



YEAR IN REVIEW

By now, everybody has 2011 fully planned and is hopefully excited about our Congress in East London and the FRSA Meeting in Cape Town. Like many of you, I attended the Echo Meeting in Sandton. HeFSSA's Heart Failure Educational programme for GPs is also rolling out in the more distant towns. SASCI's Registrar and other meetings are, as always, popular.

Medtronic has again taken care of educational meetings for the allied professionals and Baroque and Abbot's Cross Road programme is still very much alive. CASSA want to regulate CRT and ICD therapy in a responsible way and the medical aids are still following guidelines from years ago and do not understand this therapy. Most regions also have active local meetings. SAPPF is still negotiating a new tariff structure but progress is slow. SpesNet predicted that medical aids cannot afford modern optimal cover but Healthman confirmed with facts that cardiologists' fees should be at least two times the present minimum fees.

TAVI procedures are well established in South Africa but the road to access for all is still steep and long. Read about the new guidelines in the next newsletter. Medtronic and MSD had a very successful Medical and Mechanical Meeting and we thank them for their continued efforts. We are all looking forward to have Professor Spencer King in the country for two months, sponsored but Medtronic and hosted by SASCI.

SA Heart needs some restructuring to prevent fragmentation of our small cardiology community. We are actively planning a new website that should give access to all the SIGs and other relevant sites, with regularly updated information. We need your continued input and recommendations but, more importantly, your presence and participation at our AGM in October. Our SHARE Registry is active and eagerly awaiting your enthusiastic participation.

In 2013, you will all have the opportunity to attend the World Paediatric Cardiology Congress, which will also incorporate our annual meeting in March 2013. There will be abundant content of interest for adult cardiologist and

we expect to see you all there – for your own sake but also to show the world that we care.

Our bid to host the 2014 World Cardiology Congress in Durban was unsuccessful due to extreme financial requirements and expectation from the World Cardiology Federation and despite an intense effort with a free venue and beach party on offer. They do however realise the need to host this meeting in Africa, and only time will tell whether they will succeed.

"Stent for Life" is a programme to promote and facilitate speedy appropriate access to competent medical care for ACS and includes early and timeous consultation and referral to appropriate centres for fast optimal anti-coagulation and revascularisation including primary PCI. This programme was rolled out with the help of the ESC and companies like Abbott in a number of countries not dissimilar to South Africa.

With the financial and educational support from Abbott/Baroque, we are keen to start a similar project in South Africa. This will involve all emergency services and cardiac care centres. GPs and other healthcare practitioners that first meet the ACS patient, emergency centres and ambulance services require education, guidelines and supportive information to make quick assessments, evaluation, consultation, initiation of therapy and appropriate referral. The programme will be a SA Heart Project, but in close collaboration with the South African Heart and Stroke Foundation, whose presentation should keep this project objective and impartial to avoid misuse of the project.

SA Heart has made significant progress in establishing online access to a number of journals for its members. This might come with a subscription fee but is promised to be a bargain. The issue will be discussed at our AGM. The information in the various newsletters from the special interests groups in this issue indicate the activity and hard work being done in our society and we thank all those devoted colleagues for their time and participation

Adriaan Snyders

CARDIOVASCULAR CONGRESSES 2011/2012

CONGRESS	DATE	CITY	COUNTRY
ECCR (EUROPEAN CARDIOVASCULAR RESEARCH)	29 September - 2 October 2011	Nice	France
EACTS (EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR CARDIO-THORACIC SURGERY) 2011	1-5 October 2011	Lisbon	Portugal
VENICE ARRHYTHMIAS 2011	9-12 October 2011	Venice	Italy
CHEST 2011	10-15 October 2011	San Diego	USA
SA HEART 2011	23-26 October 2011	East London	South Africa
7TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON INTENSIVE CARDIAC CARE	30 October - 1 November 2011	Tel Aviv	Israel
TCT 2011	7-11 November 2011	San Francisco, CA	USA
AHA SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS	13-16 November 2011	Orlando, FL	USA
FRSA (FRENCH-REUNION SOUTH AFRICA MEETING)	27-30 November 2011	Cape Town	South Africa
EUROECHO	7-10 December 2011	Budapest	Hungary
CRT 2012	5-7 February 2012	Washington, DC	USA
JIM 2012	9-11 February 2012	Rome	Italy
TREND 2012 - TRANSCATHETER RENAL DENERVATION	18 February 2012	Frankfurt	Germany
ICC - INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY	24-26 February 2012	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
ACC.12	24/27 March 2012	Chicago, IL	USA
WORLD CONGRESS CARDIOLOGY	18-21 April 2012	Dubai	UEA
ESH 2012	26-28 April 2012	London	UK
EAPCI	3-5 May 2012	Dublin	Ireland
EUROPCR	15/18 May 2012	Paris	France
HEARTFAILURE 2012	19-22 May 2012	Belgrade	Serbia
CARDIOSTIMM	13-16 June 2012	Nice	France
SA HEART 2012	19-22 July 2012	Sun City	South Africa
ESC 2012	25-29 August 2012	Munich	Germany
HEART RHYTHM SOCIETY 2012	9-12 May 2012	Boston, MA	USA
ACUTE CARDIAC CARE	20-22 October 2012	Istanbul	Turkey
CHEST 2012	20-25 October	Atlanta, GA	USA
EHRA - EUROPACE	23-26 June 2013	Athens	Greece
EUROECHO 2012		Copenhagen	Denmark

HeFSSA NEWS

HeFSSA (The Heart Failure Society of South Africa) has had a very exciting and busy year. They have initiated many activities and partnered with key players in the health industry to ensure that the goals in their mission statement, i.e. to promote education and research, as well as collaboration on issues relating to heart failure in South Africa and around the world, are met.

Our dedicated HeFSSA Executive committee under the leadership of the President, Professor Karen Sliwa is: Drs Eric Klug (Vice President), Martin Mpe (Treasurer), Cristina Radulescu, Darryl Smith, Pro Obel, Jean Vorster, Tony Lachman and Professor Sandrine Lecour and the industry Exco representatives, William Stranix and Patricia Magagula. Without them, the society would not be able to meet its numerous goals. It is with regret that we inform members that Dr Dave Gilmer has resigned from the Exco committee.

The annual SA Heart Congress will take place from 23 to 26 October 2011 in East London.

Please note

The HeFSSA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 October from 12h30 to 13h30 at the SA Heart Congress. I would like to encourage members to attend this important meeting and contribute to the society and achievement of our objectives.

At this year's conference, HeFSSA will once again host a GP Cardio Update with Dr Martin Mpe as the programme director. The workshop is scheduled for 23 October from 12h00 to 16h00. HeFSSA's aim during this workshop is to educate as many general practitioners as possible on general cardiology. I would like to thank AstraZeneca for their support of this programme.

HeFSSA will also contribute to this year's congress with both Professor Karen Sliwa and Professor Sandrine Lecour's expert input. They have developed a joint HeFSSA and SASCAR symposium on heart failure and a second, more clinical workshop on preventing HF in pregnancies. Professor Vera Regitz-Zagrosek from the Institute of Gender Research, Herzzentrum Berlin, Germany and Professor A.J. Shah, London, UK, as well as local speakers, will present at these sessions.

GP Programme: update 2011

This year's GP Programme was held from 7 May through to 13 August. Our aim was to grow and to reach as many GPs as possible through this initiative. In 2010, we held six meetings in the six major cities in South Africa. This year we expanded the focus to include smaller areas in South Africa and an extremely successful meeting in Windhoek, Namibia. 19 meetings were held in 2011 with a panel of 25 dedicated cardiologists participating as lecturers. The number of General Practitioners who attended increased from 160 attendees in 2010 to 267 delegates attending in 2011. SA Heart and HeFSSA have also gained more than 50 new members.



The general practitioners were very appreciative in their feedback: "Thank you for the informative talk. It has motivated me to keep on going", "I have learned a lot and it will definitely benefit my practice" and "We need these kinds of workshops more regularly".

At the end of yet another successful programme, we have to acknowledge several prominent contributors for the success: Dr P. Obel, Professor K. Sliwa and Dr E. Klug, who was primarily responsible for the slide kit compendium used during these meetings. The following cardiologists need to be thanked for their dedication as part of this year's faculty, i.e. Drs Mark Abelson, Cobus Badenhorst, MPG Dean, S. Fourie, Jens Hitzeroth, Ronnie Jardine, Dave Kettles, Eric Klug, J.A. Lochner, Tony Lachman, E.M. Makotoko, Farouk Mamdoo, S. Middlemost, Martin Mpe, Pro Obel, Ian Roscher, Darryl Smith, Adriaan Snyders, A. Stanley, A. Thornton, Nico van der Merwe, Tjaardt Venter, Jean Vorster, Professor A. Mitha and Professor Karen Sliwa. Professor Sliwa and Dr Obel also prepared a questionnaire in order for the attendees to gain additional CPD points.

These programmes would not have been possible if HeFSSA did not receive unconditional grants from our corporate members: AstraZeneca, Servier, Pharma Dynamics and Medtronic.

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Update of the HF Guidelines

As previously reported, Dr Martin Mpe and the HeFSSA Exco have embarked on the mammoth task of updating the HF guidelines. The ESC Guidelines will be the basis of this Executive Summary from a South African perspective. The target audience will be non-cardiologists. We are now in the second phase of this process where the initial draft is now under discussion by the Exco. Hereafter, other special interest groups will also have the opportunity to provide their input. The due date for these guidelines to be ready and available is 23 October at the SA Heart Congress in East London. This will be followed by an education drive targeting general practitioners.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship from AstraZeneca, the Heart Failure Society of South Africa is updating our website. The HeFSSA Exco has contributed to ensure that

the content is updated, relevant and interesting. The draft version is currently being assessed by the Executive and will be formally launched at SA Heart Congress. The HeFSSA website will be linked to SA Heart Association's website as per agreement at SA Heart General Council meeting in February 2011.

Please contact the HeFSSA office if you want to learn more about these events or if you want to participate in any of the programmes.

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INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PREVENTION

ANNOUNCEMENT

44th Ten-Day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention, 15 to 27 January 2012, Cape Town, South Africa

The International Society of Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention announces the 44th Ten-Day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention to be held from 15 to 27 January 2012 in Cape Town, South Africa in conjunction with the South African Medical Research Council and the University of Cape Town.

Approximately 36 fellows can be accepted. The final selection will be made by the Society's Seminar Committee. Nominees should normally be at the postgraduate level with residency training or its equivalent, and be interested in cardiovascular disease epidemiology. Preference will be given to younger candidates, with little or no formal training in epidemiology. Tuition, board and accommodation are provided without cost to fellows. Fellows and their sponsors are responsible for their own travel costs to the seminar.

Fluency in English is an absolute essential!

Should any accepted fellow be unable to attend, no substitute not reviewed by the Seminar Committee may be sent as an alternate by the institution.

Applications, including

- a letter of nomination by chief of department or institution, or other relevant sponsor,
- a personal letter of application from the nominee, and
- the applicant's curriculum vitae,

should be received **before 15 September 2011** by the seminar coordinator at the address listed below. Applications can be sent by email but a signed hard copy should follow in the post.

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SASCI NEWS

It is my privilege to report on SASCI's activity over the past number of months and for the rest of 2011.

As always I would like to thank my Executive Committee for their contribution to the society and our objectives. After almost eight years at the helm of SASCI, my contribution as president will conclude at the SASCI AGM to be held at the SA Heart Congress (October 2011). The "handover" of SASCI to a new leadership team creates the opportunity to rejuvenate and redefine or "tweak" our contribution to interventional cardiology as a whole. As ex-officio president, I will still be actively involved, but more in a supportive role.

It is imperative that SASCI members attend this year's AGM as a new Executive Committee and office bearers will be elected.

Getting new blood, involved is essential.

A society is only as strong as its members and is highly dependent on individuals willing to get involved to influence the macro environment we operate in, to the ultimate benefit of our patients. Getting new blood, not always necessarily young blood, involved is essential and one area the current Exco has not been very successful in, but unfortunately this is not uncommon in non-profit organisations. At this point, some two months prior to the AGM, I ask you to reflect on your contribution to the broader interventional cardiology community, through the Society or individually. Members may contact our executive

officer George Nel at 083 458 5954 or me if you wish to discuss your possible involvement in person.

The following are the individuals who have been the cornerstones of our society for the past few years.

President	Dr Graham Cassel
President (ex-officio)	Dr Tom Mabin
Vice-President	Dr Farrel Hellig
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Members	Dr Cobus Badenhorst
	Dr Jacques du Toit
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	Dr Sajidah Khan
	Dr Chris Zambakides
	Rob Millar
	(Industry, term end 2012)
	Salome Snyders
	(Industry, term end 2012)
	Mariska Fouche
	(Industry, term end 2012)
Executive Officer	George Nel (assisted by Me Sanette Zietsman)

The following major activities and programmes took place since the previous report

The SASCI Executive Guideline Working Group, consisting of G. Cassel, T. Mabin, F. Hellig and S. Khan, has over the past few months developed "SASCI Comment on Treatment of Myocardial Revascularisation from a South African Interventional Perspective". This document is available at www.sasci.co.za. This SASCI document should be read in conjunction with the European Society of Cardiology Guidelines. This document has been issued to the broader medical funding environment, as well as the Council for Medical Schemes.

SASCI NEWS continued

A "Joint Consensus Statement and Guideline on Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation" has also been issued which has been developed jointly by the SA Heart Association, the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of South Africa and SASCI.

The following activities are planned for the foreseeable future (at time of writing)

It is with great pride that SASCI announces that Dr Spencer B. King III, (M.D., M.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.E.S.C.) – Executive Director Academic Affairs Saint Joseph's Health System, President Saint Joseph's Heart and Vascular Institute, Professor of Medicine Emeritus, Emory University School of Medicine – has agreed to be this year's SASCI Visiting Professor.

Dr King is well respected and experienced in interventional cardiology and as such offers numerous teaching opportunities for the medical schools he will be visiting from

October to November. Lecture evenings are being planned for private and public cardiologists in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Bloemfontein and Durban during Dr King's tenure. More information on these meetings can be found on the SASCI website. I would like to thank Medtronic for their substantial and unconditional support of this valuable extension of SASCI's long standing commitment to enhance cardiology sub-specialty training in South Africa.

The South African Heart Association Congress 2011 will take place in East London from 23 to 26 October 2011. Dr Spencer King (SASCI's Visiting Professor 2011) and Dr Vasco Rui Da Gama Ribeiro will be part of our international faculty. The programme will be of great interest to the interventional cardiologist. Some of the highlights are listed below. Our important AGM will also be held during the congress. PLEASE make sure that you attend.

Monday 24 October 2011

Plenary Session 3: Ethics (Auditorium)

Chairperson: Dr P. Obel

13h30 - 14h00 Prolongation of life is the doctor's duty - no matter what. A case study

Speakers Dr G. Cassel and G. Edwards

17h00 - 18h00 SASCI Annual General Meeting (Venue Regency 4)

Tuesday 25 October 2011

Plenary Session 6: Interventional cardiology (Auditorium)

Chairpersons: Dr G. Cassel and Prof J.D. Marx

11h00 - 11h45 Tips and tricks in Intervention

Speakers S. King (USA) and F. Hellig (South Africa)

11h45 - 12h30 Trial by jury: Stenting the left main is criminal

Judge: S. Furniss (UK)

Prosecutor: J. Pomar (Spain)

Defence Council: V. da Gama (Portugal)

Assessors: F. Hellig (South Africa) & R. Kleinloog (South Africa)

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Tuesday 25 October 2011 continued

Plenary Session 8:	Valvular Heart Disease (Auditorium)
Chairpersons:	F. Hellig (SA) & M. Sussman (SA)
15h30 - 15h40	Aortic valve and the advances in the role of imaging (echo and CMR)
Speaker	J. Selva-Nyagam (Australia)
15h40 - 16h20	Mitral valve intervention – Case selection: surgeon VS cardiologist (debate)
Speakers	C. Vicol (Germany) & S. King (USA)
16h20 - 17h00	Aortic stenosis in the elderly – TAVI vs. Surgery (debate)
Speakers	J. Pomar (Spain) & V. Da Gama (Portugal)

Wednesday 26 October 2011

Plenary Session 9:	"Soap Box Session" (Auditorium)
09h00 - 09h10	LAA Occlusion
Speaker	V. da Gama (Portugal)
09h10 - 09h20	ADRIAN in resistant hypertension
Speaker	S. King (USA)

South African Registrars will once again have the opportunity to attend the annual Society for Cardiac Angiography and Intervention (SCAI) Fellows Programme in Las Vegas from 6 to 9 December 2011. The SA delegation for 2011 is Drs M.C. Mayayise, G.S. Harris, S. Pandie and C. Kyriakakis. The SASCI Exco panel was impressed by the caliber of this year's candidates and believes that they will benefit from this educational opportunity. SASCI would also like to acknowledge both SCAI and Boston Scientific's financial support in making this programme possible.

SASCI in collaboration with the France-Reunion Cardiology Group, and the South African Cardiac Surgery Group, will host the French-Reunion-South African (FRSA) Meeting in Cape Town from 27 to 30 November 2011 at the BOE convention center in the Cape Town. More information is supplied in this newsletter.

I would like to thank our industry partners for their continued and unwavering support of SASCI and the society's constitutional objectives. Without these close and professional relationships few of SASCI's objectives will be achieved – Aspen, AstraZeneca, Baroque, B Braun, Boston, Cordis, Disa Vascular, Edwards, Lilly, Medtronic, MSD, Paragmed, Pharma Dynamics, Torque Medical, Viking and Volcano. These companies are truly committed to our society and education in South Africa.

Please contact your executive officer George Nel at 083 458 5954 or sasci@sasci.co.za if you need any assistance or to formally communicate with the executive.

Dr Graham Cassel
President, SASCI



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6th France-Reunion-South Africa (FRSA) Cardiovascular Disease Meeting 27 – 30 November 2011

**BOE Conference Centre, Clock Tower
V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa**



*Endorsed by the
University of Cape Town (South Africa)
and Mayo Clinic (USA)*



The FRSA Cardiovascular Disease Meeting 2011 is a unique traditional biennial meeting organised by the France-Reunion Cardiology Group and the South African Society for Cardiovascular Intervention (SASCI) and the Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons of South Africa (SCTSA), special interest groups within The SA Heart Association. This unique collaboration has been highly successful over the last 14 years. Previously held in Mauritius, it has now moved to Cape Town, South Africa.

The 2011 Meeting in Cape Town will be endorsed by the University of Cape Town and Mayo Clinic (Rochester USA). In keeping with the tradition of a multi-disciplinary approach, this three-day meeting will bring together interventional cardiologists (coronary and vascular) with cardiac surgeons, vascular surgeons, radiologists, and interested allied professionals from South Africa, France and Europe.

It is worth mentioning that it not only includes some of the world's foremost experts in cardiovascular intervention, but also has amongst them, the current and past President of ESC. Also current President of SCAI, leading investigators in anti-platelet trials, leading TAVI investigators, and a number of leading cardiovascular surgeons in Europe. There will be sponsored symposia, covering such topics as anti-platelet therapy, TAVI and new stent designs. Bernard Gersh and Chet Rihal represent the Mayo Clinic, USA. It will be an opportunity to listen to and mingle with the best.

Topics

- Clinical cardiology
- Percutaneous & surgical intervention for coronary artery disease
- Percutaneous & surgical intervention for valvular heart disease
- Cardiovascular imaging & diagnostic tools
- Pharmacological management for interventional cardiology
- Interventions for cardiac failure & cardiac support
- Peripheral vascular disease intervention
- Coronary Stents – Present & Future
- Lesion Assessment FFR/Ivus/OCT
- Unstable Coronary Syndromes
- Anti-platelet, anti-thrombotic applications
- Diabetes & Heart Disease
- Structural Heart Disease: including TAVI, LA Appendage closure and future valve interventions
- Renal denervation
- Surgical valve replacement/repair/complete revascularisation/heart failure
- Peripheral vascular interventions
- Device therapy in Heart Failure

Chairmen

Tom Mabin: Cardiology (South Africa)
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THE WORLD CONGRESS, CAPE TOWN, 2013

Only 18 months to go!

The 6th World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery takes place in Cape Town from 17 to 22 February 2013. The Congress will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). The South African Heart Association (SA Heart) is the host and Paediatric Cardiac Society of South Africa (PCSSA) is the organiser of the Congress. The World Congress is the Annual Congress of SA Heart in 2013!

The Congress will highlight the problems peculiar to cardiovascular health and healthcare on our continent.

This will be the biggest event in cardiac care ever to be held in Africa. The Congress themes give recognition to an African event and will highlight the problems peculiar to cardiovascular health and healthcare on our continent. The five "Tracks" ensure more than enough interest for clinicians and scientists, cardiothoracic surgeons and cardiologists, devoted to the management of children and adults with congenital and acquired heart diseases.

Tracks for 2013

- Cardiology – the revolution in cardiovascular imaging
- Catheter based interventions – from foetus to adult



- Adults with congenital and acquired heart disease
- Cardiac surgery and intensive care
- Health systems and heart disease

State-of-the-art topics and talks elaborated within each track and spread through plenaries and parallel sessions, guarantee exposure to the best international faculty. Specialists in foetal medicine though electro physiologists to experts in aortic root replacement, will all find a wealth of clinical and scientific material at the Congress.

For detail on the scientific programme please visit www.pccs2013.co.za.

Timeline to 2013

9 January 2012	Registration opens
9 January 2012	Call for papers
31 May 2012	"Super early bird" registration closes
30 June 2012	Deadline for abstract submission
31 August 2012	Notification to speaks
30 September 2012	"Early bird" registration closes
17 February 2013	Opening ceremony at the CTICC

Spread the word, visit the website, meet the deadlines and help make SA Heart 2013 and the World Congress an outstanding success.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The travel scholarship is available to all members and associate members living in South Africa and primarily aims to assist junior colleagues. In doing so, continued future participation in local or international scientific meetings/workshops is encouraged.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be fully paid-up members/associate members in good standing for at least one year.
- Applications need to include:
 - Full details of the meeting/workshop;
 - The applicant's abbreviated CV; and
 - A breakdown of the anticipated expenses.
- Applications must reach the Association a minimum of 3 months before the event.

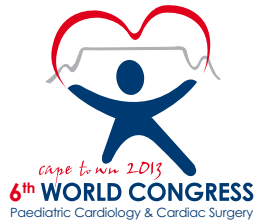
RECOMMENDATIONS

- Acceptance of an abstract submitted by the applicant at the scientific meeting/workshop. (Should acceptance be pending, the application need still be submitted 3 months prior with a note stating expected time of approval.) In such a case the scholarship might be granted conditionally: that proof of the abstract being accepted is submitted afterwards);
- An invitation to participate as an invited speaker at the meeting;
- Publications in a peer reviewed journal/s in the preceding year;
- An applicant from a member of a previously disadvantaged community; and
- An application from a member younger than 35 years of age.

ADDRESS APPLICATIONS TO:

The President
South African Heart Association
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**A maximum of four scholarships will be awarded annually.
Grants for international meetings will be a maximum of R20 000
and local meetings a maximum of R7 500.**



YOUNG AFRICAN SCIENTISTS WORLD CONGRESS 2013

Introduction

The organising committee of the 6th World Congress of Paediatric Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery has established 20 "Young African Scientist World Congress Scholarships". The intention is to increase capacity in health science by assisting young African clinicians and researchers attend the 6th World Congress in 2013.

Value

Each grant is valued at 20 000 ZAR. A portion will be used to cover conference registration and hotel accommodation and the remainder provided to the scholar at the time of the conference held in Cape Town 17 - 22 February 2013.

Eligibility

Candidates must be under 36 years on 17 February 2013 and may be either undergraduate or postgraduate students, postdoctoral or early career specialists. Applicants must have been born in Africa and be working in Africa. Applicants who have a paper accepted for poster or oral presentation at the Congress, are eligible to receive the scholarship.

Application

Application forms (obtainable from info@wcpccs.co.za) need to be completed and returned to the Conference Secretariat before 1 July 2012. The application form must be accompanied by the abstract of the paper submitted to the Congress, a one page summary of the work to be presented, a letter of motivation and a letter of recommendation by the applicant's supervisor. A certified copy of the applicant's passport must accompany the application. The successful applicants will need to complete registration, comply with the deadlines for submissions as prescribed at www.pccs2013.co.za. To receive residual grant money successful candidates must attend the congress, present personally to the conference organisers with verification documents and present their paper. No direct payments will be made to the successful candidates prior to the congress. Applications should be sent only by email attachment, in one pdf file, with the title of the email, "Young African Scientists Congress Scholarships".

Terms

Application for the scholarship or acceptance of a paper by the World Congress Scientific Committee does not guarantee the applicant will receive an award. No correspondence will be entertained after application. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application before 31 August 2012.

The World Congress is supported by an unrestricted educational grant from PepsiCo.



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THE SOUTH AFRICAN HEART ASSOCIATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The research scholarship is available to all full and associate members of SA Heart Association living in South Africa. It is primarily intended to assist colleagues involved in much-needed research to enhance their research programmes.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants need to be fully paid-up members/associate members in good standing for at least one year.
- Applications must include
 - The applicant's abbreviated CV;
 - A breakdown of the anticipated expenses; and
 - Full details of the research.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Publications of related work in a peer reviewed journal in the preceding year;
Applicants from a previously disadvantaged community; and
Applicants younger than 35 years of age.

ADDRESS APPLICATIONS TO:

Education Standing Committee
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THE SELECTION PANEL WILL REVIEW APPLICATIONS ANNUALLY AND THE CLOSING DATE IS SEPTEMBER 30.

One scholarship to a maximum amount of R50 000 will be awarded annually.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED ACCORDING TO THE ACCOMPANYING RESEARCH PROTOCOL WHICH SHOULD INCLUDING:

- An abstract (maximum 200 words);
- A brief review of the literature (maximum 200 words);
- A brief description of the hypothesis to be investigated (maximum 100 words);
- A detailed methodology (maximum 500 words); and
- References.