

WELCOME NOTE



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Welcome to the SA Heart® Congress 2024

As I conclude my term as President of the South African Heart Association (SA Heart®), I extend a heartfelt welcome to all of you as we embark on the 24th Annual SA Heart® Congress in Sandton, Johannesburg. This year's Congress holds a special significance as we celebrate the dawn of our 25th anniversary as an association.

SA Heart® has been steadfast in its commitment to serving as the official voice of cardiovascular matters in South Africa. We have maintained fiercely the clinical independence of our members, ensuring that their expertise and judgment are paramount. Moreover, we have dedicated ourselves to promoting education within our various cardiovascular specialities and among the public at large.

This Congress will embody these principles and provide a platform for engaging and thought-provoking discussions among our esteemed colleagues. Over the course of 3 days, we hope to foster a warm and invigorating atmosphere that will strengthen our community and advance the field of cardiology.

As we look ahead, I am pleased to introduce the new Editorial Board and Editor of the SA Heart® Journal, Prof Ruchika Meel. I encourage all of us to support Ruchika in re-establishing the Journal as a central hub of education for our association.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Dr Ahmed Vachiat for his exceptional leadership as the Congress Organising Committee Chair. His dedication and expertise have been invaluable in ensuring the success of this event. Additionally, I would like to commend Elouise Cloete and Shift Ideas for their professional support in providing the backbone for our annual Congress.

The SA Heart® Congress is a cornerstone of our landscape, an essential event that brings together our membership and visitors to share knowledge, network, and inspire one another. I am confident that this year's Congress will be a memorable and enriching experience for all.

Warm regards,

Eric Klug
Outgoing President, SA Heart®