

WELCOME NOTE



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Welcome to the SA Heart® Congress 2023

Following on the success of last year's Congress, we wish to further establish the collaborative nature of cardiovascular medicine by aligning with the disciplines that work closely with cardiologists in managing cardiac patients effectively. We hope to host joint symposia with highly specialised disciplines in the fields of cardiac anaesthesiology, endocrinology, critical care, emergency care, sports medicine and radiology. This is aimed at developing future collaboration with other academic societies and creating a footprint for cardiologists to work in tandem with these societies and special interest groups. This will enable us to develop permanent relationships in further developing content, research, clinical input and to for us to align our diagnostic and therapeutic skills to the benefit of all patients entrusted to our care.

Furthermore, we are introducing the presence of numerous training villages and symposia aimed at encouraging our delegates to gain hands-on practical skills and knowledge in a more personalised environment. Our supportive industry partners are working tirelessly with us to realise this vision of directing skill-acquisition in the fields of intravascular imaging, guide-wire and catheter manipulation, ultrasound-guided peripheral and intracardiac procedures, atherectomy and calcified lesion management, bifurcation stenting, procedural troubleshooting and much more. These training villages will expose delegates to crucial tools, thus elaborating their ability to deal with complex pathology and diagnostic scenarios in a more meaningful manner.

The dedicated sessions from the cardiac interventional community, heart failure society, imaging and electrophysiology societies and paediatric cardiology society promise to interrogate and teach our delegates the nuances and latest developments in their respective fields.

As always, we look forward to hearing from the basic scientific community with the delivery of numerous abstracts and research so excellently produced in our vibrant country. These innovators will highlight just how important research contributes to the clinical management of patients.

The pre-Congress workshops in echocardiography, electrophysiology, paediatric cardiology and cardiology for non-cardiologists will once again provide participants with practical training in dedicated topics designed to introduce, expand and explain the latest innovations in these respective fields.

The popular Fellow's clinical case discussion session, the business of cardiology, artificial intelligence in medicine and ethics sessions are again anticipated to keep delegates fascinated.

We once again look forward to making new friends, learning from one another, celebrating our achievements and collaborating in an inclusive and diverse space with welcoming encouragement from our learned peers and fresh talent from across our beautiful country.

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