

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

## SA HEART CONGRESS 2011



### **Dr Andrew Thornton**

Chairman of the Congress Organising Committee

Dear Colleagues

The SA Heart Congress 2011 will be held in East London this year. The programme for this meeting is broad based, with a slight emphasis on rhythm problems, but we have had input from all the special interest groups and there are some parallel sessions. There should be something of interest for everyone who is planning on coming to East London to learn.

International and local faculty have been chosen to discuss pertinent issues of concern. We also hope that the social programme will be to most people's satisfaction. In addition, I hope that you will visit the exposition and interact with the industry, without whom such congresses would be impossible to arrange.

Previous venues have been criticised for various reasons by members and industry and, while the older established venues would have been "safer" options, we decided to look for a new venue which had an adequate congress facility. The East London International Convention Centre certainly seemed to satisfy our needs and we hope that you will enjoy the seafront location and the new facilities.

I would like to thank the members of the organising committee from CASSA, as well as those from the special interest groups whose input has also been invaluable. I urge you to enjoy what is on offer and hope that you have a great time in East London.

**Andrew Thornton**