

INTERVENTIONAL SOCIETY FOR CATH LAB ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

At the SASCI AGM, which was held during Africa PCR 2015, Gill Longano stepped down from her position as Vice Chairperson. She has played a major part in laying the foundations of ISCAP. Her tireless efforts in setting up Workshops and the hundreds of phone calls to and meetings with companies during the past 2 years have led to the creation of a working structure in which every region, throughout the country, will meet regularly. She has sown the seeds and now the flowers are ready to bloom – I sincerely hope that they will be Annuals.

The newly elected Exco members are: **Dianne Kerrigan (President), Noelene Nichols, Marisa Fourie, Maggy Petersen, Romy Dickson, Elizabeth Muller, Isabel Bender and Ramabai Zwapano.** The industry representatives are **Tina Fairchild, Amy Wolfe and Marelize Snyman.** The new Vice Chairperson and other portfolios will be elected in August at the Leadership Course.

We have started a WhatsApp group with the Exco and regions to help keep us in touch and better informed. This is working well and has provided yet another platform of communication through which members can interact informally.

Africa PCR 2015 was very successful with more than 400 delegates attending the congress. The Allied Professionals hosted 2 sessions with topics ranging from Congenital Heart Disease, Foetal development and changes at birth, Treating atrial septal defects – hole in the heart, Patent foramen ovale – to treat or not to treat and the Clinical interpretation of congenital heart defects as well as Learning to Treat (LTT) Complications. ISCAP would like to thank

all moderators, faculty and Allies who supported the sessions.

ISCAP will once again be represented at EuroPCR (in Paris) with Isabel Bender forming part of the International faculty. ISCAP is assisting financially with a generous sponsorship towards her accommodation and PCR with her flights. We are thankful that she is able to take up this great opportunity to the benefit of herself, her working environment and ultimately the patients.

ISCAP is planning two sessions at the annual SA Heart Congress, scheduled to take place in October this year. Marisa Fourie, Bloemfontein Exco member, will liaise with the SA Heart organising committee Bloemfontein and the ISCAP Exco in the planning of the 2015 Allied's programme. This programme will be based on the Needs Assessment which was done at the first few workshops.

The National Lecture series started in Cape Town with radial as the topic. Meetings were also held in Bloemfontein and Gauteng and each of these produced a full house of attendees, proving that the Allies are hungry for more information and that members are adhering to the ISCAP mission statement: The Interventional Society of Cath Lab Allied Professionals ISCAP is dedicated to improving the standards in Cath Lab care and improving the quality of life of the South African population by reducing the impact of cardiovascular disease.

Here follows an updated programme for the rest of this year. Please pencil in the dates of meetings taking place in your area:

Theme	Date	Venue	Topics	Area
ISCAP/REF Educational Roadshow	16 May 2015	Protea Willow Lake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Renal Denervation or Complications in Interventional Cardiology – Tips and Tricks to Assist 2. The complete continuum of care – latest advances in pacemakers or heart failure therapy 3. Ethics 	Bloemfontein
ISCAP Training Programme: 2015 (2)	30 May 2015	39 on Church	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clotting cascade, antiplatelet therapies 2. Ethics Topic 3. The Drug Eluting Balloon in PCR 	Port Elizabeth