

# PAEDIATRIC CARDIAC SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

- Special interest group of the South African Heart Association -

## Newsletter January 2005

Dear Colleagues

May I extend my best wishes for the New Year and express the desire to see you all at our next meeting in October 2005.

### Executive Committee

Most of you would be aware that a new executive was elected in Durban;

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### SA Heart Congress, 6-8<sup>th</sup> October 2004 Durban

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Durban in October have already been circulated as has the Constitution of our society, adopted at that meeting. Many thanks to the organizers of our Paediatric meeting, John Lawrenson and Jeff Harrisberg in particular. The success of the meeting is a small measure of their collective efforts. Our grateful thanks to Netcare for their sponsorship of one of the speakers and to SA Heart for picking up the tab for one of the others.

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# **SA Heart Congress: 16-19<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

## **Venue**

Our 2005 meeting will be held between Sunday 16 and Wednesday 19 October at the attractive Champagne Sports Resort in the Drakensberg, Kwazulu -Natal. The venue is in the Champagne Valley, close to Winterton, a 2 hour drive from Durban International Airport and a 3 ½ hour drive from Johannesburg. This roughly the same distance from Durban as another popular venue, Sun City, is from Johannesburg. The venue is ideal for hikers and besides other marvelous sports facilities, boasts a fine 18 hole par 72 championship golf course. Further information on the venue can be found at [www.champagnesportsresort.com](http://www.champagnesportsresort.com)

## **Academic meeting**

The congress is being organized by the Cardiac Arrhythmia Society of Southern Africa (CASSA), another special interest group of SA Heart. Therefore, the congress is to have an electrophysiology beat and we are likely to have at least three of our sessions devoted to Paediatric arrhythmia. There will be a minimum of 6 other non-arrhythmia sessions of general interest to Paediatric surgeons and cardiologists. Our Society is already busy formulating an exciting programme featuring local and world experts. We invite submission of abstracts on to complement the meeting.

## **International speakers**

Two internationally acclaimed Paediatric Cardiologists and a Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon have accepted invitations to participate in the meeting.

### ***J Philip Sauls***

Phil Sauls is the Director of the Children's Heart Programme of South Carolina, Professor of Pediatrics in the Medical University of South Carolina and Medical Director of the MUSC Children's Hospital in Charleston. Arrhythmia in children is his special interest.

### *Tom Karl*

Tom Karl is Chief of Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery, Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics and Surgical Director of Pediatric Cardiac ICU at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Children's Hospital. He was previously Professor of Surgery (6/00-11/01) at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and spent 10 years at the Cardiac Surgical Unit, Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, the last 6 years of which were as Director.

### *Shakeel Qureshi*

Shak Qureshi is Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist at the United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, London. He has been Director of Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory since 1999 and Head of Service for Paediatric Cardiology since May 2004. He has a special interest in interventional cardiology.

For further information on the organization of the meeting go to : [www.saheart.co.za](http://www.saheart.co.za), e-mail [Sonja@londocor.co.za](mailto:Sonja@londocor.co.za) or phone the Congress Secretariat at (011) 768-4355.

## **Membership:**

Our goal is to make our society a vibrant and energetic agency for children with heart disease in South Africa. Your membership and support is invaluable in trying to achieve this end. Please encourage your colleagues with an interest and heart disease in children, to join our society!

It is required that members of the Paediatric Cardiac Society pay an annual subscription to SA Heart. Without that, we cannot expect to enjoy the benefits of membership of SA Heart which include the Annual Congress, research grant and congress support. In addition members, are required to pay an R100.00 subscription per annum for membership of the Paediatric Cardiac Society. Payments for this can be made directly into the following account:

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Paediatric Cardiac Society of South Africa  
ABSA Protea Park  
Cheque account number: 4049194187  
Branch number: 535105

Please fax proof of payment to our Treasurer, Dr Ray Dansky, at 011 234 3162.

There is still only a small group of Paediatricians in South Africa with an interest in heart disease in children. We wish to grow this society and hope that you share that vision. Please circulate this newsletter to other colleagues whom you think might be interested in our business.

Dr Christopher Hugo-Hamman

President