

2011 IN REVIEW

It is this time of the year when one reflects on the year gone by. Did I do more right than wrong? Were my choices and decisions more accurate than not? Did I make a difference in the environment I live in? Did I visit www.saheart.org? Remember, if you are planning a branch or SIG meeting, or even a workshop, to inform the SA Heart office of your activities, so that we can include this in our online calendar. We are in the process of updating our website to make it a common port to access for all activities of SA Heart, its branches and special interests groups.

SA Heart 2011 chose East London as a new venue for the SA Heart Congress 2011! Congratulations to the organising committee for the brave step. With NHI looming, more changes and more brave steps will be required. Are we going to move to group or hospital practices again to cope with the demands of NHI? Will government change and adopt a more responsible, efficient and business-like way of managing the millions earmarked for NHI? Will clinical expertise and experience continue to succumb to inappropriate passion for race preference in appointments? Will participation in the SHARE registry be a pre-requisite for funding of cath lab procedures?

Take the time to look at the FRSA PCR programme for the Cape Town meeting in November. The newsletter will again be visible on our website. You may in future see a programme for all branch and special interest group meetings on our website. Please comment online and send your recommendations on what you would like to see featured on our website.

In the near future online journal access may be possible through the website at a discounted subscription. New guidelines for management of dyslipidaemia will be discussed during October and recommendations made to assist in improving funding issues and patient care.

“Stent for life” is an ESC programme to promote awareness and appropriate evaluation and therapy for Acute Coronary Syndrome with emphasis to promote primary PCI and a short door to balloon time. AMICI is a similar programme

supported by Abbott Vascular. It was implemented with success in a number of countries. A similar pilot programme will be launched in Pretoria with planning already underway. The aim is to use the experience gained in this pilot project and then implement the same in other regions.

As always, there are rules and regulations, guidelines and registries and not least of all regulatory bodies and societies. Do we get R3 000 worth from SAMA, or R4 000 per annum value from Spesnet? How does this compare to R1 000 per annum value and support from SAPPF? Your membership to SA Heart is worth more than any of these. Membership to SAPPF is supported and recommended but it is still up to the individual to decide on supporting SAPPF through a membership contribution. This debate is too complicated to give a final verdict.

Read the update on our SHARE programme in this newsletter and please contact us should you be interested in getting involved. SHARE welcomes any computer literate person to help further develop this registry.

SA Heart 2013 will be incorporated in the World Paediatric Cardiology Congress that will be held in Cape Town during March 2013. This promises to be a memorable congress that will certainly include more than enough cardiology to entertain adult cardiologists and cardiothoracic surgeons alike.

I hope to see you all at the SA Heart AGM. The candidates you nominated to represent you at Exco level need your support and advice. SA Heart serves to avoid fragmentation of personal and special interests and make us stronger in any negotiation process. South Africa has as many practising professionals in cardiology than a big hospital in Brazil. As a society we need to compete with countries such as China, Brazil and Australia to host international meetings – we lost the 2014 World Cardiology Congress bid to Melbourne. We need your support.

Adriaan Snyders

SHARE (SA HEART ASSOCIATION REGISTRY)

I am happy to report that SHARE continues to progress with a product which, still needs significant tweaking, but works. It is heartwarming to report a significant improvement in the patient numbers being entered. Substantial financial input from Netcare, and to a lesser degree Discovery Health, has helped to remove the pressure from SA Heart coffers to fund the entire project. We are extremely grateful to Netcare Head Office for the operational and management assistance we have had from them in getting seven Gauteng cathlabs actively involved to varying degrees in the project. We have had a substantial increase in numbers from these hospitals but would also like to thank those who have been entering data from other hospitals and to those who, because of our operational limitations, may feel that they have not been supported. Unfortunately, because we only have one person in our employ, we have had to make difficult decisions regarding how much support we can give. However, to those people, you are not forgotten and once resources allow we will be back to speak to you.

We have also decided to focus more on the research and information opportunities this project allows us, as well as the possibility for quality assessment, rather than trying to "sell" information to the industry. In this regard, we have recently received financial assistance from Medtronic South Africa and assurances from a number of industry members for which we are most thankful.

I look forward to giving you more feedback at the SA Heart Congress where we will present a scientific abstract as well as feedback at the AGM.

Andrew Thornton

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

17-22 FEBRUARY 2013 CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA



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POPULAR CONGRESSES FOR 2010/2011

CONGRESS	DATE	CITY	COUNTRY
7TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON INTENSIVE CARDIAC CARE	30 October - 1 November 2011	Tel Aviv	Israel
TCT 2011	7 - 11 November 2011	San Francisco, CA	USA
AHA SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS	13 - 16 November	Orlando, FL	USA
FRENCH-REUNION SOUTH AFRICA MEETING (FRSA)	27 - 30 November 2011	Cape Town	South Africa
ICI MEETING	4 - 6 December 2011	Tel Aviv	Israel
EUROECHO	7 - 10 December 2011	Budapest	Hungary
CRT 2012	5 - 7 February 2012	Washington, DC	USA
JIM 2012	9 - 11 February 2012	Rome	Italy
TREND 2012 - TRANSCATHETER RENAL DENERVATION	18 February 2012	Frankfurt	Germany
ICC - INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CARDIOLOGY	24 - 26 February 2012	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
ACC.12	24/27 March 2012	Chicago, IL	USA
WORLD CONGRESS CARDIOLOGY	18 - 21 April 2012	Dubai	UEA
ESH 2012	26 - 28 April 2012	London	UK
EAPCI	3 - 5 May 2012	Dublin	Ireland
HEART RHYTHM SOCIETY 2012	9 - 12 May 2012	Boston, MA	USA
EUROPCR	15/18 May 2012	Paris	France
HEART FAILURE 2012	19 - 22 May 2012	Belgrade	Serbia
CARDIOSTIM	13 - 16 June 2012	Nice	France
ICI 2012 - IMAGING IN CARDIOVASCULAR INTERVENTIONS	17 June 2012	Frankfurt	Germany
SA HEART 2012	19 - 22 July 2012	Sun City	South Africa
ESC 2012	25 - 29 August 2012	Munich	Germany
ACUTE CARDIAC CARE	20 - 22 October 2012	Istanbul	Turkey
CHEST 2012	20 - 25 October 2012	Atlanta, GA	USA
EUROECHO 2012	5 - 8 December 2012	Copenhagen	Denmark
EHRA - EUROPACE	23 - 26 June 2013	Athens	Greece

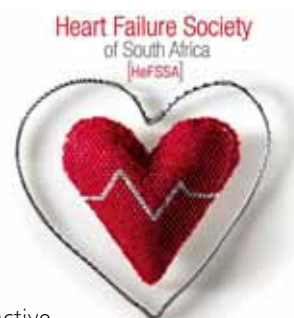
THE HEART FAILURE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA NEWS

HeFSSA (The Heart Failure Society of South Africa) has embarked on numerous programmes this year focusing on our mission to promote education and research, as well as collaboration on issues relating to heart failure in South Africa and around the world. It is with great pride that I use this opportunity to report back to you.

All these programmes take place under the watchful and expert eye of the HeFSSA Executive Committee under the leadership of our president, Prof Karen Sliwa. The Exco members are Drs Eric Klug (vice president), Martin Mpe (treasurer), Cristina Radulescu, Darryl Smith, Pro Obel, Jean Vorster, Tony Lachman and Prof Sandrine Lecour and

industry Exco representatives, William Stranix and Patricia Magagula. Without them, the society will not be able to meet its numerous goals.

HeFSSA is once again an active partner during this year's annual SA Heart Congress. We are involved during the following sessions and trust that members will attend these.



Cardio update: 23 October 2011, ELICC - Regency 2 @ 12h00 - 17h00

12h00 - 17h00	Workshop 2: Cardiology Update for Non-Cardiologists	Speaker
12h00 - 13h00	Overview of Congenital Heart Diseases	Dr K. Vanderdonck
13h00 - 13h30	Cardiovascular risk management	Dr M. Mpe
13h30 - 14h00	Lunch	
14h00 - 14h30	Approach to common arrhythmias	Dr R. Jardine
14h30 - 15h00	Sudden death	Prof P. Brink
15h00 - 15h30	Acute Coronary Syndrome	Dr D. Kettles
15h30 - 16h00	Tea	
16h00 - 16h30	Heart failure: Part 1: Pathophysiology	Dr E. Klug
16h30 - 17h00	Heart failure: Part 2: Management	Prof K. Sliwa

Heart Disease in Pregnancy: 24 October 2011, ELICC - Auditorium @ 11h00 - 12h30

11h00 - 12h30	Plenary Session 2: Heart Disease in Pregnancy	Chairperson: Prof K. Sliwa (SA) and D.P. Naidoo
11h00 - 11h30	Hypertension in pregnancy	A. Shah (UK)
11h30 - 11h45	Cardiomyopathy and pregnancy	Prof K. Sliwa (SA)
11h45 - 12h00	Rheumatic heart disease in pregnancy	B. Cupido (SA)
12h00 - 12h30	Anticoagulation in pregnancy	V. Regitz-Zagrosek (Germany)

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Pulmonary Hypertension: 24 October 2011, ELICC - Auditorium @ 15h30 - 17h00

15h30 - 17h00	Plenary Session 4: Pulmonary Hypertension	Chairpersons: Prof M. Essop (SA) and Dr C. Schamroth (SA)
15h30 - 15h50	Echo and other imaging in right heart disease	F. Peters (SA)
15h50 - 16h10	Treatment of pulmonary hypertension	P. Manga (SA)
16h10 - 16h30	Treatment of right heart failure	E. Klug (SA)
16h30 - 17h00	The recognition and surgical management of chronic pulmonary thromboembolic disease	R. Girdwood (SA)

Remember

The HeFSSA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 25 October from 12h30 to 13h30. Please attend as the meeting is important and contribute to the Society's successes.

HeFSSA was involved in the following programmes since the previous SA Heart Congress

The UK/South Africa Cardiovascular Research Workshop that was held at the University College London in December 2010. The main research included myocardial ischaemia reperfusion injury, signalling in cardio protection, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and heart failure and cardiovascular risk factors. The aim was to promote the work of young researchers. Prof Sandrine Lecour gave an overview on the novel pro-survival SAFE pathway to protect against reperfusion injuries. The organisers were extremely grateful for HeFSSA's support in the form of sponsoring the participation of a South African student.

GAPS Study (Global survey of medical management of chronic heart failure)

There are wide variations in the way in which heart failure is being managed, both in and between countries. Management has been documented to some extent in Western countries, but there is no data on medical practitioner's awareness and perception of heart failure management in developing countries, where heart failure already is or soon will be a major problem. South Africa's GPs and

cardiologists are included in the survey which is endorsed and supported by HeFSSA.

PASCAR: The PAN AFRICAN SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY and the UGANDA HEART ASSOCIATION convened the third multi-disciplinary conference on heart disease, diabetes, and stroke in Africa in Kampala, Uganda on 27 - 30 May 2011. Prof Karen Sliwa was a guest speaker and talked about "Cardiomyopathy and heart failure in Africa". She also was the convenor of the session "Heart of Africa trial meeting: BE-A-HF, PVRI Registry and PPCM Africa study".

GP Programme: Update 2011

This year's GP Programme was held from 7 May until 13 August. Our aim was to grow and reach as many GPs as possible through this initiative. In 2010, we held 6 meetings in the 6 major cities in South Africa. This year we expanded the focus to include smaller areas in South Africa and even held a very successful meeting in Windhoek, Namibia. A total of 19 meetings were held in 2011 with a panel of 25 dedicated cardiologists participating as lecturers. The number of general practitioners who attended increased from 160 attendees in 2010 to 267 delegates in 2011. SA Heart and HeFSSA have also gained over 50 new members.

The general practitioners were very appreciative in their feedback: "Thank you for the informative talk. It has motivated me to keep on going"; "I have learned a lot – it

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will definitely benefit my practice"; and "We need this kind of workshops more regularly".

At the end of yet another successful round, we gladly acknowledge several prominent contributors to its success: Dr P. Obel, Prof K. Sliwa and Dr E. Klug, whom were primarily responsible for the slide kit compendium used during these meetings.

The following cardiologists need to be thanked for their dedication as part of this year's faculty, namely: Drs Mark Abelson, Cobus Badenhorst, M.P.G. Dean, S. Fourie, Jens Hitzeroth, Ronnie Jardine, Dave Kettles, Eric Klug, J.A. Lochner, Tony Lachman, E.M. Makotoko, Farouk Mamdoo, S. Middlemost, Martin Mpe, Pro Obel, Ian Roscher, Darryl Smith, Adriaan Snyders, A. Stanley, A. Thornton, Nico van der Merwe, Tjaardt Venter, Jean Vorster, Prof A. Mitha and Prof Karen Sliwa. Prof Sliwa and Dr Obel also prepared a questionnaire in order for the attendees to gain additional CPD points.

These programmes would not have been possible without the unconditional grants from our supportive corporate members: AstraZeneca, Servier, Pharma Dynamics and Medtronic.

We have updated our website.

Update of the website www.hefssa.org. Thanks to AstraZeneca's generous sponsorship, we have updated our website. The HeFSSA Exco has contributed to ensure the content is relevant and interesting. The HeFSSA website will be linked to the SA Heart Association's website as agreed at the SA Heart General Council meeting in February 2011. Please visit our website and give us your feedback.

HeFSSA's new programmes for the next few months

SA Heart congress 2012: HeFSSA will participate in this congress. Dr M. Mpe represents HeFSSA on the organising committee. HeFSSA will participate in either a half or full day session with SASCAR and we will again participate in the pre-congress GP cardio update programme.

Prof Sliwa is assisting Prof Bongani Mayosi, head of Medicine at Groote Schuur Hospital in planning a physicians conference themed **"Optimising Conventional Care" from 24 - 26 February 2012** in Cape Town. It has been suggested that HeFSSA should be involved in a Cardio Update on Thursday 23 February. The Exco decided the programme is a good idea and it will be discussed in detail during the AGM in East London.

HF guidelines – Update of the HF Guidelines: Dr. Martin Mpe and the HeFSSA Exco have embarked on the mammoth task of updating the HF guidelines. The ESC Guidelines will be the basis of this executive summary from a South African perspective and the target audience is non-cardiologists. The current status and way forward will be discussed during the AGM.

GP HF Education Programme: Update 2012

This GP Programme will continue in 2012 and members are requested to approach HeFSSA if you would like to contribute as a faculty member or want to propose an area and venue where we could host such an event. HeFSSA is also currently considering expanding the HF Education Programme to a wider medical audience.

Please contact the HeFSSA office if you want to learn more about these events or if you want to participate in any of the programmes.

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After four years at the helm, this will be my final report as president of SASCI. It was a privilege to work closely with other like-minded and committed members of our cardiology community on the SASCI Executive Committee. I do believe that we had a number of successes but a huge amount of work still needs to be done in an ever-changing and complex medical environment. As ex-officio president, I will still be actively involved but more in a supportive role. I would like to wish the new president and executive all the best for the next two years.

The following individuals have been the corner stone of our society for the past number of years:

President	Dr Graham Cassel
President (ex-officio)	Dr Tom Mabin
Vice-President	Dr Farrel Hellig
Secretary	Dr Adie Horak
Treasurer	Dr Clive Corbett
Members	Dr Cobus Badenhorst
	Dr Jacques du Toit
	Dr Jai Patel
	Dr Mpiko Ntsekhe
	Dr Sajidah Khan
	Dr Chris Zambakides
	Rob Millar (Industry, term end 2012)
	Salome Snyders (Industry, term end 2012)
	Mariska Fouche (Industry, term end 2012)
Executive Officer	George Nel (assisted by Ms Sanette Zietsman)

Comments and guidelines

The SASCI Executive Guideline Working Group consisting of Drs G. Cassel, T. Mabin, F. Hellig and S. Khan, has over the past few months developed "SASCI Comment on treatment of myocardial revascularisation from a South

African interventional perspective". This document is available at www.sasci.co.za. This SASCI document should be considered in conjunction with the European Society of Cardiology Guidelines. This document has been issued to the broader medical funding environment, as well as the Council for Medical Schemes.

A "Joint consensus statement and guideline on transcatheter aortic valve implantation" has also been issued which has been developed jointly by SA Heart Association, the Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of South Africa and SASCI. This guideline is available on www.saheart.org.

**SASCI welcomes
Dr King.**

The following activities are underway or planned for the near future

It is with great pride that SASCI welcomes Dr Spencer B. King III, (M.D., M.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., F.E.S.C.) – executive director academic affairs Saint Joseph's Health System, president of Saint Joseph's Heart and Vascular Institute, Professor of Medicine Emeritus, Emory University School of Medicine – to South Africa as this year's SASCI visiting professor.

Dr King is well respected and experienced in interventional cardiology and as such offers numerous teaching opportunities for the medical schools he will be visiting from October to November. Lecture evenings for private/public cardiologists will be held in Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town with Durban and Bloemfontein after the SA Heart congress. More information on these meetings can be found on the SASCI website. I would like to thank Medtronic for their substantial and unconditional support of this valuable extension of SASCI's long-standing commitment to enhance cardiology sub-specialty training in South Africa.

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The South African Heart Association Congress 2011 will take place in East London from 23 to 26 October 2011. Dr Spencer King and Dr Vasco Rui Da Gama Ribeiro will be part of our international faculty. The programme

(especially Plenary Sessions 3, 6, 8 and 9) will be of great interest to the interventional cardiologist – below are some highlights. Our important AGM will also be held during the congress. **Please** make sure you attend.

Monday 24 October 2011

Plenary Session 3: Ethics (Auditorium)

Chairperson: Dr P. Obel

13h30 - 14h00 Prolongation of life is the doctor's duty - no matter what. A case study

Speakers Dr G. Cassel and G. Edwards

Tuesday 25 October 2011

Plenary Session 6: Interventional cardiology (Auditorium)

Chairpersons: Dr G. Cassel and Prof J.D. Marx

11h00 - 11h15 Renal artery ablation in treatment of resistant hypertension – Role of ARDIAN device

Speaker Dr G. Cassel

11h15 - 11h45 Tips and tricks in Intervention

Speakers S. King (USA) and F. Hellig (South Africa)

11h45 - 12h30 Trial by jury: Stenting the left main is criminal

Judge: S. Furniss (UK)

Prosecutor: J. Pomar (Spain)

Defence Council: V. da Gama (Portugal)

Assessors: F. Hellig (South Africa) & R. Kleinloog (South Africa)

Plenary Session 8: Valvular Heart Disease (Auditorium)

Chairpersons: F. Hellig (SA) & M. Sussman (SA)

15h30 - 15h40 Aortic valve and the advances in the role of imaging (echo and CMR)

Speaker J. Selwanyagam (Australia)

15h40 - 16h20 Mitral valve intervention – Case selection: surgeon vs. cardiologist (debate)

Speakers C. Vicol (Germany) & S. King (USA)

16h20 - 17h00 Aortic stenosis in the elderly – TAVI vs. Surgery (debate)

Speakers J. Pomar (Spain) & V. da Gama (Portugal)

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Wednesday 26 October 2011

Plenary Session 9: "Soap Box Session" (Auditorium)

09h00 - 09h10

LAA Occlusion

Speaker V. da Gama (Portugal)

South African Registrars will once again have the opportunity to attend the annual Society for Cardiac Angiography and Intervention (SCAI) Fellows Programme in Las Vegas from 6 - 9 December 2011. The SA delegation for 2011 is Drs M.C. Mayayise, G.S. Harris, S. Pandie and C. Kyriakakis. SASCI would also like to acknowledge both SCAI and Boston Scientific's financial support which made this programme possible.

SASCI in collaboration with the France-Reunion Cardiology Group, and the South African Cardiac Surgery Group, will host the French-Reunion South African (FRSA) Meeting at the BOE convention centre in Cape Town from 27 - 30 November 2011. More information elsewhere in this newsletter.

I would like to thank our industry partners for their continued and unwavering support of SASCI and the Society's

constitutional objectives. Without these close and professional relationships few of SASCI's objectives will be achieved – Aspen, AstraZeneca, Baroque, B Braun, Boston, Cordis, Disa Vascular, Edwards, Lilly, Medtronic, MSD, Paragmed, Pharma Dynamics, Torque Medical, Viking and Volcano. These companies are truly committed to our society and education in South Africa.

Please contact your Executive Officer George Nel at 083 458 5954 or sasci@sasci.co.za if you need assistance in any way or want to formally communicate with the executive.



Dr Graham Cassel
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CASSA www.cassa.co.za

Research (SASCAR) www.sascar.org.za

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ACC www.acc.org

ANNOUNCEMENT

**South African Heart Association
Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 25 October 2011

17h00 - 18h30

www.saheart.co.za/Programme.asp

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The travel scholarship is available to all members and associate members living in South Africa and primarily aims to assist junior colleagues. In doing so, continued future participation in local or international scientific meetings/workshops is encouraged.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must be fully paid-up members/associate members in good standing for at least one year.
- Applications need to include:
 - Full details of the meeting/workshop;
 - The applicant's abbreviated CV; and
 - A breakdown of the anticipated expenses.
- Applications must reach the Association a minimum of 3 months before the event.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Acceptance of an abstract submitted by the applicant at the scientific meeting/workshop. (Should acceptance be pending, the application need still be submitted 3 months prior with a note stating expected time of approval.) In such a case the scholarship might be granted conditionally; that proof of the abstract being accepted is submitted afterwards);
- An invitation to participate as an invited speaker at the meeting;
- Publications in a peer reviewed journal/s in the preceding year;
- An applicant from a member of a previously disadvantaged community; and
- An application from a member younger than 35 years of age.

ADDRESS APPLICATIONS TO:

The President
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**A maximum of four scholarships will be awarded annually.
Grants for international meetings will be a maximum of R20 000
and local meetings a maximum of R7 500.**



6th France-Reunion-South Africa (FRSA) Cardiovascular Disease Meeting 27 – 30 November 2011

BOE Conference Centre, Clock Tower
V&A Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa



Endorsed by the
**University of Cape Town (South Africa)
and Mayo Clinic (USA)**



The FRSA Cardiovascular Disease Meeting 2011 is a unique traditional biennial meeting organised by the France-Reunion Cardiology Group and the South African Society for Cardiovascular Intervention (SASCI) and the Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons of South Africa (SCTSA), special interest groups within The SA Heart Association. This unique collaboration has been highly successful over the last 14 years. Previously held in Mauritius, it has now moved to Cape Town, South Africa.

The 2011 Meeting in Cape Town will be endorsed by the University of Cape Town and Mayo Clinic (Rochester USA). In keeping with the tradition of a multi-disciplinary approach, this three-day meeting will bring together interventional cardiologists (coronary and vascular) with cardiac surgeons, vascular surgeons, radiologists, and interested allied professionals from South Africa, France and Europe.

It is worth mentioning that it not only includes some of the world's foremost experts in cardiovascular intervention, but also has amongst them, the current and past President of ESC. Also current President of SCAI, leading investigators in anti-platelet trials, leading TAVI investigators, and a number of leading cardiovascular surgeons in Europe. There will be sponsored symposia, covering such topics as anti-platelet therapy, TAVI and new stent designs. Bernard Gersh and Chet Rihal represent the Mayo Clinic, USA. It will be an opportunity to listen to and mingle with the best.

Topics

- Clinical cardiology
- Percutaneous & surgical intervention for coronary artery disease
- Percutaneous & surgical intervention for valvular heart disease
- Cardiovascular imaging & diagnostic tools
- Pharmacological management for interventional cardiology
- Interventions for cardiac failure & cardiac support
- Peripheral vascular disease intervention
- Coronary Stents – Present & Future
- Lesion Assessment FFR/Ivus/OCT
- Unstable Coronary Syndromes
- Anti-platelet, anti-thrombotic applications
- Diabetes & Heart Disease
- Structural Heart Disease: including TAVI, LA Appendage closure and future valve interventions
- Renal denervation
- Surgical valve replacement/repair/complete revascularisation/heart failure
- Peripheral vascular interventions
- Device therapy in Heart Failure

Chairmen

Tom Mabin: Cardiology (South Africa)
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THE SOUTH AFRICAN HEART ASSOCIATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The research scholarship is available to all full and associate members of SA Heart Association living in South Africa. It is primarily intended to assist colleagues involved in much-needed research to enhance their research programmes.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants need to be fully paid-up members/associate members in good standing for at least one year.
- Applications must include
 - The applicant's abbreviated CV;
 - A breakdown of the anticipated expenses; and
 - Full details of the research.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Publications of related work in a peer reviewed journal in the preceding year;
Applicants from a previously disadvantaged community; and
Applicants younger than 35 years of age.

ADDRESS APPLICATIONS TO:

Education Standing Committee
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THE SELECTION PANEL WILL REVIEW APPLICATIONS ANNUALLY AND THE CLOSING DATE IS SEPTEMBER 30.

One scholarship to a maximum amount of R50 000 will be awarded annually.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED ACCORDING TO THE ACCOMPANYING RESEARCH PROTOCOL WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE:

- An abstract (maximum 200 words);
- A brief review of the literature (maximum 200 words);
- A brief description of the hypothesis to be investigated (maximum 100 words);
- A detailed methodology (maximum 500 words); and
- References.