SA HEART WESTERN CAPE BRANCH

Annual report September 2019 to September 2020:

The executive committee members:
President: Alfonso Pecoraro
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Secretary: Bradley Griffiths
Treasurer: Jens Hinzeroth
Members: Hellmuth Weich, Charles Kyriakakis, George Commits, Andre Brooks, Chevaan Hendrikse

The branch has decided on quarterly meetings and three (3) meetings were held.

1. September 2019: Dr Mark Abelson discussed the current Indications for left atrial appendage (LAA) closure. In addition, researchers were invited to deliver a short presentation on their current research. Drs R du Toit and J Doubell both won complimentary registration to SA Heart 2019 for delivering the best presentations on the evening.

2. October 2019: Prof Simon Redwood presented the “Current status of TAVI” followed by an interactive discussion on the way forward with expanding indications for TAVI.

3. February 2020: Prof Gregory Barsness presented the topic “State of the art STEMI care” followed by an interactive discussion regarding the challenges to STEMI care in the Western Cape.

4. No further meetings were held due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We aim to restart our quarterly meetings during the first quarter of 2021.

The Western Cape branch is very proud of the excellent attendance of members at these meetings and would like to thank our members and sponsors for their contribution to the success of the meetings.

Alfonso Pecoraro
President