

SA HEART® AT ESC CONGRESS IN AMSTERDAM

As an affiliated cardiac society of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), SA Heart® got invited to exhibit and present at the annual ESC Congress in Amsterdam in August this year.

A good number of South Africans (current and emigrated) and SA Heart® members attended the Congress. Ten SA Heart® members received FESC status this year. Some could attend the opening ceremony where the new FESC were welcomed. A huge congratulations to them on this wonderful achievement.

SA Heart® had an exhibitor booth where members and visitors dropped by to connect or ask questions about our Congress and practicing cardiology in South Africa or opportunities for elective studies. Other societies sought collaboration on future projects.

SA Heart® was invited to present in the ESC Highlights session in the Global Village and took the opportunity to showcase cardiovascular research in South Africa in a session titled “South African cardiovascular research and the need for global racial diversity”, chaired by our President, Prof Eric Klug, and discussions led by Prof Karen Sliwa. Dr Charle Viljoen presented on “Peripartum CMO: From proteomics to global perspectives”, Prof Klug on “Clinical cardiac research: From first in man tricuspid valve repair to racial diversity in familial hypercholesterolaemia and PCSK9 therapy responses” and Prof Ntobeko Ntusi concluded with “IMHOTEP Study: Genetic characterisation in Africans with cardiomyopathy”.



Prof Nqoba Tsabedze, Dr Charle Viljoen, Prof Alfonso Pecoraro and Prof Eric Klug, new FESC members who visited the booth during the SA Heart® Congress.



SA Heart® members presenting on South African research in the Global Village at the ESC Congress.

Ms Elizabeth Schaafsma presented an abstract resulting from data from the SA Heart® registry project SHARE on “Outcomes in the South African SHARE-TAVI registry: Comparison between mortality and risk between treated and untreated cohort”, and recent 1-year outcomes in the maturing local TAVR programme.

Other SA Heart® members were involved in speaking and chairing in the main sessions, presenting their research abstracts, speaking on the ESC TV and more.



Interaction at the SA Heart® booth during the ESC Congress.



Karen Sliwa presenting on ESC TV, with Prof Liesl Zühlke during a session on cardiovascular problems in pregnancy.