

ISCAP NEWS

The theme for this year's SA Heart Congress, "Bridging the Divide", may be interpreted in many ways. Our field of interest serves the entire spectrum of society, ranging from privileged to underprivileged patients, who are treated in turn in either the public or private sector by cardiologists, nursing professionals, technologists and radiographers, all of whom receive training in different aspects of the patient's management.

Having a theme has spurred us on to think how we can bridge that divide which is proving to be quite a challenge!

ISCAP workshops

As you are aware, the ISCAP workshops form a large part of the ISCAP initiative. Once again, delegates have responded in huge numbers to the meetings which have been held countrywide. Thank you for your interest, support and loyalty. A wide variety of topics are offered in order to address the diverse interests and needs of the Allied Professionals in their scope of practice.

2015 calendar

The meeting schedule for the 2015 calendar year will be slightly altered. There will be fewer meetings, but they will be packed with more punch. The meetings will be predetermined, and most will be offered at a national level. ISCAP will be doing this in order to provide a higher standard of training, and to ensure quality education across South Africa.

As always, ISCAP would like to cover those topics which delegates are interested in, e.g. new techniques, innovative products, niche tools, new pharmaceutical regimes and, of course, pathophysiology which contributes to coronary artery disease, arrhythmic anomalies and congenital heart disease.

With the new hybrid Labs, ISCAP would like to add to the above with topics of interest e.g. EVAR, aortic stenting techniques, carotid intervention etc.

So, please step up and let us know what you would like us to include in the 2015 programme.

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Basic Life Support course

A wonderful coup for ISCAP, in conjunction with Medtronic Africa, is the Basic Life Support course which will go from city to city, giving all clinical technologists and radiographers the opportunity to add this important item to their CVs, not to mention the CPD points!

ISCAP Crossroads course

The ISCAP Crossroads Course, which has been a popular event for many years now, has also had large turnouts in the different cities.

EuroPCR

For the second time, ISCAP was invited to present at EuroPCR. This year the topic was Challenges Facing the Cath Lab Allied Professionals in South Africa. From the questions asked, it was obvious that delegates were very interested in the first world level of care offered by all hospitals and care givers in Southern Africa. The bad news is that in almost all countries represented at EuroPCR 2014, there is still no legislation regarding practice or standardisation of professional requirements for the Allied staff working in Cath Labs. However, the struggle

for recognition of the Allied Professionals will continue! Any ISCAP member who would like to represent ISCAP at EuroPCR 2015 must contact the ISCAP office for more information.

Synergy workshops

Training for Industry is planned. SASCI and ISCAP Industry representatives will work closely with the ISCAP Executive to develop the material for these workshops. The aim will be to design a programme that will determine and state the expectations, the clinical experience and the minimum standard of behaviour for all parties in the Cath Lab.

Cath Lab

ISCAP has donated 50 Cardiac Catheterisation Training Manuals to Cath Lab Units across Africa. ISCAP wishes to initiate educational partnerships with cath labs across Africa. This partnership will ultimately benefit the interventional cardiology patient in Africa and this is a first step towards achieving this goal.

ISCAP is proud to congratulate the Cath Lab personnel who completed the first Netcare Cath Laboratory course:

- Phillip Oosthuizen,
- Isabel Bender and
- Linda Van Heerden.

Netcare are planning the next course for January 2015 based at the Netcare Training Academy in Auckland Park. Netcare has a Cath Lab forum working on the standards. The Netcare Cath Lab Course is open to all hospital groups but for other hospital groups to take part, assessors with cath lab experience need to be trained so that the formative and summative assessments can be done on the students. For more information please contact Helen Hatting on helen.hatting@netcare.co.za.

SA Heart Congress

We are planning 2 sessions at the SA Heart Congress which will focus on the principle of "Time is Muscle". These

sessions are sure to be very exciting and I am confident that they will be successful.

Africa PCR 2015

The needs analysis for Africa PCR 2015 has been completed for the Allied Professionals session. We have started to check the various interesting topics which have been forwarded to us, so that we can start planning the programme. More details regarding the congress will be made available soon.

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**If you want to learn more about
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participate in any of the programmes,
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