensure that we are able to maintain a high standard by assisting national and international speakers attend our congresses.

International Speakers:

We will have a group of practitioners with not only excellent international reputations, but also an understanding of the challenges faced by physicians in the developing world. In addition to discussing advanced topics in surgery and cardiology we will develop the debate of how we as South Africans, together with the international community, can contribute to the rational development of cardiac services throughout Africa.

Prof Daniel Sidi

Head of Paediatric Cardiology at Hospital Necker in Paris, Vice President of Chain of Hope and a fellow of the University of California. A renowned paediatric cardiovascular practitioner, he is also a researcher and teacher. In addition he has actively contributed to the creation of paediatric cardiac units in developing countries and trained at Necker a number of physicians from these regions. He was deeply involved in the advancement of the heart institute of Ho Chi Min City and the Maputo Heart Institute. He has almost 300 original papers including 23 in experimental research, 87 didactic publications, 56 chapters or books and 407 abstracts or presentations in scientific congresses. In addition he has established many bodies of research in France and abroad.

Prof Pascal Vouhé

Head of Paediatric Cardiothoracic surgery at Hospital Necker Paris. Member of the European and French Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. Interests include all aspects of paediatric cardiac surgery with specific interest in arterial switch operation. Another interest is the potential benefits of the technique of normothermic cardiopulmonary bypass and therefore increased myocardial protection.

David Barron

Consultant surgeon Birmingham Children's Hospital, UK

Interests: Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, with extensive experience in the RV-PA conduit modification of the Norwood operation, Physiological repair of Congenitally Corrected Transposition, Fontan Circulation, Complex Pulmonary Atresia and Adult Congenital Heart Disease.

Sara Thorne

Consultant GUCH cardiologist Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, UK

This particular GUCH unit covers a population of 5 million and offers a full range of services with adults with congenital heart disease. There is an integrated approach to the on going management of patients from Birmingham Children's with transition clinics and surgical and interventional support. Particular interests are pregnancy in the GUCH patient, transition of care from paediatric to adult and coarctation.

These international speakers will be joined by several invited South African speakers.

SOUTH AFRICAN HEART ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

The President of SA Heart Prof Bongani Mayosi has called a National Council Meeting on Friday 11 April 2008. "Council" includes the President and Executive but also the Special Interest Groups (SIGS) and representatives from the regions. This follows the last Council meeting 3 years ago. The major items on the agenda are;

- the relationship between SA Heart and SIGS.
- South African Heart Association Cath Lab registry

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PCSSA

Membership of the PCSSA costs a mere R 100.00 over and above the membership of the South African Heart Association. This is a very small amount to contribute but the gesture indicates a willingness to be a part of this organization and the desire to participate fully and responsibly in our affairs. You cannot engage with the society, influence and affect our policies and interests without being a member. So if not already a member, please join by paying on-line at www.saheart.org

Dr Christopher Hugo-Hamman
President