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Dear Colleagues

Seasons greeting from your new Executive Committee elected at our AGM on 31 October during the Netcare Paediatric Cardiac Symposium at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West.

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We are pleased to welcome Steve Brown to the Executive. Our constitution entitles the Exec to co-opt additional members and we added John Hewitson and former Vice President Ebrahim Hoosen to our team. This Executive will be in office for the forthcoming two years. John Lawrenson is not on the Executive after many years of service for which the society is heavily indebted to him. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery from his recent illness.

### ABBOTT SPONSORSHIP

You will note that Abbott are sponsoring this newsletter and other activities and their contribution is acknowledged through the branding footnote. Chris Hugo-Hamman was recently invited to speak to the Western Cape Paediatric IPA on "*Respiratory Syncytial Virus and the Heart*". That talk reflected on differences between the SA, US and UK guidelines, areas where the SA guidelines may be improved, efforts to highlight awareness about prophylaxis before the RSV season and strategies to improve prophylaxis usage and public sector penetration through inter alia, price reduction.

### PAN AFRICAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY/KENYAN CARDIAC SOCIETY CONFERENCE ON "HEART DISEASE, DIABETES AND STROKE IN AFRICA", NAIROBI, 13-16 MAY 2007

The PCSSA has been asked by the *Pan African Society of Cardiology (PASCAR)* and *Kenyan Cardiac Society*, to arrange organise and finance the paediatric content of their forthcoming meeting on "heart disease, diabetes and stroke in Africa". This conference will be held in Nairobi between 13 and 16 May 2007. The conference announcement is appended to this newsletter.

The paediatric programme will consist of invited lectures on Monday 14 May and a second parallel session for delegate speakers willing to submit abstracts to this meeting. Please look at the Draft agenda and consider whether you would like to attend and/or submit an abstract. Abstracts should be sent directly to Chris Hugo-Hamman (e mail above) before 31 January 2007.



The early speaker programme is enclosed below;

<b>PAN AFRICAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY/KENYAN CARDIAC SOCIETY CONFERENCE</b>
<b>PAEDIATRIC PLENARY SPEAKER PROGRAMME</b>
Children's Heart Disease in Africa – challenging the burden of disease <b>John Hewitson, South Africa</b> Catheter interventions – some solutions for congenital heart disease <b>Phillip Bonhoffer, United Kingdom</b> Systems for paediatric cardiac care – toward a Pan-African referral network <b>Samuel Omokhodion, Nigeria</b> Echocardiography – a cost effective imaging solution for CHD in Africa <b>Jeff Harrisberg, South Africa</b>

### **NETCARE PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SYMPOSIUM 2006**

The symposium held at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West was a great success. Our thanks to the Convenors and Scientific Committee of SA Heart and in particular Prof Steven Brown, the Paediatric Convenor, for assembling a glittering array of 6 high profile international paediatric and GUCH speakers.

Norman H Silverman from San Francisco  
Ziyad M Hijazi from Chicago Children's  
Marc de Laval ex Great Ormond Street  
Shakeel Qureshi from Guys Hospital  
Heidi Connolly from the Mayo Clinic and  
Jane Somerville (retired)

We were pleased to have the CEO of Netcare Hospitals, Hector Mackay, introduce our Symposium with an address on the health care environment in South Africa. Once again we acknowledge the generous and sustained contribution to our work from NETCARE.

International visitors are a necessary component of our scientific meeting but we have tried to encourage participation in our Annual meeting from members of our society and to this end, again had a session of case presentations and another of short papers. There were 6 speakers for the case presentations and 8 for the short papers. We are certain there could be many more and encourage you to participate fully in next years meeting.

Prizes were offered and congratulations to second placed Fari Takawira and winner Deliwe Ngwezi for their case presentations and second placed Vivienne Hunter for her "LV dimensions and compaction ratio in patients with VSD" paper and winner Rik de Decker for his study on "FISH testing for 22q11 deletion at Red Cross Children's".

### **TOWARD GUIDELINES IN PAEDIATRIC INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY**

Saturday 28 October, PCSSA held an all day workshop to discuss the development of for best practice guidelines in interventional cardiology. It was well attended with enthusiastic participation. Dr Shakeel Qureshi was our participating international expert giving several problem based presentations himself. Dr Qureshi was himself the first author of the British Guidelines published in 2000 therefore well qualified to assist our process.



Jeff Harrisberg drafted the exhaustive paperwork and will be responsible for taking the guideline or recommendations, to their conclusion. PARAGMED sponsored the day and our sincere thanks to Gary Pakes the MD and to Claire, for her excellent organisation.

### **NETCARE PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SYMPOSIUM 2007**

PCSSA has been invited to join the South African Society for Cardiac Intervention and the Cardiothoracic society of South Africa in organising next years annual SA Heart congress entitled "Heart 2 Heart", which will be held at Sun City from 21 to 25 November 2007. This promises to be an exciting congress in an always popular venue. It will naturally have a heavy focus on interventions and will hopefully provide a timely opportunity to finalize the PCSSA guidelines for cardiac interventions.

Booking is expected to be heavy because this is also the 4<sup>th</sup> Indian Ocean Meeting of Cardiovascular Disease and a large contingent of delegates are expected from France and the Indian Islands of Mauritius and Reunion. You are urged to book early and to consider speaking at the meeting. Jeff Harrisberg has offered to convene the Paediatric programme and will be assisted in this by Kenny Govendragaloo.

### **GUIDELINES ON ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY IN CHILDREN**

Thanks largely to work by Ebrahim Hoosen, PCSSA has prepared a draft guideline entitled, "*Echocardiography in Children in South Africa*". The template for this guideline is "Standards of Practice for *Echocardiography in Children*, a guideline of the Paediatric Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand and the Australian Society for Ultrasound in Medicine. Both organisation kindly granted permission for us to use their document for this purpose. The guideline has been submitted to SA Heart and South African Paediatric Association for comment and thereafter will be published in the Journal of the SA Heart Association. The draft is enclosed for your information and comment but is not to be quoted.

### **6<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS OF PAEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGY AND CARDIAC SURGERY 2013**

PCSSA is proceeding ahead with its bid for the 2013 World Congress. The Chairman of the Steering Committee for 2013, Dr Horatio Capelli, will visit Cape Town for during the World Diabetes Conference in early December as a guest of PCSSA and the Cape Town International Conference Centre. We will make our presentation to the Steering Committee in Washington DC on 5 May 2007.

### **A LOGO FOR PCSSA**

We believe it necessary for PCSSA to have its own "corporate identity". To this end, we require a logo and a unique letterhead. We invite you to unleash your creative genius and design a logo for us. This should be submitted electronically before 20 January 2006. The Executive will judge all entries and the winner of this "competition" will receive a prize of R 2 500.00.

### **CONCLUSION**

There are at least two conferences involving PCSSA next year and we hope to see you in Nairobi in May and Sun City in November. My best wishes for 2007.

Dr Christopher Hugo-Hamman  
President

